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 The Secretary,  
 Admiralty, Whitehall,  
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Admiralty,  
 September, 1916.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant No. 40462/16, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of Mr. Bonar Law that a telegram has now been received from the Naval Authorities in East Africa, intimating that there is a likelihood of the Supply Base for the Expeditionary Force being changed from Kilindini to Tanga.

In the circumstances My Lords are of opinion that action in the matter of improving the facilities at Kilindini, might be suspended pending further developments.

I am,

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*W Graham Greene*

The Under Secretary of State,  
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The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

34, Dover Street, W.

August 22nd, 1914.

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Dear Leggett,

Very many thanks for your letter of August 9th., enclosing a copy of your report to the Director of Transports on the subject of the conditions prevailing at Kilindini. Mutatis Mutandis it might apply to the French ports used by our military authorities or Salonika or Alexandria. The system appears to be exactly the same everywhere. We are endeavouring to get a radical change in France, and if successful, I hope we may get it extended elsewhere.

The position at Kilindini is complicated to some extent by the fact that the show there is under the Indian Govt., but I am bringing the question up in another quarter, where I think pressure can be brought to bear with good effect.

I will let you know in due course, what transpires.

With very many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) T. ROYDEN.

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90, GRESHAM HOUSE,

LONDON, 30th August, 1916.

In your reply please refer

to No.

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

re Harbour Working at Kilindini.

I sent you on August 8th or 9th., a copy of the semi official report which the Director of Admiralty Transports asked me to write him on the Harbour Working question at Mombasa and Kilindini, and I might inform you that Mr. Graeme Thomson at once acknowledged memorandum and let me know that prompt action had been taken upon it. He has now written me, 28th August, indicating the action taken and I think you will be interested to see a copy of his letter which I therefore attach.

The matter is one of such great importance no doubt you will agree with me that Mr. Read would like to see these papers.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

*E. A. Leitch*  
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*enclosed copy of  
 letter from Mr. Read,  
 when I was in  
 office on*  
 W.C. Bottomley Esq.,

Colonial Office,

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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28th August, 1912.

Dear Major Leggett,

I have read with much interest your report of 8th August respecting the condition of affairs in East Africa. I am much obliged for the trouble you have taken in the matter and for the valuable information contained in your report.

Some of your proposals deal with questions that arise not only in East Africa but at all points of junction between Sea and Land transport and require to be dealt with as part of a larger question.

It is however clear that immediate improvement is desirable in the following respects:-

1. Increase in supply of lighters by purchasing, or otherwise obtaining control of the dhows referred to in paragraph 6 of your report.
2. Improvement in the arrangements for the discharge of the ships by ensuring that a small number of ships is worked rapidly rather than a large number of ships worked slowly. This would be of advantage to the Expedition whose stores would be handled more rapidly and would be more economical for commercial shipping generally.
3. The practice of dumping cargo in sheds or so near the wharves as to impede transit on the quays, should be stopped. This is a never failing source of delay wherever military operations take place, and should be altered.

The necessary instructions on these points have been telegraphed to the Naval Authorities in East Africa and the War Office has been asked to telegraph similar instructions to the Military Authorities. A letter has also been written to the Colonial Office suggesting that steps might be taken to ensure the more satisfactory working of the railway.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd) GRAHAM THORSON.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

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Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD BRIDGES