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to this Letter the following should be guated.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Read's letter of the 13th instant (699/1914), and its enclosures further relative to the Loan services in the East Africa Protectorate to be included in the local Ordinance under the Protectorates (Loans) Act. 1914.

My Lords observe from Mr. Harcourt's despatch of the 13th October last that the execution of the proposed road programme at the present estimated cost per mile will. involve an expenditure which the Protectorate is not likely to be in a position to meet within any reasonable time. In , these circumstances it is clear that where no provision is. made at present for work beyond a survey the likelihood of the survey eventuating within a short time in an improvement of communications, for which purpose Parliament has authorised the lean, is small. My Lords think, therefore, that these items could not properly be included in the loan schedules (though it would, of course, be for consideration whether such surveys should not be made as a charge on the ordinary estimates contemporaneously with surveys for lean works, if economy will thereby result.) My Lords would therefore suggest that the items in the schedule for surveys only should be withdrawn in favour of more definite proposals for construction.

They note that a further communication will be made to Them as regards road policy before any advances for such purposes are authorised.

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