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at previous Paper.

History of Cape-Cairo Railway
& River Route.

Submits prospectus & asks for part
Contribution of £250

Dear Genl. Sir J. & Co.

I have no doubt we have £250
out of your vote for railway, advertising
available, but a good deal of doubt
whether this is worth the money to us.

Whether way to the economic
value of a Cape to Cairo route, that
route, as such, has very little bearing on
an East African system, as the map
in the prospectus will show. The
projected but uncertain Suez Canal
At-lake railway might really mean
the amount of Congo traffic falling
an outlet to the Indian Ocean, but
to that extent would fall in line
Object as a link in the Cape-Cairo
route.

I should very much prefer a
more united effort in which one

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Protestations & other communications
would have the leading place, and to
that end it will be better the local Episcopate
should be put more publicly on their
guard for in our despatch of 31.7.17
of 3/7/17.

But there is always a kind of
"shut-out" in these enterprises if
we do not contribute as may be
certain that the justice value of our
system will be prejudicial if not
disparaging. On the whole it will
be most prudent to leave the
decision to the local people, asking
by all for their views & saying
briefly that the scheme is for
to have publication in the Cape
papers & to be with articles
in the English Review & its
like communications and conversation
B.S.A. and beyond?

Oct 9 1879

I don't see the urgency & would
council meet by despatch. Their
publication will not influence the
Council.

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On the contrary ought to know more
as to what they are asked to subscribe for,
and to be made of it. They might reply by the

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excuse for my sending you
this letter, and with the
best of wishes for the forthcoming

season I am

Yours very truly

A. C. Bottonley

A. C. Bottonley, Esq.
Colonel of the

57. SALISBURY ROAD,
REDFORD,
BRISTOL.

18 December 1918

Dear Mr. Bottonley,

I have received a letter

from the Editor of the African

Month in which he tries to

obtain my interest in a

publication that his firm is

compiling, and he desires to

be given a monetary grant by

the Y.R.R. towards the cost of

production.

My active interest in the

London Railway has now ceased,

but I feel a very keen interest

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The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Whitehall, S. W. 1.

Dear Sir,

The object of this letter is to submit to your kind attention the Prospectus of the 'HISTORY OF THE CAPE TO CAIRO RAILWAY AND RIVER ROUTE' the compilation of which I have been engaged - together with many distinguished contributors - for the last 18 months which, for important reasons, which you will understand (if possible) to be completed before the end of the sitting of the Peace Conference at Versailles.

The contributors include Sir Harry Johnston, G.C.M.G., G.D.M.G., Mr. Percy Martin, F.R.G.S., Mr. P., Sir Percy Girouard and many other distinguished writers for the Congo Section, Sir Gerald Mallett and many others.

However, mention that the prospectus, which was drawn up 18 months ago and has been submitted for consideration both in names and arrangements.

The cost of the work in its complete three volumes will be close on £5,000. - the cost of the paper alone (permit for the making of which has been granted by the Paper Controller) being over £1,600.

The work could only be undertaken by the Government Administrations concerned in the Route expressing their willingness each to contribute a sum of £250. through their Publicity departments (with 10 voucher copies free on publication) to cover the cost of the paper, the AFRICAN WORLD taking the responsibility for the balance - close on £2,500. sterling. Favourable replies, and in most cases payments, have been received from the South African Railways, Rhodesian Railways, Belgian Congo Government and the Sudan Railways. We still expect replies from the Egyptian State Railways and are submitting a request to you to-day to kindly authorise, through the proper quarter, a contribution of £250. on behalf of the Uganda Railways and Steamers. We are permitted to mention that the Hon. B. Eastwood - late Manager of the Uganda Railway - suggested to us to place the proposition direct before you as the new General Manager had not arrived.

It may interest you to hear that Messrs. Geo. Allen & Unwin, Ltd. have agreed to act as publishers together with the 'African World' for England and New York. It is proposed to print one edition only of 1,200 numbered copies of the Edition-de-luxe, which will be sold at 3 guineas; and even if the whole edition is sold it will barely cover the outlay of printing, illustrating and binding. Messrs. Allen & Unwin

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will probably publish, later on, a popular edition for the public at 10/- for England and the United States; and probably one in French for the use of the Continental public.

The best writing and the most careful compilation of facts on the subject gathered for many years will be reproduced in these volumes, which are to be a reference work - unique in many features.

The writer, having taken the responsibility of compiling, printing and binding the work, found he could not proceed unless the cost of the paper was covered from outside. If you, therefore, see your way clear to authorise a contribution it would enable us to give British East Africa the proper space which its railways and potentialities so richly deserve - especially in the third volume of Annexes.

Thanking you for your kind attention to the matter and anticipating the favour of an early reply,

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lee Weirha

CHIEF EDITOR.

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Sir

MINUTE

- Mr. Mendenhall
- Mr. Calder
- Mr.
- Mr. G. ...
- Mr. Lambert
- Sir H. ...
- Mr. G. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...

I have the honour to be
 informed by you that you have
 enclosed for the Chief
 Editor of the African World
 regarding the proposed publication
 of a "History of the Cairo to
 Khartoum Railway & Nile Route"
 & to request that you
 will inform me by return
 whether you wish the

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contribution of \$50 toward the
cost of the work suggested
by Mr. Weinsthal - to be
made from the provision for
advertising in the U.R.

W. Weinsthal