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COAL FOR RAILWAY  
Reports as to cargo by "IRAN" steamer. Officer at Durban £3019.8.11. and necessary arrangements to be made later.

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Mr. Criddle  
... an unfortunate mishap... We asked for a steamer to be supplied to take coal from Delagoa Bay to...  
... loaded coal...  
... negotiations for the purpose are not well advanced. I have told them that it may be a matter of importance to get a ship at the earliest possible date.

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do not know how we are going to start with regard to payment. If we have got 5,000 tons for the

the £3,000 mentioned in this letter, it represents a  
great saving upon the 26/10 a ton which we have to pay  
for the Transvaal coal. I do not know how the qualities  
compare, but if we are liable for any charges for delay  
in respect of the coal which ought to have been shipped  
we may suffer a considerable loss. I submit drafts.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, No. 8721/1919 regarding the S.S. "IRAN" I am directed by the Shipping Controller to advise you that the report from Durban mentioned in my letter of the 6th instant, has now been received. It appears that the S.S. "IRAN" was loaded in Durban with the object of arranging for the loading to take place while certain necessary repairs were being executed and so avoiding delay. This was done by the Naval Transport Officer at Durban who was unfortunately unaware that a cargo had been arranged for the steamer Delagoa Bay.

The Transport Officer has also paid out the sum of £2810:8:11 in respect of this cargo and therefore the necessary adjustments will have to be arranged with your office.

Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature]*

The Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping

Downing Street,

19<sup>th</sup> March, 1919.

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*Ann. 2/2/19*

Secretary,  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING.

Sir,

I am, etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th March No. 2794/4 N.E.B. 26932, on the subject of the coal shipped to Kilindini by the S.S. "Iran". Lord Milner notes that coal was loaded on this steamer at Durban instead of at Delagoa Bay.

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Mr. Bottomley,

Mr.

Mr. Currie,

Mr. H. Lambert,

Mr. H. Wood,

Mr. G. Jones,

Col. Amery,

Mr. B. Miller,

2. As the E.A. Corporation had been requested provisionally to arrange for 5,000 tons of coal to be ready at Delagoa Bay for shipment by this steamer, it is possible that the Govt. of the U.K. will be involved, by the mistake of the Naval Transport Officer at Durban, in considerable charges in respect of the abortive arrangements made, and it will be necessary to take this into consideration in adjusting the amount due in respect of the coal and the charges of shipping by the "Iran".

3. Lord Milner would be glad to be informed as to the amount of coal shipped at Durban and the price per ton chargeable for it, etc.

*Copy to Gov. 27/20/19*

