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Hairon's Electric Co
Lighting Co Ltd

1917

13 Dec.

Concession

Last previous Paper:

U. S.

5-12-17

Submits further above resp. position of
Concession in relation to new Electricity
Order, & defers further action pending
receipt of Order in final form.

To Mr. T. J. Gwynne
Per Read.

It was decided on 57279 not to
write the C. O. to criticize the draft
Order, but I doubt whether we can
maintain this attitude in view of
their calm way of adopting some
one else's view of the inconsistency of
the Order & the Concession & of assuming
that we shall proceed to harmonize
the Order with the Concession.

However, for the moment they take the
attitude of giving the old draft
Order and assuming that we are
going to amend it to fit in with
the Concession!

Next subsequent Paper:

Gov

12/18/17

I can't draft reply, but
I think that later we should consider

Class 7 Dec 17

Was the intention will be, legally
& otherwise, if we declare the
negotiations with the Company at
an end.

W.C.S. 20/12/7

W.C.S.

20/12/7

50, Mark Lane,

London, E.C.3.

13th December, 1917.



Sir,

Your letter of the 28th ultimo (reference No. 57279/1917) was laid before my Directors at their meeting yesterday and in reply to it I am directed to inform you that they regret that they still are not clear as to what is intended in the matter of the new Electricity Ordinance in view of the fact that it is reported in the local press of East Africa that at a meeting of the Nairobi Municipal Committee held on June 1st, 1917, at which the Ordinance and the Concession were discussed, a resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the Government in which it was stated inter alia that "the Concession and Bill are quite inconsistent with each other".

If this statement is correct, as it appears that the Secretary of State desires the passing of the Ordinance before the signing of the formal concession, my Directors can only presume that it will, before passing, be so amended as not to be inconsistent with the concession, the details of which, the Secretary of State has already expressed himself clearly in writing to the Company as having agreed to.

2.

The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,

Colonial Office,

S.W.1.

2. Under these circumstances and as it is impossible for my Directors to foresee the final form of the projected Ordinance, there appears to be nothing, on our part, which we can do but await till a view is permitted to us of the Ordinance in the form in which it is proposed to be passed, in order that we may check it against the points agreed and at the same time make any representations we may consider necessary in regard to its other, or general, provisions.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For and on behalf of

THE NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING COMPANY, LTD.

A. H. Knight
Secretary.

27 Dec. 1917

Sir

I am in reply to the
recd. of yr letter of Dec
13th on the subject of the
proposed revision of the
Concession of the Nairobi
Electric Power & Lighting
Co (or)
2. Mr Long has not yet
reason to suppose that
the Special Committee of the
Legislative Council is
considering the draft Ord Co
with a view to removing
any inconsistency which
may exist between it & the
draft Concession, & he
would not be prepared to
admit that the fact that
the Nairobi Municipal
Committee consider the two

DRAFT.

The Secretary
Nairobi Electric Power
& Lighting Co Ltd

MINUTE.

Mr. Boardman 20/12/17
P. Thompson 20/12/17

- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Zimbari.
- Mr. Reed. 2
- Mr. G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Hawkins.
- Mr. Long.

for am
~~Secretary~~
~~Mr. Boardman~~
~~Mr. Thompson~~

off re: Special letter

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any alteration in the draft
Order in the interests of the
Company.

Mr. Long proposed that the
new concession should not be
signed before the Order is passed
because the Co would in that
case know their actual position
before accepting the deed. As they
are already being pointed out, they
will equally be subject to
the new Order whether the
concession is completed before
or after the Order is passed. He
considers that to divert from the
further course of ^{investigating} ^{and} ^{making}
questions regarding the concession
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Order is
received cannot but involve
further and ~~long~~ ^{relay} ^{considerable}
in completing the concession,
but if the ^{Co} decide to
defer their further actions
on those questions, the matter
must remain in abeyance.

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of the Order is received a
copy will be sent to the Co,
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Order in the interests of the
Company.

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signed before the Order is passed
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case know their actual position
before executing the deed, as they
already know roughly what they
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the new Order whether the
concession is completed before
or after the Order is passed. He
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further course of proceeding
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must remain in abeyance.

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but Mr. Long cannot
undertake that his
approval of its enactment
must await, or depend
upon, any representations
which the C. may make
as to its provisions

DRAFT

BURSTALL & MONKHOUSE.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS.
14, OLD QUEEN STREET,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, E.C. 4.

*Ans'd 1-1-19
see back*

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14, OLD QUEEN STREET,
WESTMINSTER,

LONDON, 29th December, 1917.
S.W. 1

Telegrams
INSTRUCTED, VIC LONDON.
Telephone:
VICTORIA 4771.

E.W.M.

Your Ref.

W. C. Bottomley, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
S.W. 1.

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING CO. LTD.

I am much obliged to you for yours of the 27th December, giving me the substance of the relevant part of the letter which W. C. Hunter & Co. wrote to the Government of the East Africa Protectorate on behalf of Posho Limited.

In paragraph 2, it is said that "Sisal Ltd. and Thika Sisal Co. have been forced to find additional capital for power purposes since the outbreak of the War, but they were able to secure water power." Sisal Ltd. and Thika Sisal Co. have, since the outbreak of War, installed a power station on the Thika River, not far from the Fort Hall Road. The work in connection with this installation was in progress when I was in East Africa in April, 1915, and it has struck me that the capital referred to in paragraph 2 is the capital which they put up to carry out this scheme.

I do not understand the quotation: "but they were able to secure water power," unless it is the water power to which I have referred to above. If it is not this water power, then I wonder where it is. Is it possible that, in copying the letter, the word "not" has been left out between the words "were" and "able"?

Yours very truly,

Ed. Monkhouse. E.W.M.

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not omitted - the full phrase being
but more fortunate than Porcha told,
we do not know where they got
power from.

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plus -
- no doubt that word, but was
not needed - the full phrase was
but more potent than North Sea,
we do not know where they get the
name from.

WMS 1/1/18

Mr. H. Head.

Pl. in Comm. May 18th called of May 8th
and the reply I propose to send is that the
arrangements as regards East & West, are
settled.

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On discussion on May 7th we very much
wished him to recall his suggestion in writing so
that it would not be overlooked, if the
opportunity arose. This was also deemed
to be to eliminate the unnecessary frequency
of his attendance, who is now stationed there
they were closely connected with the Co.

I should be glad to have someone to
prepare a paper for East & West, but as
this may not be possible it is best that, if
the interview takes place, East & West should
be able to be a listener simply.

Yours
John

J. R. 3/14/18

G.C.S. 3/17/18

Dear Sir
3/7/18

4 July 1818

Dear Commander Peyton,

I delayed replying to your letter of May 8th, first because of the departure of the new Governor of the S.A.P., and secondly because it was not certain that he would come home before taking up his duties.

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We now expect that General Northey will arrive here ~~in the~~ August, but his time will be much occupied. There are many points which will have to be discussed with him and I fear that there is no chance of his being able to read up the history of the ~~Northey~~ ~~Electrical~~ ~~Company~~ - ~~and~~ ~~about~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~introduction~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Ordinance.~~

If I have, I shall arrange some papers at which you will be able to get an account of the matter and to set out the Company's view on the various points of principle. But it would

be understood that you would not
expect either that General Worthing
should commit himself or that I - or
those who represent the C.O. at the conference
should try to elaborate the other side
of the case.

Nevertheless, I think, ^{and} you wish
as far as it is possible to do so. It is
not likely - even if General Worthing
had ample leisure to consider the
matter before going to E. Africa, that
he would wish to express any opinion
before he without going into the
matter on the spot with the help of
his local officials. But you would
know that in consulting them he would
have your own standpoint fresh in
his mind.

Yours sincerely
Wells.

be understood that you would not
expect either that General Norton
should commit himself or that I - or
whoever represents the C.O. at the interview -
should try to elaborate the other side
of the case.

This, however, I think, will you wish
to refer as it is possible to do so. It is
not likely - even if General Norton
had a little time to consider the
matter before going to E. Africa - that
he would wish to express any opinion
before he without going into the
matter on the spot with the help of
the local officials. But you would
know that in consulting them he would
have your own standpoint fresh in
his mind.

Yours sincerely
W. A. S.

ROYAL NAVAL BARRACKS,
PORTSMOUTH.

Dear Mr. Attorney,
As discussed yesterday I

am dropping you a line
to hire a reminder
when the new Governor of
the E.A.P. is appointed, that
if you can let the Secretary
of the N.P.R. Co. (S) who is
responsible to me,
know when that range
I shall be in a town,
I will, if the expense of
a line permit make

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in substantiating in any
event which shall likely
to be taken in a future

Your truly
W. B. Baylton
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G.W.N.

W. B. Baylton
15th St
S.P.

ROYAL NAVAL BARRACKS,
PORTSMOUTH.

Dear Mr. Stothley,

As discussed yesterday I am dropping you a line to show a reminder

when the new Governor of the E.A.P. is appointed, that

you may let the Secretary of the N.A.P.C. (5/5/46) see you to expedite it -)

Kindly note that range of dates he will be in town,

I will, if the exigencies of a leave permit make

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in substantiating on any question which either ability to fix trouble is to put it

Your sincerely

W. B. Stothley

2/2/46

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RESTALL & MONKHOUSE,
CONSULTING ENGINEERS,
R. SUNSTALL,
MONKHOUSE,
TELEGRAMS:
STRUCTURED, VIC, LONDON.
Telephone:
VICTORIA 4771.

*Copy sent
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14, OLD QUEEN STREET,
WESTMINSTER,

LONDON, 3rd. April 1918
S.W.1.

E. W. M.

Your Rep. _____

W. C. Bottomley, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING CO. LTD

I have received from Nairobi a sheaf of proposed Amendments to the New Ordinance, and I notice there are sundry references to the Electric Supply Line Ordinance of 1914,

I remember a Bill being proposed in 1913 but do not remember that this Bill ever became law. Can you help me by telling me whether there is an Electric Supply Line Ordinance for 1914, and if there is, where I can get a copy of this same Ordinance?

Faithfully yours,

E. W. Monkhouse
ELM

JHR/CB.

FREECE, CARDEW, SNELL & RIDER,
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

A. H. FREECE. SIR JOHN SNELL.
W. LLEWELLYN FREECE. J. E. RIDER.
J. H. WOODWARD. S. S. MOORE. Esq.

S. QUEEN ANNE'S GATE,
WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

4th March, 1918.

W. C. Bottomley, Esq.,
East Africa Department,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W. 1.

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

Nairobi Power Concession.

Thanks for your favour of the 1st inst. returning my copy of V.F.P. Contract.

I note the Nairobi Company is insisting on the draft Ordinance being first completed. In my letter to the Under Secretary of State in October last, I strongly recommended that the Ordinance should be passed before the Concession was granted.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Woodward

July 8th 1818

H. M. S. INDUS.
DEVONPORT.

Dear Mr. Attorney,

I should be glad to hear from you
letter of the 4th inst which
has been forwarded to me here,
thence I have not moved to
since last seeing you.

Ever thy & mother's friend

My A. Minnie as before
believe me to be well and of

the same for some time

H. M. S. INDUS,
DEVONPORT.

July 25 1918

Dear Mr. Attorney,

I enclose for your
letter of the 4th inst. which
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whence I have not moved to
since last seeing you.

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July 8th 1818

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W. D. Baynes

Downing Street,

October, 1948.

Dear Commander Baylton,

I have spoken to General Norrington about the Nairobi Electric Power and Lighting Concession, and ^{if you can get leave} will be glad to see you as you suggested in the memorandum.

He hopes you will understand however that he has only been able to acquaint himself with the basic outlines of the matter, and that he can therefore only listen to what you wish to say and make a note of the points you wish to lay before him. Will you please write to him in order to arrange an appointment. His address is:

32, Upper Brook Street, W.1.

Yours sincerely,

WCS

Commander R.C. Baylton, R.N.

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Electricity papers

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Commander Baylson,

by telephone

19/1/18.

Interview with Genl Northey.

In order to facilitate base for the
purpose of the that we should send
him a letter (H.P.S. Ind. Description,
saying that Genl Northey would
like to see him. He has Monday
only come to. No attempt to
"rush" Genl Northey.

I promised to make a note but
said that Genl Northey's notes &
conversations would be used as a
no promise can be given of
interview.

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

H. R. J. BURSTALL,

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Your Rep. _____

W. C. Bottomley, Esq.,
Colonial Office,

S. W. 1

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING CO. LTD.

I duly received yours of the 1st January, replying to mine of the 29th December, and am much obliged for it.

As far as my information goes, the only water power which is being used by Thika-Sisal Ltd. at the present time is obtained from some rapids on the Thika River, where the latter flows through or abuts on Cook's Farm; and, as I informed you in my letter of the 29th December, this power was being "harnessed" when I was in East Africa in 1915.

The impression I got from the extracts of correspondence which you sent me with your letter of the 27th December, was that Thika-Sisal Ltd. or Pogo Ltd. had been able to get some water power in addition to that mentioned above.

Yours very truly,

E. W. Monkhouse

Edw. M.
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14, OLD QUEEN STREET,

WESTMINSTER

LONDON, 2nd January, 1918

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