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Manchester, Ch.
of Commerce

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Last previous Paper.
M.I.
10442.

Telegraphic Communication

Sends resolutions recd. from Mombasa
Ch. of Commerce calling attention to
present unsatisfactory arrangements.

W. B. Anderson
W. B. Anderson

? attn - & reply as in 2nd
page of letter on M.I. 10442 spec-
but as F.O. are concerned
in the Gondokoro - Nile
proposal ? send copy
of copy of & subsequent
papers to F.O. observing
that the Govt. of the Anglo
Egyptian Sudan will doubtless
have had under consid the
idea of extending the land line
from Gondokoro southwards.
+ send copy of all the correspondence

Apr. 20 April 14
sent copy to Mombasa 26 Apr 14

Next subsequent Paper.
M.I.
16469.

to Gov. Cab. for Brown

Dec 1874/114

I agree as to the Governor but I
doubt as to F.O. If in 8 years we
never built the Kansas-Gondokoro
telegraph line why should we
assume that, immediately on the
transfer, they would consider the
question of the Gondokoro-Kansas
extension?

For the present at least I would
leave F.O. out.

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at once
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9th April, 1914.

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Sir,

EASTERN AFRICA: TELEGRAPH FACILITIES.

I am desired to hand you the enclosed series of resolutions received from the Mombasa Chamber of Commerce through the intermediary of the British Cotton Growing Association.

Without assuming responsibility for the statements made in these resolutions, the Board desire me to send them forward for the information of your Department and to ask ^{that} your good offices may be exercised to obtain better general conditions of telegraph communication in East Africa.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient, humble Servant,

W. C. ...

Secretary,

The Rt. Hon. Lewis Harcourt, M.P.,
H.M. Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
London. S.W.

This Chamber is much impressed by the dangers and losses to trade, commerce and shipping of all nationalities using this Port, and doubtless to the public service in all its Departments, arising out of the frequent interruptions to the cable service as between Mombasa and Zanzibar.

The Chamber is aware of the action contemplated by the Imperial Government in the matter of the proposed wireless station at Nairobi, but feels that the subject is too urgent to be left entirely to find a solution in that direction.

The Chamber further believes generally that land wires are a cheaper form of communication for all ordinary purposes than either ocean cables or wireless installations, and this may be expected to be the case for a long time to come.

The Chamber therefore respectfully urges on the Government an early consideration of the following propositions -

1. To complete the land wire as between Mombasa and Hedjaf or Gondokoro and thus to establish an overland through wire between Mombasa and Alexandria, and to couple this scheme with an enquiry as to the practical possibility of establishing a telegraph Union to include British East Africa, Uganda, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Egypt.
2. To lay a land wire as between Mombasa and Fanga to be used for transmission of messages for forwarding by ocean cable from the latter point and incidentally thus to establish a more ready connection between the telegraph systems of British East Africa and German East Africa.

The Chamber is inclined to the belief that both these proposals are in themselves desirable and would now impress the need that one or other be proceeded with, with all possible urgency.

RESOLUTION at General Meeting of the MOMBASA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 13th February, 1914, proposed by -

Major E.H.M. Leggett,

**Managing Director, British East African Corporation,
Ltd.**

Seconded by:

Mr W.A. Sin,

Partner, Messrs Smith, Mackenzie & Co.,

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Recd
I expect this to be what
actually goes. Oct. 18. 4. 14 of course

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's

Despatch No. 540. 28 Sept. 1911

East Africa Protectorate

No. 365

Downing Street,

22 April 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

for your observations, copies of
the papers noted below on the subject of the facilities for
telegraphic communication in Eastern
Africa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering

the Government of the
East Africa Protectorate.

Date.	Description.
1911	
Sept. 5	From British Cotton Growing Association.
5	To do
3 Sept.	From Liverpool Chamber of Commerce.
7	To do
6 Sept.	From Oldham Chamber of Commerce.
9	To do
8 Sept.	From Liverpool Chamber of Commerce.
2 Oct.	From Manchester Chamber of Commerce.
December 1911	From London Chamber of Commerce.
1912	
January	To do
1914	
March	From do
April	To do
	From Manchester Chamber of Commerce.
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22 April 1914

Sir,

I am &c to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter
of the 9th of April,
and to inform you that
he hopes that
wireless communication
at Mombasa will
be established within
the next few months.
2 When this
alternative to the
cable exists the
necessity for the land
wires proposed in the
resolution passed by
the

DRAFT.

The Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Manchester.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Harpur 18/4/14
- Mr. Bottomley 18/4/14
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Copy for 365 ans 22 April 14

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the Mombasa Chamber
of Commerce will be a
matter for consideration
from the point of view
of local requirements rather
than from that of
through communication.

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(Signed) H. J. READ.
for the Under Secretary of State