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RAIL SERVICE VIA SUDAN

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The agreement (in the case of Uganda) has been decided

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Letter for his request attached.

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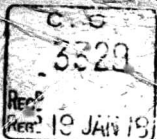
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GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, E.C.1.

18 January 1918.



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With reference to your letter of the 10th of this month, No. 1187/1918, regarding a suggestion by the Postmaster General of British East Africa for the institution of a Mail Service with this Country via the Sudan, I am directed by the Postmaster General to transmit herewith a decode of further telegrams exchanged with the Postmaster General of British East Africa.

In consideration of the circumstance that the Service has been instituted for Mails in the homeward direction and that the porters would otherwise have to return light and also in view of an increase in the frequency of the mail service to Egypt, which will, it is hoped, be found practicable at an early date, it seemed desirable to the

Postmaster

Secretary of State,
GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Postmaster General to adopt the new route experimentally for letters for the Uganda Protectorate, if specially addressed by the senders for transmission via the Sudan, and a public announcement is being issued accordingly.

It has not been considered necessary to make any restriction on the weight of letters which may be sent as the whole Letter Mail for the Uganda Protectorate only amounts to about 40lb. a fortnight.

If the service is a success facilities can later be given for the transmission by it of letters for British East Africa.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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Copy of Decode of Telegram sent to the Postmaster General, British East Africa, dated 11/1/18.

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19 JAN 18

Colonial Office suggests that unless arrangements can be made for Coast service with Dar-es-Salaam Mails should be sent as at present. I propose not to use Sudan route unless absolutely necessary later.

Copy of Decode of Telegram received from the Postmaster General, British East Africa, dated 14/1/18.

There is apparently some misunderstanding as to the postal matter must under existing circumstances be landed at Mombasa by all sea route. In absence of further information sailings foreign ships Suez Canal abstain from expressing opinion on what is best for that purpose but should like to point out that what transport is available at Dar-es-Salaam reserved for military requirements. This is quite separate and distinct from Sudan route which Uganda Chamber of Commerce made application for and fully expecting. Regularity of service considered of great importance. Very desirable in my opinion to appoint public feeling. Postage homeward mails of letters returning unladen should be sufficient one for letters Uganda only specially addressed.

co-operation, and any information you could favour me with, would of course be circulated to them either confidentially or openly, as you may decide, should you have any special wishes in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund Bennett

W.C. Bettonley Esq.,
Colonial Office,
S.W.I.

and 4/3. Service is for agenda only
(at present) + is via Westons, GPO.
On 18 Jan. said they were going to
make a public announcement
No prospect of a daily service +
even so the possibility of delay remains
WCB