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Linabury Place,

London, E.C. 13th December 1914.

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Dear Mr Johnson,

With further reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have pleasure in giving you herein copy of a service telegram received from our Zanzibar office:-

"13.12.1914. Following from Governor Nairobi.

"Gratefully accept Company's offer of free cables  
"re wounded. Will arrange for all messages to be counter-  
"signed by Senior Medical Officer present"

Yours very truly,

*W. H. Verdine*

G.W. Johnson, Esq., C.M.G.,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

LONDON.

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The Under Secretary of State,

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COLONIAL OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 45668/1914, of the 25th ultimo, on the subject of free telegrams from or to or concerning the wounded in the Indian Expeditionary Forces.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies will be pleased to extend the arrangement to the case of British officers, non-commissioned officers and men, who are serving with the regular or volunteer forces in East Africa, and will accept such messages free of charge when handed in by the local Government or by your Department.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

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The Managing Director  
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Sir G. Fiddes.

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Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,  
I am &c. to  
acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>  
of December, ~~and to~~  
~~inform you that stating~~  
that the Eastern and  
Associated Telegraph  
Companies will send  
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Mr. Harcourt's thanks for  
this extension of the previous  
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(Signed) H. J. READ,  
for the Under Secretary of State