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Last previous Paper.

General bond for Certificates
of Landing

Seals come with Mombasa transit receipts ^{bond for} certificates
of Landing requested by Customs at Mombasa in East. Prot.
and that terms of bond are impossible or compliance
& request that notice be sent by cable directing
modification.

W. Johnson
W. Read

This is the first case, I think, that I
have seen of a Colonial Govt requiring
Certificates to show that their exports
have arrived at their destination. The
Acting General Manager says (Jan 25th)
that no notice had appeared in the
"Gazette" and I find some in the
issues for Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 & 10, which
have just arrived.

There can be no doubt that
3 mos is absurdly short for (a) a cargo
to go to the UK. (b) discharge here & (c)
a mail back to E. Africa, and I
cannot imagine that the Customs
have any intention of enforcing this

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Copy to Rep. for a copy of Amers
Amers 25 Feb 17 26770-11

Next subsequent Paper.

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British East Africa Corporation, Limited.

Secretary

F. T. PRESSLAND.

TELEPHONE: LONDON WALL 8176

(4 LINES)

TELEGRAMS: TAAL, AVE. LONDON.

CABLES: INCREASE, LONDON.

CODE:

W. STERN UNION AND BROOMHALL'S

COMBINATION

AND AT

MOMBASA, NAIROBI, KILIMU, &
BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

AND

KAMPALA, JUNJA, MABINDI, &
UGANDA PROTECTORATE

96, GRESHAM HOUSE,

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LONDON, March 2nd, 1917.

In your reply please refer

to No. E.A. 22.

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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies

Colonial Office, S. W.

Sir,

GENERAL BOND FOR CERTIFICATES OF LANDING REQUIRED BY CUSTOMS AUTHORIZED AT MOMBASA.

We have the honour to enclose herewith copies of the following documents which have just reached us from our Mombasa Office, namely -

- (a) Their letter No. 22 dated 5th. January 1917, headed "General Bond for Certificate of Landing".
- (b) The General Bond for Certificate of Landing.

We also have the honour to enclose copy of our letter No. L. 50 of date to our Mombasa Office in reply to theirs.

We trust you will agree that this last mentioned document clearly sets out the fact that it will be a practical impossibility for us to comply with the requirement in the Bond, that the Certificate of landing for cargoes which are consigned to ourselves from Mombasa shall be produced to the Customs Authorities in Mombasa within three months from the date of exportation of the consignments, and we shall esteem it a favour if you can see your way to suggest to the East African Government that the terms of the Bond be modified as regards this condition. Perhaps you may even kindly see your way to make such a suggestion by cable, for we have found that when such documents are required by the East African authorities by some given date, such as three months from date of ship sailing, our Mombasa House is often required to cable asking us to reply by wire why the document in question has not reached them. The local authorities are certainly always agreeable to extend the period re

the specific instance, but each such instance is a source of quite heavy cable expense to us, and no doubt similarly to other shippers.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA CORPORATION LTD.

J. Pressland
Secretary.

Mombasa,

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5th January, 1917.

Secretary
E.A. Corporation Ltd.
London, E.C.

No. 22/17.

Dear Sir,

GENERAL BOND FOR CERTIFICATE OF LANDING.

We beg to hand you herewith copy of Bond we have had to enter into, in order that we may be able to ship goods &c. from this country. It would appear that this Bond is required under a new regulation as from January 1st inst., but no official notice has yet appeared in the Gazette - the first intimation we received was from the Chief of Customs, when applying for export permits per s.s. "Berwick Castle".

We would particularly refer you to the terms of this Bond, whereby we are held liable for the production of the Landing Certificates for our own and our clients' cargo, and suggest that this matter is going to add a great deal to your work in London. It will be necessary for you to obtain the Certificates as soon as the Ship has arrived, for all goods shipped by us, and to give you, we propose to send you after despatch of each Vessel of these Goods, for which we must produce the Landing Certificate. We will also advise consignees of clients' goods to hand their Landing Certificates to you, to enable us to comply with the above regulation.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) F. Arthur Bemister.

for Acting General Manager.

FOR CERTIFICATE OF LANDING.

WE PRESENTS, that we, the BRITISH EAST AFRICA CORPORATION, a Public Company, registered at Somerset House, London, E.C. and registered Offices No.96, Gresham House, London, E.C. through and by our Attorney JAMES IVERS COX and THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA LTD., are held and firmly bound unto our Majesty King GEORGE V. by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, in the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND only, (200,000) of good and lawful money of the East Africa Protectorate, to be paid to our said Majesty King and Successors. To which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each and every of us jointly and severally for and in the whole, our Heirs Executors and Administrators, and every of them finally by these presents.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1917.

WHEREAS the above bounden THE BRITISH EAST AFRICA CORPORATION LTD. have signified their intention from time to time to export to Ports beyond Seas, certain Goods the exportation of which is restricted.

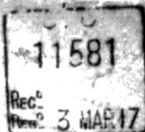
NOW the condition of this obligation is such, that if all such goods and every part thereof, which have been declared for Export under this Bond, shall be duly landed at the Ports named in such Declaration, and that the said THE BRITISH EAST AFRICA CORPORATION LTD. shall produce within three months from the date of exportation Customs Certificate to that effect, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by P.P. BRITISH EAST AFRICA CORPORATION LTD.
 the above bounden THE BRITISH EAST AFRICA CORPORATION LTD.,
 the presence of JAMES I. COX.

Acting General Manager and
 Attorney under Power of Attorney
 registered at the High Court
 Registry Office Mombasa No.59 of
 B.1912.

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by
 the above bounden NATIONAL BANK
 OF INDIA LTD., in the presence of NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA LTD.

Assistant General Manager,
Box 12,
Bombay



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March 2nd, 1917.

L. 50.

Dear Sir, GENERAL BOND FOR CERTIFICATE OF LANDING.

We are in receipt of your S.A. 22 covering copy of the General Bond which you are required to give to the Customs Authorities on your side undertaking, under pain of severe penalties to produce the U.K. landing certificate certifying to the landing in this Country of the consignments which you export from Bombay to ourselves as consignees within three months from the date of exportation.

It will be quite obvious to you that a three months limit within which we are to send you such landing certificate, is really quite impracticable. Under present conditions, it takes between two and three months for the carrying steamer to arrive at its port of discharge in this Country, usually either London or Liverpool. There is then frequently anywhere between two and six week delay before the Harbour Authorities here are able to grant landing certificates, as sometimes the vessel is waiting for as long as two weeks for a berth, and even when this is obtained, discharge of cargo is often a slow process. Following these delays, the outward mail again takes anything from two to three months to reach your port; thus the very shortest time by which our landing certificate could reach you under the most favourable conditions may probably be put down as four and a half months.

To illustrate the time your consignments take to reach us we may cite that the s.s. "GAIKA", which left your port on 27th. November, was docked in London on the

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L. 50.

14th. January, and the s.s. "HERWICA CASTLE", of which your
bill of lading are just to hand, dated 11th. January, is not
yet reported as about to arrive.

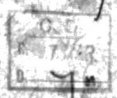
We feel convinced that if these facts are properly
presented to the authorities on your side, perhaps through
our Chamber of Commerce, the terms of the bond which you have
to give will at least be modified by the extension of the term
within which the landing certificate is to be produced to
"within six months" instead of "within three months".

We shall be glad to hear in due course whether you are
able to obtain such modification.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

M. J. E. P.
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9 March 1917

Sir,

I have the honour to

transmit to you the acc. copy
of correspondence with the Port of London
Authority

regarding a general bond which
is stated to be required by the

Customs authorities at Bombay
for certificates of the landing
at their destination
with the ~~the~~ of consignments
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W. J. P.
No 207
Gen Belfield
MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 6/3/17
- Mr. Bottanley 7-3-17
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Long.

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(draft herewith)

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The Secretary
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The East Africa Corporation
London

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