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

Sir,

My Directors have been greatly concerned to learn by cable from the Company's General Manager in Uganda that the East African Government has decided to make heavy increases in Freights on the Uganda Railway without notice. We understand that these were to come into force on October 1st.

We have not yet received full particulars, but apparently the increases would mean an addition of from 40 to 50 per cent on all Freights to and from Uganda in addition to the War Surcharges of 50 per cent.

Should the above information prove to be accurate, my Directors must view with alarm the effect of such increases on the business of the Uganda Protectorate.

I am desired to request that you will kindly inform them whether the information which has reached them on the subject is correct, and to suggest that any change in rates should, at least, be postponed until those affected have had an opportunity of receiving full particulars and of stating their views.

C.O.S. 27/10/19.

In addition to the handicap which would be imposed by the suggested increases of railway rates, the cotton industry of Uganda is faced by a further burden owing to the proposal of the local Government that the Cotton Export Duty, which was instituted as a temporary measure for one year only, should be continued for a period of three years. My Directors would be glad to hear whether this proposal has been before the Colonial Office, and what the present position is.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. S. Ewing

Secretary.