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CROWN AGENTS

1919

5th DECEMBER

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COST OF PASSAGES

States' 1910 agreement does not apply to cost of
 return via S.Africa and suggests request for loss
 of Govts are compelled to use that route in absence of East
 Coast service. Refers to their letter of 3rd Decr
 requesting estimate of requirements for next year.

Mr Buttler

(1) As a war pace, we are still
 unable for D.G.S. reply to
 Co. letter on 55656.
 We might forward D.G.S.
 again.

(2) As a step immediate
 of a rebate on first passages
 to Africa, we are not likely
 to get any help from D.G.S.
 as time required has
 elapsed.

I think it w^t be best for Co.
 to carry on contract with
 no U.C. if they fail
 we might then consider a separate

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To O. P. Stapp.

? will wait - & request
C.A. to communicate with
U.C.C. pressing for the
rebel in para 2 - sug
that they may info C.A.
that the cover & ending
with 0793289 has been
refused to them by G.O. -
not rough
& ask C.A. to do as
above in the cover copy
of their cover & add

M.C.

and

b.c. 1/1/70

ctc

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES
IN ABOVE REFERENCED AND THE
OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS "CROWN, LONDON"
TELEPHONE 7780 VICTORIA.

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REC'D
Dec 31, 1919

4. MILLBANK

WESTMINSTER,

LONDON, S.W.1.

SOC. December 1919

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 3rd December No. 37932/1919, requesting our observations on a copy of correspondence with the Union Castle Company, regarding a rebate of 10 per cent off the cost of passages for Government officials to and from East Africa.

2. The Union Castle Company refer to the agreement of 1910 which was for the establishment of a cargo and passenger service of steamers between the United Kingdom and East Africa via the Suez Canal. This agreement does not apply to the cost of passages via South Africa, and we suggest that the request for a 10% allowance on such passages should be pressed by the Government who are compelled to use that route in the absence of an East Coast service.

3. Should it after due examination of the terms of the agreement of 1910 become imperative in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 3 of our Letter of the 20th August 1919, that passages by other lines have been booked only in consequence thereof, we conclude that the Union Castle Company raise no objection to our letting bookings by other lines when, as was for some time the case, the demand for berths by their steamer considerably exceeded the supply.

4. In this connection I will refer to our letter of the 2nd December 8/70, in which it was suggested that the Protectorate Governments should be asked to estimate their requirements.

Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

S. I.

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requirements for next year, and that, on the receipt of these estimates, the last African Conference should be invited to make an offer for outward and homeward cargo and passengers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

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W. L. Abbott

for Crown Agents.

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Crown Agents

January 1920

Sentiment,

MINUTE.

Recd 5 Jan

Parkinson, J. H.

Friend
H. F. G. Hart
H. Brad
H. Riddell
D. M. Miller

Recd 5 Jan
on 65656/19

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. M. 1367 H. 1920^{1/1} of Dec. regarding a check of 70% of the cost of ^{work done by government} passport for Mr. official

travelling to & from Canada, & to request that you will communicate on behalf with the U. S. Consul, pressing for the release as suggested in your ^{and} recent letter (not)

Company

I am pleased to inform the Hon. Mr. Thorne
that I have ^{on Colwell's} come into ~~the~~ Office ^{of} this
with their letter of the 27th Nov.
last, No. P. R. / J. B., has
been referred to me for the ^{use} of
I am requested ^{you} to furnish
in due course a copy of the correspondence
which ensues between myself & the
Company.

J. H. J. READ.