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Minutes

Points arising in connection with  
irregular sailings of U.C. steamers.

Mr. Bottomley

In Nov. last the Pung steamer (Garcon -  
26 Nov.) was cancelled, and several of our  
men had to travel via the Cape by Belmont  
Castle, 28 Nov. or Rlandoverly Castle, 21 Nov.  
In cases where passage had already been  
taken on the Garcon the U.C. agreed to  
transfer the tickets without an additional  
charge, but in the case (Mr. Kingdon No 337  
annexed) where no passage had been taken  
by the Garcon they charged the full Cape  
rate, and CA. paid the difference on  
behalf of Mr. Kingdon.

It is clear from minutes on No 32 that  
we intended to send Mr. Kingdon back by the  
Pung.

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Cancelled on the 25<sup>th</sup>, but before the MR's  
letter reporting him it was received, the  
Puz boat was cancelled, and so both had  
been taken on it by Mr. Kingston.

In a case of this kind, where the usual  
monthly Puz boat is omitted, I think that  
we should be allowed to send our men by  
the mail steamer via the Cape without  
additional cost.

The point will I expect arise next month:  
the only Puz boat so far is the Comy,  
Castle, & converted cargo steamer, only  
taking 10 1<sup>st</sup> class passengers, ~~which~~  
and there is no more room in her  
already. Some of our men will have  
to go by the Mail steamer via the  
Cape on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, (5<sup>th</sup> of month)  
and I suppose that, unless we raise  
the question, the Comy will charge  
Cape rates.

I would suggest that we write to the  
Comy saying that it is understood that (from Comy)  
when an Officer's passage is booked by the  
Mail steamer they charge the full rate  
for the journey via the Cape, except in  
cases where an Officer has already booked  
aboard a Puz steamer which has  
been cancelled. Point out that in some  
cases where an Officer would certainly  
have been instructed to return by the  
Puz

Suez boat, The sailing has been cancelled before his berth has actually been booked. Suggest that this question is likely to arise in January next when the only Suez boat available is the Comyn Castle, a small steamer with very little accommodation: and say that it should happen that there is no accommodation ~~for~~ on that steamer for Officers who would in ordinary circumstances travel about the 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup>. The S.G.S. would not be prepared to pay more than Suez rates for those Officers whom it is necessary to send out by <sup>Cape</sup> mail steamer.

R.F.D. 17/12/14

To <sup>Mr</sup> Bottomley

(a) I have since ascertained from C.A. that the <sup>Cape</sup> Mail boat of 16 Jan has no connection at Natal (as of the Mail boat of 24 Dec), so the case mentioned in the above minute will not arise again in the immediate future, and we may defer concern until it does arise.

(b) In the meantime, the only boat in port of us is the B.I. 'Makana' on 31 Dec. Now that the Comyn Castle is full (1<sup>st</sup> class) we have no boat in January (either via Suez or via Cape) and there is nothing definite

by post it is from where they issued a ticket via they next to be back at pre-paid.

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Ans'd 12/15

Sir,

I am etc to inform you

that it has been ascertained

from the CA. for the CA. <sup>steamers of the</sup>

that the only U.C. C.

sailing for S. Africa is

the Suny Canal in Pan

next is the "Comy Cas"

a small steamer which

accommodates only ten

1st class passengers

that the ten 1st class

berths are already <sup>occupied</sup> ~~reservations~~

It is understood

further that the steamer

is to leave Southampton

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to Sec.

L. V. P. S. P. *[Signature]*

MINUTE.

Mr. Downie 21/12/14

Mr. B. Sturtevant 21/12/14

Mr. Read 21/12/14

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

*[Signature]*

on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January & for  
Natal via the Cape of Good  
Hope meets no connecting  
steamers for E. African  
ports.

3. In<sup>d</sup> Ant. anticipates  
that it will be necessary  
for several Officers  
to ~~not~~ leave for E. Africa  
in January, and he would  
be glad to know whether  
the U.C. Corp can  
suggest any arrangement  
in overcoming the difficulties  
which <sup>appear likely to</sup> arise from ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
~~complete failure of the~~  
~~steamers service to E. Africa~~  
~~next month.~~

H. J. READ.

Secretary of State