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PETITION FROM Mr. M. M. GAFONGBE OF SANTA TO THE TRUSTEESHIP
COUNCIL (1) CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Observations of the Administering Authority

Note by the Secretariat: The following observations were communicated to the Secretariat on 6 March 1950 by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Trusteeship Council.

1. The petitioner is under a misapprehension when he claims that both Government and the Divisional Meeting (erroneously referred to as the "Provincial Council" by the petitioner) have decided that he should receive a "dash" of £100. Mr. Gafongbe retired recently after 31 years' service as a Court Clerk, originally under Government and later with the Native Administration. His record was not of the best, however, and on this account it was proposed that his retiring allowance in respect of Native Administration service should, in accordance with the rules regarding gratuities and annual allowances, be reduced by 25% (i.e.) from 100% to 75% of the full amount for which his service rendered him eligible. The matter was referred to the Divisional Meeting, before which the petitioner stated his case in person, and the Meeting decided that in view of Mr. Gafongbe's long service he should receive a 100% retiring allowance. The petitioner has apparently mistaken the import of this decision, and is under the impression that he was to receive £100 in addition to his full (100%) annual retiring allowance.

2. Mr. Gafongbe is already in receipt of the retiring allowance due to him in respect of his service with the Native Administration and authority has just been received for the payment to him of the annual allowance due in respect of his Government service.

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