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on previous Paper.

History of Cape-Cairo Railway,
& River Route.Satellite prospectus & asks for first
contribution of £250Dear General Sir

I have no doubt you have £250
set aside for railway works being
available but a good deal I doubt
whether this is worth the money to me.

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 Stanley and
Matai railway might possibly increase
the amount of Congo coffee passing
as an outlet to the Indian ocean, but
to that extent would fail to affect
objection to the Suez Canal
route.

I would very much prefer a
more direct effort on which our

Subsequent Paper

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Ques.

Postponed & their communications
would have to be delayed and to
what would be known the local Govt.
on your own publicly arrangements
made for in an despatch of 31st Jy. 17.

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But there is always a kind of
"short-mail" in these enterprises of
we do not contribute as may be
assured that the notice taken of our
system will be suspending if not
disappearing. On the whole it will
be most prudent to leave the
decision to the local people, acting
by lot for their towns & saying
briefly that the scheme is for
the large publication in the Cape
large cities so as will interfere
in the Eastern Railway &c &
like connections and changes on
B.R.A and by and?

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I don't see the urgency & would
conclude with by despatch. This
publication will not influence the
newspaper

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In trying cutting off & know more
as soon as is fit by an order to subscribe for,
but not at night fit. They might effect by the

Stone D. M. H.

57, SALISBURY ROAD,

RIDGEWOOD,
BRUNSWICK.

18 December 1918

Dear Mr. Bottomley:
I am

I have received a letter
from the Editor of the African
Journal 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 N.Y.R.R. towards the cost of
production.

Mr. C. Bottomley Esq.
Colonial Office

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TELEPHONE
620, LONDON WALL.

HEAD OFFICE:

601, SALISBURY HOUSE,

LONDON WALL.

LONDON, E.C.2.

6th January, 1918.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
ANTHES, AVE, LONDON.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Whitehall, S.W.1.

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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 Oengo Section, such as General Malfeyt and many others.

However, mention that the prospectus, as now issued, was drawn up 18 months ago and has been subject to many alterations 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 £3,500. 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.

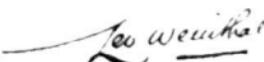
The best writing and the most careful compilation of facts on the subject gathered for many years will be reproduced in these volumes, which are to be a reference work - unique in many features.

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,


Leo Wechsler

CHIEF EDITOR.

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21 January 1919

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Mr. Bradley, 15 Jan
Mr. Calder, 16/17

Mr.

Mr. Orde

Mr. Lumbard

Sir H. Head

Sir G. Piddon

Mr. Dawson

Mr. Long

6/Jan

Thank the honours to have
you to see copy of a letter
with enclosure, from the Chief
Editor of African World
regarding the proposed publication
of a "History of the Central
Cairo Railway & River Route"
& to request that you
will inform us by tel
whether you wish the

continuation of 250 toward
Cost of the work suggested
by Mr Weinsthal - to be
made for the provision for
advertising in U.S.

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