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NATPORT WATER SUPPLY

22 April

This copy of letter from Railway General Manager

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is written in advance of a full report which is preparing

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Mr. B. B. ...

In his report in 5915/15 Mr. Eastwood said that actual experiments are made to see what supply can be tapped, the outflow of Kikuyu is a matter of opinion, I can be a matter of opinion only. At present we know that the present supply is insufficient. In my opinion I can only reiterate that I consider the present water supply insufficient for the wants of the future. This does not convey the impression

that Mr. Eastwood knew what he was talking about; Professor Simpson naturally pointed out in reply that the outflow of Kikuyu was not a matter of opinion, but a fact. The Branch with any one of it I find that after 3 months dig just one day was producing just under 1,000,000 gallons a day. Mr. Eastwood replies that we have now found the maximum production of the supply agrees with the ... report. I have ...

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what he means. It is better to
formalities at 100,000 gallons a day. The
population requiring the supply as
70,000 (vide C.O. List, 11/177 - I give
the figure for what it is worth) the
supply of 14 gallons a day per head. The
daily consumption of Freetown in 1912 was 9
gallons per head per day.

I think this
quite an early
figure)

I am afraid this
letter is very far from having the desired
effect - viz. to remove the impression that
Mr. Eastwood had not read Mr. Brandt, Williams',
report. We must wait for his full report. Meanwhile
I must circulate to TIMES etc.

22,000 includes the vicinity of the
to designate Prof. Simpson's figure
for the water supply area.
is preferred 14,676

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at once.
A. J. R.
14/16/16

Circulated to TIMES Committee 28 June 1916

Mr. Portman
Please see extract
from minutes of meeting of Committee
attached. All as in marked
copy.

AF 13/7/16
13.7.16

Portman

Extract from minutes of
Advisory Com. 1st Sess. 1916.

The Committee discussed a despatch from Sir H. Belfield, on the subject of the Nairobi water supply. Professor Simpson said that he considered the supply (30 gallons a head) ample, but he had not been so much concerned with the question of quantity as with that of quality. The water ~~was to be~~ ~~protected~~ if it were properly protected, no purification ~~process~~ would be required. He was glad to note that the intercepting drain was to be carried out. What was wanted to have done was the protection of ~~the~~ ~~land~~ against pollution in the day, which could not be done ~~when~~ when the land whose acquisition was now ~~being~~ ~~considered~~ would be wanted for building.

It was decided to recommend that the Secretary of State should reply that he would ~~be~~ ~~asked~~ for the further report promised by Mr. Eastwood. ~~The~~ ~~report~~ did not arrive in two months, a reminder should be ~~sent~~.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE
No. 231.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.



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April 22nd, 1916.

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No 50-51
Gen Manager
14-4-16

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 119 of the 19th of February regarding the Nairobi water supply and to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the General Manager of the Uganda Railway written in advance of a full report which he is preparing on the subject.

2. I will address a further communication to you in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sirs

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Cassa Beyard,

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BONAR LAW,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.



W. M. G. B. G. R. E.
General Secretary's Office

Nairobi Railway

General Secretary's Office

Nairobi 1915

The Honourable
The Chief Secretary
of the Government,
NAIROBI.

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NAIROBI WATER SUPPLY

Colonial Office, March No. 119, dated the
19th February 1915.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo. No. S.9613/145, forwarding the above quoted despatch, and in reply I beg to state that I am fully acquainted with all the reports and also all the knowledge that have been either furnished or gathered upon this subject. I regret that the Secretary of State should think that I wrote without a proper knowledge of or consideration of the facts before me, and I can assure you that the imputations expressed in the Secretary of State's despatch is not at all applicable to myself.

2. The present position is that we have now exhausted the maximum possibilities of the supply as given in Mr. Bransby Williams' report, and the factor governing the water consumption of Nairobi to-day is not the provision of accommodation and facilities to bring down and distribute the water conserved. It is that we have to govern and regulate the supply and distribution so that we do not unduly reduce the water in the Kikuyu Reservoir. To express

the situation in the various possible words:-

We are now regulating our distribution so that it does not exceed the total delivery of the springs in the catchment area into the main reservoir.

3. With regard to protection against pollution I stated our ability (in paragraph 4 of my letter of the 16th November last) to put in an "intercepting drain" if it is considered of immediate importance. I have, in conformity with the expression of opinion contained in paragraph 6 of the Secretary of State's despatch, given instructions that this work shall now be carried out.

4. The water supply of Nairobi is a question of great importance, and I will very shortly forward you a full report upon it, but my immediate desire is to remove the impression that would be left after the perusal of the despatch now under consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Sd/ B. EASTWOOD,

General Manager,
Uganda Railway.

C. D.
18 JUL 1916

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cc

19 July 1916

Sir,

I have the honour to ack. the

DRAFT.

No 504

Belfield

MINUTE.

Mr. Farrell 17/7/16

Mr. Bottomley 17.7.16

Mr.

Mr. H. J. J.

Sir H. J. J.

Sir W. Fiddes

Mr. Steel-Mainland

Mr. Bondar Law.

ref. of your despatch No 231 of the 22nd of April, enclosing a letter from the

G.M. of the Uganda Railway on the subject of the Nairobi Water

Supply, and to w^{ch}. you that I

purpose to ~~wait~~ I will await the

which I observe.

for the report ~~forwarded~~ by Mr.

Eastwood is preparing.

(Signed) A. BONAR LAW.



5 Oct. 1896

Sir,

With reference to my
despatch no: 231 of the
22nd of April and to my
despatch no: 504 of the 17th

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of July, I have the honor to
draw your attention to the
fact that the further full
report of the G. M.
of the Commission on
the Karachi Water supply
has not yet been received.

DRAFT.

E.O.P. no: 713

Sr. Belfield

MINUTE.

- Mr. Dutton 3/10/16 f.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Read.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir G. Viddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

Substituted by H. G. ...
it is ...
a copy of ...

(Signed) A. BONAR LAW.