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Communications at Kisumu & Jobber.

Reports that after personal investigation, the sum of £2466 provided for Tier approaches to a Kisumu was reallocated, whereby £900 was provided for repair of the pier, £22 for replacing of Customs godown floor, £250 for road from main islands godown to godown at Kisumu, £500 for further landing stage at Jobber. Requests sanction.

As Read
to Bowring

It appears that of the total sum of £2,466, £900 was allocated for the repair of the Kisumu pier and £670 for the following works

- (a) Replacing of Customs ^{godown} floor at Kisumu ————— £120
- (b) Road connection from main Customs godown to godown at Kisumu ————— £250
- (c) Erection of platform landing stage at Jobber ————— £500

Of these only the first two have been (or are being) carried out and apparently nothing has been spent on the proposed repair of the Customs Kisumu

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par, with the result that
£2096 of the original provision
of £2466 has been saved.

It is clearly the right policy
to hold up expenditure on extraordinary
works, if possible, in view of the
existing financial situation, and
we should approve the action
which the Gov. has taken. We
might also enquire whether it is
intended to proceed with the repair
of the existing pier at this year
for which £900 has been set apart,
or whether this is to be held
up entirely.

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I think it is clear that the £900 was to
come out of the £2466 & that therefore
it has been held up. ? Hardly necessary
to ask about this.

There was no doubt no alternative but
to hold the pier repairs over - but it may
prove an expensive economy.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

~~EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE~~

No. 19



January 12th 1915.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that during my visit to Jubaland in June last I made personal investigation into the requirements of the Province particularly with regard to improvements to communications at Kismayu and Gobwen, as the result of which I came to the conclusion that the provision appearing under Item No. 18 Public Works Extraordinary "Pier approaches &c. at Kismayu, to begin £2,466", might be more profitably utilized in other directions.

2. The present pier is a flimsy structure, built at the time of the Ogaden Expedition, and is now badly in need of repairs. It is not constantly in use, but there are occasions when it proves indispensable. On the other hand, the approach to the town is over water shoaling down to a depth of $\frac{1}{2}$ of a fathom only, while investigation has shown that what will probably prove a much more suitable site for a harbour for the general trade

of

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

BRISTOL STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

of Jubaland exists some eight miles away in the vicinity of Ganda Bay. A floating landing stage on the west shore of this bay would have over 200 feet of water close alongside.

3. It, therefore, appeared advisable that further investigation should be made in this locality before the construction of the new pier at Kismayu was commenced, and I intended to discuss the matter with the Admiral in charge of the Cape Squadron, who hoped to visit Nairobi about that time, and to ask him if he could arrange for a detailed survey of the bay and its approaches. I was, however, unable to carry out this intention owing to the outbreak of hostilities.

4. It seemed to me, however, that it would be sufficient for the time being for the existing pier at Kismayu to be repaired and an extension of some 50 feet added thereto. This extension will add very greatly to the utility of the structure, and the Provincial Commissioner was strongly in favour of it. I therefore issued instructions for a sum of £900 to be set aside for this project, and for a portion of the provision still remaining to be expended on the following works, which I had assured myself from personal examination were urgently required:-

- (a) £120 to be reallocated for the replacing of the Customs godown floor at Kismayu,
- (b) £250 to be spent on a road connection from the new Customs godown to the godown at Kismayu.

(c)

(c) 300 to be granted for the erection of a pontoon landing stage at Gobwen.

5. These amounts constitute a reallocation of £570 from the original provision, but I regret that my action was not reported to you at the time for your sanction. I felt that the original provision would thus be more wisely expended, and I was convinced that the revised scheme was both justifiable and necessary and would be of much benefit to the Province.

6. I regret, however, that owing to the strain on the financial resources of the Protectorate, it has proved impossible to carry out these projects in their entirety. The only expenditure under the Items above quoted has been in respect of heads (a) and (b), and I trust that your sanction may be accorded thereto.

7. Of the original provision of £2,486, £2,096 will be saved. I have already informed you accordingly in my Confidential despatch No.172 of the 12th of November 1914.

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Secret

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Robert
Rowley
draft approved by
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17 February 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 19, of the 12 of January and to inform you that I approve of your action with regard to the reallocation of the sum of £670 from the amount provided under Item No 18 Public Works Extraordinary for Piri appowad... Kismayu. See 28th note that of the original

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Sov. Sir H.C. Belfield.

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- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Haraguri.

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£2.096 will be saved.

(Signed) L. COURT.