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Union Castle Co freight rates

Subject's report on freight from
heavy lifts to CT. Stephenson

I am not yet very clear
 this. Para: 2, which deals with
 the amended contract rates, appears to
 be able to contemplate the non-current
 principle, but para: 5 (the current
 rates) appears to involve an
 additional rate per ton of 20 much
 for every ton (or $\frac{1}{2}$ ton) over the
 prescribed weight - i.e. the analogous
 to I in my classification on 15389.

W.W. 10.5.16

W. Ashmole

In my opinion, the words "additional
 weight on the basis rate when the stipulated weight
 was exceeded", together with the explanation which follows

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in para 2 of this letter, make it clear that) was
intended (the clause as to "heavy lifts" which was
included in the schedule of rates which accompanied
the Crown Agents' letter to me of the 16th June 1914 (my
reference [A] in 15389/H) was that the additional
charge at the rate of 5/- per lb. should be payable on
the whole weight of each piece or package (as in
your interpretation I). I think it probable that the
view of the General Manager, as supported by his
calculations which have been put forward in
the past, should be admitted
[in every case where there
has been just cause for
some of this work, and to
be seriously overlooked.]

Mr. Read

I have found
an alternative figure (see
attached). I think you
must uphold it, with
justification for an arrangement
(quite apart from the extra cost of bulky packages)
the cost, ^{estimated} increases nearly as the square of the
height.

87th Leicester Street 23.6.16

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4, MILLBANK,

WESTMINSTER,

LONDON, S.W.

8th May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 15389/1916 of the 17th April 1916 on the subject of rates of freight paid on heavy lifts to the Union-Castle Mail Steamship Co.

2. In the original contract with the Company dated 12th August 1910, the weight of packages was limited to 2 tons and the length to 30 feet, and no provision was made for packages exceeding that weight or length. All rates were at per ton weight or measurement at ship's option. Then an arrangement was made with the Company, following the usual custom with shipments by berth steamers, to pay additional freight on the basis rate when the stipulated weight was exceeded; the rate being 5/- per freight ton on each ton or part of a ton weight over 2 tons. This arrangement was carried out by the clause "Heavy Lifts. Additional 5/- per ton on pieces and packages weighing over 2 tons" as inserted in the Classification by the Union -Castle Mail Steamship Co. It appears to us that this clause clearly provided for an additional 5/- being charged on each ton weight of packages weighing over 2 tons and this was the intention. The amount of 5/- was less than the Company charged to merchants.

4. On the termination of the contract a new arrangement was made with the Steamship Companies interested in the East African Trade as follows: The Merchants Current Tariff rates

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
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without primage, to be paid together with such War surcharge as may be in operation, but before the addition of the surcharge the cost of landing to be deducted, and a deduction of 5 per cent from ex ship rates is also to be made. The landing charges are as follows:-

Kilindini	3/0 per ton
Mombasa	4/0 " "
Zanzibar	5/- " "

The ex ship rates will be obtained by deducting the above sums from the Merchants Tariff rates to the respective ports. After calculating freights on the ex ship rates a deduction of 5 per cent will be made, the remainder being subject to the current War surcharge."

5. Copies of the Merchants tariff rates were sent to the General Manager of the Uganda Railway on the 22nd. February, from which it will be seen on page 144 that the heavy lift rate is now 5/- per freight ton for every 10 cwt. or part of 10 cwt. over one-ton weight, up to 5 tons and 5/- per freight ton for every 20 cwt. or part of 20 cwt. over 5 tons and up to 12 tons weight.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Robert

for Crown Agents

Mr. Bottomley

June 23rd. 1918

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Colonial Office.

I would suggest that para. 2 should embody the following illustration showing the effect of the additional 5/- per ton on packages which are taken at weight, and packages of the same weight on which the shipowner is entitled to charge freight on the measurement tonnage:-

Weight	W/mt	Freight tonnage	Rate	Freight
1.19.0.0	1.20.0.0	1.19.0.0	26/3	2. 8. 2.
1.19.4.0	3.0.0.0	3.0.0.0	26/3	3. 18. 9.
3.0.0.0	2.20.0.0	3.0.0.0	31/3	4. 13. 9.
3.6.6.0	4.0.0.0	4.0.0.0	31/3	6. 6. 0.
6.0.0.0	5.20.0.0	6.0.0.0	46/3	13. 17. 6.
6.0.0.0	8.0.0.0	8.0.0.0	46/3	18. 10. 0.
10.0.0.0	9.20.0.0	10.0.0.0	66/3	33. 2. 6.
10.0.0.0	15.0.0.0	15.0.0.0	66/3	49. 13. 9.

The measurement tonnage (40 cubic feet) of bulky packages may be three or four times the weight tonnage, and sometimes more, and though the rate of freight is the same the freight is correspondingly more.

I think the word "weight" in para. 1 which I have marked in pencil should be omitted.

If this is not clear, I shall be very pleased to call and see you.

Robert