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SISAL HEMP
SHIPMENT FROM E.A. TO ITALY

Suggests lookout should be kept for as they have reason to believe that these goods are en route for German consumption via Naples.

Dr. J. Field

Say that we shall be glad to have the names of the intermediaries & add that we may place all the facts before the Tr. of the Port of Naples or copy the Tr. of the Port of Naples? & to see the Consulate & the Customs & the Police.

Notification of import
Customs (tariff) & H. & I.R.
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and this to see from & all papers relating to money (affairs) alone

Jan 1915 16.12.14

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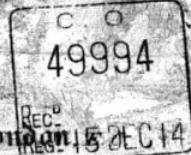
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HINDLEY & CO

TELEPHONE NOS.
21015 & 21016
CLERKENWELL ROAD
LONDON

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Billiter Buildings,
22 Billiter Street.



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14th December, 1914.

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The Colonial Office,
Whitehall, S.W.

Dear Sirs:-

May we suggest that you keep a lookout for Sisal Hemp being shipped from British East Africa to Italy as we have reason to believe that these goods are on route for German Consumers' consumption via Naples. If necessary, we can give you the names of the intermediaries on this side through whom the goods are passing.

Yours faithfully,

HINDLEY & CO.

No. 49994/1914

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Africa

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19 Dec^r 1914.

DRAFT.

Messrs Hindley & Co

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper 19/11/14
Mr. Bottomley 19/11/14 p

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes

Sir H. Just

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Islington

Mr. Harcourt

Six Gentlemen

I am etc. to

acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 14
of December, and to
inform you that he
would be glad to

have the names of

the intermediaries

through whom sisal

hemp from the East

Africa is being shipped

to Italy for transmission.

to Germany, in order

that the facts may be
placed before the Govt

of the East

for

State

EAST AFR. PROT

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an H.
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28 Dec.

at previous Paper.

cc/6465 Ryan

Termination of employment
as Railway guards.

Submit case for favourable Consideration

To Read
Mr. B. Hartley

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Ryan called about a week ago and Mr. Hughes recited the facts contained in the letter I asked him to send you, namely, copies of his agreements. This he has not done, and it makes it difficult to deal with the complaint.

It appears that Mr. Ryan who was engaged in March 1912 was due to leave this year and was promised 190 days and 2nd class passage (under the new leave which applies to all) if he remained coming on leave after 1st April (see Lower File 622).

When Ryan broke out he was at first determined to stay on, and though with other contingencies Mr. Hughes (he writes) he offered to volunteer.

Subsequent Paper

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his services could not be required). After 3 months (October) the men referred to were given notice (presumably under a provision similar to cl. 10(1) of Mr. Lowan's agreement with C.R. - see File 633/12), and were told that if after 3 months they wished to be re-employed more would be paid for them, and the 12 months' interval would be regarded as leave without pay. They were also told that there were good prospects of obtaining work with the Indian Supply and Transport Corps (copy of the notice dated 23 Oct. is attached to the letter). The need only consider the case of Ryan and Hughes. Ford may be left to raise his own complaint.

(1) Mr. Ryan's case is certainly hard. If his agreement provided that the Port might at any time after 3 months give him a month's notice, then he could complain that the agreement is infringed; but he might reasonably have expected leave at the end of the tour, especially as the leave had been promised (see Traffic Manager's memo of 11 June enclosed). In any case he should have been granted a 2nd class passage home, if the clause providing for one month's notice agrees with clause 10(1) of Mr. Lowan's agreement.

(2) Mr. Hughes was only appointed in March 1914, and his case is not as hard, but he too should probably have been given a 2nd class passage.

They both travelled home 3rd class at

at their own expense).

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I think we might send a copy of the letter to the Govt' asking that asking Dr. Moore and saying that no copies of the agreements are not available. It is difficult to judge the situation but suggest that if the agreement contained the usual provision for giving one month's notice both Ryan and Hughes should have been granted 2nd class passage to this country, and that as Dr. Ryan had been led by the Traff'sc Manager's letter of 11. December to expect 190 days leave the Govt consider that it would be a fair arrangement to grant him at least full pay for the voyage and 95 days vacation leave. Dr. Moore will be in New York next week and I say that the Govt. is communicating with the Govt. on the subject and that a further letter will be sent when his reply is received.

New York 31. 12. 14.

And ask for a report of the Govt. on the (secret) paper on which the Govt. was urged to banalize air circulation. It is all very well to reduce temporary sailing staff when traffic falls off, but they must have quoted the S. M. S. As a matter of fact the Govt's desire to maintain the public

water programme at the proposed time
which gave occasion for the construction.

as proposed?

60ft. 30.11.10

On the face of it, it looks as if they
had not been treated with much
care.

as proposed

at once.

Mr J R

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Willesden Square

Barkerswell

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London

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Dec 28. 1914

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ON 1914
OFFICE

The Under Secretary of
State for the Colonies

H. M. Government

With reference to your call upon me on
the 23rd inst. I have to state that with
regard to myself I entered into a three years
contract dated 6th April 1914. Most of my
privileges were cancelled. (See copy enclosed)
Harry Ryan was under date of 18 March 1912
was granted 190 days leave of absence on
half pay. also a second class return passage
etc. In consequence of the outbreak of war
these privileges were cancelled. He was
requested to remain on, to which he agreed.
(Comments relating to this Enclosed) Further
as we volunteered for active service, several
of the Guards were permitted to go on service,
& subsequently it was found, in consequence
of the movement of troops and stores, no more
could be placed on therefore remained
on posts. taking the usual shift of two hours
on duty of the enemy at any time. After the
end of three months on August, September & October
we were suddenly given notice (Copy enclosed)
giving us on 12 months leave of absence without
pay. This procedure was also applied to others
in the Railway staff, who were not so fortunate
as ourselves in being able to return
home. The reason given for our suspension
was that a cable had been received from

His Excellency the Colonial Secretary
wishes to reiterate the policy of retrenchment. We
have wholesale suspensions even not
ended by the Home Authorities, and that
policy adopted by other Government
departments might have been applied to
the Railway Staff i.e. a reduction
of forces of no less than 1000 men, which
had have been readily assented to rather
than the unlikely policy of taking the ground
in breadth - or feet. Especially at such a time
when Guard who returned home with me
and a Lord residing 29 Acacia Road Sydenham
on active service & attached to the railway unit,
was invalided to Nairobi suffering from fever,
in a few days of his being placed on the sick
received his notice. 311

We do not desire that these statements
facts should be construed into that of a
plaint or to justify a claim, but what
do suggest is that a little loosening of the
engagement would have eased the
edge of disappointment.

We returned to England as
Passengers for Flanstephan 21st
15th Oct

Your obedient Servt
James V. Hughes

Enclosures

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From The Traffic Manager
Mauritius

October 25th 1914

To General J. S. Hughes

The Acting Dist. Station Master

Mauritius

Owing to decrease traffic
we are sorry for reducing staff. I have given you
months notice of the termination of your
services, with effect from the 24th inst.
If at any time within a year from date,
I am able to offer you re-employment, and you
accept it, I will treat your absence as leave
without pay, and in this case your absence
will not constitute a break of service.

The Indian Supply and Transport
Department require some men at once, if you
wish to apply you should see Captain Brewster
of the 29th Punjab Camp. If you
should take a post with them, you
will be released at once, and will be
up to the date you cease work on
the railway.

(Signed) G. A. Stanley
Traffic Manager

V. N. Rajah's notice
is to stand as above.

Singapore Railways

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UGANDA RAILWAY.

Memorandum

11th June, 1914.

To The Assistant Traffic Manager,
Nakuru.

To Station Master

Nakuru.

Reference No. S 967/29.

Subject. Guard Ryan's application for p. leave.

The Traffic Manager informs me that he will let Mr. Ryan go on leave in October next. Please inform the man accordingly and let me know the date he wishes to sail.

Sd.)

for Asst. Traffic Manager.

Guard Ryan to note and give
date of sailing.

(Intd.)

UGANDA RAILWAY,

Memorandum.

24th August, 1914.

To _____
Through Station Master, Nakuru.

Reference No. 13. 9677/20

Subject. Irregular leave of Guard Ryan.

The Traffic Manager informs me that the General Manager is not agreeable to any member of the European staff proceeding on leave at the present moment. Your leave is therefore cancelled for the present moment.

Please note.

(Sd.) JOHN COWAN,

Traffic Manager.

Guard Ryan to note.

(Sd.)

N.Y. 52189 Post Off Post

JAN.

Jan 15
Dec 27 1911

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I have the pleasure to
you for your return the
accomp'g copy of a letter
with its enclosure received
from H. T. J. Hughes on
the subject of the renum-
eration of his services and
those of Mr. A. Ryan and
Mr. W. A. Ford as Guard
in the Regiments.

2. As copies of the
agreements into which the
men entered are not avail-
able it is difficult for
one to form an opinion
on the question. I would
suggest however, that

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P. No 4

Se H. C. Belfield
Kings.

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Down 3/12/14

Bathurst 3/12/14 f.

G. Fiddle.

H. Just.

J. Anderson.

J. Livingston.

Harcourt.

Hughes 29 Dec 11
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of the services of Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Ryan and Mr. Ford were
dispensed with under a
provision similar to that
contained in clause 10(1)
of the Canada War Agreement

announced in July 1914,
2nd class passage to Asia
should have been
granted in the first two
cases.

In view of the letter of the 15th June, from the Head Office to Mr.
S. & Son Ltd., London, England, at Madras,
Mr. Hughes' further that
and after above he

Mr. Ryan had been
told to expect that he
would be granted 100 days for
90 days and a 2nd class
passage home, by a
letter dated the 11th of June

on the East Traffic
steamer sent to the station
master at Madras.

It would be a fair arrangement
to allow for the period of the homeward
journey (less 10 days)
for 90 days vacation

leave in this country.

In view of the fact that
subsequent arrangements
of the highly ad-

missible in leave for
more than 30 months
the grant of 190 days

(representing presumably
95 days vacation and 95
days return leave) would
appear to be inadmissible
in any case.

4. I should be glad if you
would give the matter your
careful consideration and would
also report on the case
of Mr. Ford (who is
in Mr. Hughes' letter)

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Jan 1

2 Dec.

Sc:

I am able to advise the
rest of your letter of the

(52129) 28th of Dec^c with its

enclosures relating to the

termination of your
services and those of
Mr. R. Ryan and Mr.
W. A. Ford as ~~Secretary~~
~~and~~ ^{as Secretary} ~~of the Uganda~~
~~Parliament~~

Parliament

2. Mr. H. is communicating
with the Govt. of
the E.A.P. on the subject,
and a further letter will
be sent to you when
his reply is received.

3. The original enclosures
to your letter are returned
herewith.

DRAFT.

J. T. Hughes

MINUTE.

Mr. Downie 21.12.14

Mr. Bostock 31.12.14

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Falshaw.

Mr. Harcourt.

1/52129/
to be forwarded
to Mr. P. P. M. D.

ALATINE TRADE PROTECTION OFFICE (L'POOL).

N.S.BOOTHE.

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General Manager.

35, 36 & 37 Exchange Chambers

TELEGRAMS,
QUORUM, LIVERPOOL.

J. H.

2, Buxton Street,

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Liverpool. 15/1/1911. 191

Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Whitehall, LONDON.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of December last
re. Uganda Railway, British East Africa and addressed
to you as from 17, Wilmington Square, Clerkenwell, London.
Any communications respecting this matter will you kindly
have addressed to me a/c of the above.

Yours truly,

James Hughes