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states as to regarding 1918 contract as completed.
Gives terms for 1919 contract for supply of 30,000 tons
M^{rs} stateboats should be chartered for freight and
necessary enquiries are being made.

Contact. We can accept this but
if it may be well to claim the
liability to cancel the unfulfilled part
of the order which has been allowed
to us in respect of the 1918 order.

Charles. W. Good has maintained
that M/S are writing say to
day. Wait for their letter.

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LONDON, 29th. January 1919.

In your reply please refer to No.

Urgent

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, S.W.1.

Sir,

Coal for East African Railways.

In reply to your letters ¹¹⁰ 60158/1918

above matter, we are glad to be able to inform you that the arrangements have now been made in accordance with the arrangements as you desire, and for clearness we summarise the foregoing paragraphs kindly to be read as a single matter.

1. The amount shipped under the 1918 contract was 18834 tons, not 20739 tons as stated in your letter 4763/1919. The difference is made up by the fact that S/S "Hunan" cargo of 1953 tons was not shipped on your contract from Delagoa Bay in November last as you state. After lengthy enquiry, the Transvaal Coalowner's Association learn that the "Hunan" loaded at Durban, not at Delagoa, and that her cargo was for the railway at Aden, and not for the East African Railways.

2. The balance unshipped on the 1918 contract was thus more than you supposed, but the Transvaal Association agree to the unshipped balance being regarded as cancelled, that being in their opinion (as it is no doubt also in yours) that this is a more regular way than to consider it as carried forward for shipment, and that a new contract be made for 1919 to approximately the total of the short shipment.

3. It is therefore definitely contracted to supply you 30000 tons without coal, same specification as before, with

margin of 10 per cent more or less (range thus 27000 to 30000 tons) during the calendar year 1919.

The price for the 1919 supply to be same basis as for 1918, viz. 24/6 shgs per ton of 2240 lbs. f.o.b. Delagoa Bay, including trimming in ship's holds, and in accordance with the 1918 arrangements the price to be subject to increase or decrease by the amount of any increase or decrease in the Railway or Harbour charges in South Africa,

We have to ask you to note the increases in rail and harbour charges which have come in effect since January 1st. 1919, of the which increases are therefore ruling today.

Increase in Govt. Coal Appliance loading charge at Delagoa	per ton	8. 6
Terminal Tax		4. 10
Increased Railway Rate with effect from January 1st. 1919		1. 10
	total	14. 6

(a) and (b) came into effect during 1918 as notified you then;

the present price of supply therefore twenty six shillings and nine pence and seven tenths of one penny per ton of 2240 lbs, and we suggest for simplification of accounts that the price for 1919 be taken as 24/10d (subject to further increase or decrease as above stated).

The shipping Ministry has told us today, in an informal way view to saving time over whatever arrangements have to be made that as from March 1st. the shipping of your railway coal should be by chartering boats rather than through the Requisition Service, and that they are asking you to issue instructions that we should get busy with the chartering. We have at once proceeded to go into this matter and think we can solve it on your wishes.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient Servants,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA CORPORATION LIMITED.

E. H. ...
Managing Director.