

officer possessing the
qualifications referred
to in command of the house
letter

2. Mr. Broadbent fears
therefore that there is no
prospect of its being possible
to meet Commander Whitehouse's
wishes, but a copy of his letter
will be sent to the Gov of the
E.A.P.

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Coal for Railway
Conveyance from Delagoa Bay to Mombasa

Letter from B. P. C. C. regarding facilities for
shipment - Admiralty is willing to provide transport on the
understanding that saving in freight will accrue to port &
not to private contractor. Inquires requirements & to whom
claim for the service to be made - also with whom the
detailed arrangements to be made

26. Mr. E. A. P. (26) - 8 April 1916
2. Mrs. - 10 April 26
Copy comes for 26. 19 April 26 179 p. 16

W. Read.
? Telegraph to Gov. to the following effect
"U. R. order for coal from B.E.A. Co. Ltd.
Delagoa Bay Admiralty prepared to
provide transport two lifts 2,000 tons each
provide saving on ~~cost~~ freight will
accrue to Govt. Telegraph to Govt.
You can give this assurance - Telegraph
present stock of coal and monthly
requirements ^(thank them) commensurate
Send a copy of letter to Govt. saying that
the claim should be sent to Govt. for
transport for both parties but to the
last instance of Govt. letter to Govt. with
view but it will be best to suggest
that the S. M. S. should copy with
the Port of Govt. ?
[Helen that letter to Govt.]
on case on form 16422

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about this is all right

Wes. 6.22.16

might be come to see me about this
he said that the U. R. time to
get the coal at 17⁵/₁₆ ton,
which seems to be a very favourable
rate.

It would be
too high
to telephone
on the evening
of 7/16

~~Wes. 6.22.16~~

H. J. R.

6/16/16

at home P. 7-4

In any further communication on the subject, please quote

P. No. 45342/16

and address letter to—
The Secretary,

Admiralty, Whitehall,
London, S.W.

Admiralty

5 April, 1916.

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Sir,

With reference to the enclosed copy of a semi-official letter to Lord Herschell from the British East Africa Corporation Limited, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that provided an assurance can be given that if the Admiralty supplies requisitioned tonnage for the conveyance of coal from Delagoa Bay to Mombasa, the saving in the freight will accrue to the Colonial Government and not to a private contractor, My Lords will be prepared to cause arrangements to be made to place at the disposal of the East African Government Railway Authorities one of the Transports now on the East Coast of Africa for the purpose.

I am to enquire what stock of coal is at present available for the Railway, and what are the monthly requirements and against whom the claim for the service should eventually be preferred.

I am to add that subject to the assurance asked for above being given, it is proposed that a Transport of about 5000 tons capacity should be allocated to make two trips - this will apparently meet all requirements.

My Lords would be glad to know with whom the detailed arrangements in regard to the actual steamers can be made.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. Williams

The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,

S. W.

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REC'D
MAR 26 1916
G. A. P. 16

British East Africa Corporation

96, Gresham House,

London.

March 29th 1916.

My dear Herschell,

It would be very good of you, and of much assistance to the East African Government Railway Authorities, as well as to my Corporation, if you could kindly put this present letter into the right channel. The subject, as you will see, is rather outside the ordinary commercial run of things.

The Uganda Government Railway, Mombasa to Lake Victoria, is being run for the East African military authorities by its own pre-war Staff. The E.A.A. Corporation used to supply the Uganda Railway before the war with many thousands of tons of South African coal, and special arrangements were made by us with the London Representatives of the Transvaal Coal Owners Association to ensure the supply of the kind wanted, viz. Witbank Colliery coal of the South African Government Railway specification.

The Uganda Government Railway authorities have been lately asking our Mombasa Office to quote the prices and to say what arrangements we could make for regular monthly deliveries of this Witbank Coal. We came up against the practical impossibility of getting monthly tonnage to carry the coal from Delagoa Bay (the shipping port) to Mombasa. On reporting this by cable through our Mombasa Office, the latter wires us again but in a different form, stating the total need for the railway as 10,000 tons and abandoning the regular monthly delivery idea, but leaving it to us to get an offer for the railway on almost any basis of delivery even up to 10,000 tons in a single cargo.

Sincerely

Clearly the need is imperative, and needless to say every possible way of meeting it has been gone into by the Transvaal Coal Owners Association representatives and ourselves, but without success. The T.C.O. people suggest to us to ask the aid of the Admiralty Director of Transports. I don't happen to know anyone in that Department. If therefore occurs to me to trouble you, as I am now doing in the hope of saving time in getting this letter on to a clear course with the least delay. The coal can be ready at Delagoa Bay at very short notice, the only point is whether a boat can be available, at what date, what capacity and on what terms.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

Lieut. The Lord Herschell, R.N.R.

Admiralty, S.W.

P.S. I would of course be glad to keep any appointment the Director of Transports Department might care to propose for me to come down and see them.

(Sgd)

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Sent 3:45 PM
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8 April Coal for Uganda
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Uganda Railway ^{from}

Transport Coal Owners
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will arrange for conveyance

^{wildhoney}
two lots ⁵⁰⁰⁰ ^{tons}

^{apert}
upon the assurance that

^{benefit} ^{of} ^{good} ^{fruit}
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will be received by ^{Govt} ^{Estts}

^{dort} ^{bottle}
subcellar

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Ans 2 of 4496

Copied 10 April 16

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highly altered view
of highiff's telephone
suggestions - the
ways the matter is
urgent as the Ford C.O.A.
will not keep to coal
independently (see
summary)

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Dear
Admiralty

To
[Signature]

10 April 1916

Gp 1094/16

Bottomley 10/4/16

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter T.N. 45342/16 of the
5th of April & to request you
to convey ^{to the Adm. of the Admiralty} your expression of his
thanks for their offer to provide
tonnage for the conveyance of coal
from Delagoa Bay to Mombasa
for the use of the Govt of the East.

A copy of a telegram ^{to the} which has been
sent on the subject is enclosed.

2. The claim for this service
should be sent to this Dept in
due course for payment from
Prote funds.

3. ~~It is suggested for the~~
~~competent authorities to be~~
~~consulted in regard to the~~
~~details of the service that~~
should be ^{blended}

details of the service in regard to the
actual

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