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previous Paper.

A.O.

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E.A.T. SERVICE VIA SUDAN

This new service - telegraphic series, with No. 1 dealing. In circumstances, it seemed desirable to adopt new route experimentally and public announcement will be made.

~~Grandma~~

The experiment (in the case of 1187) has been decided upon.

Date of this service: 6/1/18

ref. A.M. 1187

Copy of 1187 tele. copy, to the

same addressee at

last Grand

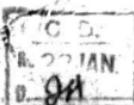
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H. S. A.

24/1/18

Letter from high legged stork.

*S. D. S. A.*

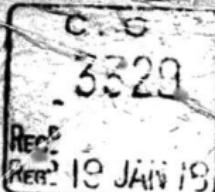


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GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, E.C.1.

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,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,

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

A.C. [unclear]

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,

and giles

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

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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 bulk of 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 route that purpose but should like to point out that what transport is available Salan 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 considerably more important. Very desirable in my opinion not to disappoint public feeling. Postage homeward mails of letters returning unladen should be sufficient one or two letters Uganda only specially addressed.

Copy

Copy of Decree of Telegram sent to the  
Postmaster General, British East Africa dated  
15/1/18

Your telegram 14 January. Letters for Uganda  
especially addressed will be sent express via East Africa  
Post. What will be considered if works well? - Pre-arrange  
that porters' cost will be borne by Protectorate,

British American Corporation. Limited.

SARAH  
K. T. BROWNE AND  
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to Part

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

You know all about the difficulties of mail communication with South Africa and no doubt are just as much worried by it as we are. It gives us a ray of hope to receive a cable this morning from our General Manager on the other side, wiring from Kampala where he is at present with Mr. Compton, reading as follows:-

"yesterday mail has been established from ~~now~~  
via Egypt. Make enquiries about posting arrangements  
from your end."

I do not know whether this is to be read as meaning that some connecting service has been fixed up from Mombasa to there every fortnight, or whether the plan is to send the letters overland via Uganda and Lake Albert and thence down the Nile to Khartoum and Egypt. If it means the latter, then I fear that this fortnightly service, however advantageous it may be in its regularity, will still leave something to be desired in the matter of speed in transit.

It would be more than kind of you if you could let me know as fully as possible what the arrangements are.

I might say that I am writing this letter not only on behalf of my own group of Companies, but for the information of something like 40 different firms and individuals doing business with Post Office, with whom we are in close

# British African Mail Corporation, Limited.

SARAH.

C. T. BRENTANO  
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PARIS, 16, FRANCE

100, INCHBURN LONDON.

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SCHOOL UNION AND SIR JOURNALIST'S  
COMBINATION

AND AT  
UGANDA, NAIROBI, KISUMU, ETC.  
EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE  
AND

Uganda, Jinja, Murchison, ETC.  
UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

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TO YOUR MOST HONORABLE REFER

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LONDON, FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1895.

RECORDED

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

Yours sincerely,

E. H. B. Bennett

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

and 4/3. Service is to begin on  
(at present) & is via Blantyre, E.P.O.  
on 18 Jan. and they are going to  
make a public announcement  
no prospect of a day service &  
also no possibility of delay services  
*later*