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23 OCT 19

London Chronicle  
of Commerce

Control of Ports of Kilindini Mombasa

1919

23 Oct

Last previous Paper:

60891

Protest against by committee consisting of local representatives of Steam Companies, bearing Report. Encloses cables which have may be sent enquiring info made

Sir H. Ross,

Mr. S. Fiddes

This explains the Parliamentary Question in 60891 and I have modified the Answer which I proposed on that paper.

? Telegraph as in draft herewith.

24 for this 25 Oct 19  
and 29 Oct 19

Went 24.10.19

See also H. 82  
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And sent this letter

H. J. R.

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Spec of the T.M. Net  
28/10/19

Next subsequent Paper:

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
CONVENTION, CANNON, LONDON.

TELEPHONE Nos.  
1949 TO 52 CITY.



210 OXFORD COURT,  
60983 4 ST. CANNON STREET  
LONDON, E.C. 4  
REC<sup>d</sup> 23 OCT 1919 23rd October, 1919.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the East African Section of this Chamber to say that at a meeting held yesterday there were under consideration the reports which are current to the effect that the management of the ports of Kilindini and Mombasa are in future to be under the control of a Committee consisting of the local representatives of the steamship companies which serve the port.

Members of the Section have received information with regard to this scheme from their correspondents in British East Africa but are not fully advised of all the details. There seems little doubt, however, that the proposal is for the port to be managed by the local firms who hold the agency of the steamship companies and several of which firms are also import and export traders for their own account. Strong exception was taken to this by those members of the section present who are interested in the import and export trade of British East Africa and Uganda and in land and estate production.

A resolution as follows was unanimously adopted:-

"THAT the Section desires to enter the strongest possible protest against any action being taken by Government which might have the effect of the monopoly of the power of controlling the Ports of Kilindini and Mombasa being handed over to any one class of trader and asks for full information."

I am instructed to express the hope that the

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Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
S.W.

Colonial Office may see its way to telegraph a recommendation to the Governour to the effect that any such scheme be suspended until the Section have an opportunity to examine it in detail. I am therefore to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for telegraphic enquiries to be made in order that full information may be available for consideration of the section at a meeting to be held on Wednesday next, 29th instant.

If it would be convenient for telegraphic enquiries to be made direct from this Chamber to the British East African Government this course would be agreeable to us and I enclose a cable in the hope that you will have it sent out as a Government message and so obtain the advantage of such priority as Government messages receive from the Cable Companies. The cost of the cablegram will, of course, be borne by this Chamber.

Yours faithfully,

*Charles Musgrave*  
Secretary.

E. T. Co. LONDON.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 3632 LONDON WALL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "SIGVALLY, AVE, LONDON."



Sent at  
No. 184 Circuit

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By

*Via Eastern*

Official Instructions

Receiver's Name: SECRETARY GOVERNOR NAIROBI

Address

Please cable full details constitution  
prospective Committee for management ports  
Kilindini and Mombasa

London Chamber Commerce

Name and Address of Sender

London Chamber of Commerce,  
Raffles Hotel, Singapore

1, Oxford Court, E.C. 4

M.I. 60989/E.A.P.

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*Genl. 1st Lt. 25.04.*

SECURITY A.

*Odessa 25 October*

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DRAFT TELEGRAM:

Your despatch of 10th April 1977 It is

Governor Nairobi,

*showed that* stated that intention is to entrust

management of ports to a *congress* Committee consisting

MINUTE.

of local representatives of *replaceris* steamship

Mr. Bottumley, 24/10/77

Companies.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Orville

Sir H. Lambert

X Mr. B. Road

X Sir G. Patten

Col. Amery

Lord Milner

In view of report of *tipolonga vialtee* Commission presume no truth in *transmission* this.

*strengthen* Telegram at once what position is

and if Committee contemplated what is its

*conspirator* constitution.

MILNER.

*for case*

W.S. 2000  
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23  
29 Oct 1949

Sir,

I am in receipt of the  
text of your letter of the

23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct. and to request

to brief the East African

Section of the London Chamber

of Commerce that a telegram

has been sent to the Gov. of

the E. A. Post, enquiring

as to the position with

regard to the management

of the ports of Heligoland

and Hamburg.

I am sure that you will

be most helpful in this

matter.

DRAFT.

Secretary  
East African Section  
London Chamber of Commerce

MINUTE.

- Mr. Rowland 28/10/49
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grisdale
- Mr. H. Lamond
- Mr. H. Road
- Mr. G. Pickles
- Col. Ainery
- Lord Milner

(Signed) H. J. READ