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for
Belgian 597

Loan Fund.

1915

Coast Road Construction.

to August

Enquire whether cost of improvement of ferry
service between Mombasa & the mainland
may be charged against —

Last previous Paper.

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15812

To His Hon. Mr. J. Anderson

The Schedule is in the Ordⁿ of 15812.

Ferries are not Roads or Bridges & cannot
I think come under head (c). We may
assume that the Govt. has considered
the possibility of charging them to (a) &
repeated it — we doubt ^{even} because if they
are harbor works they are not ~~entirely~~
of at all at Mombasa.

We cannot expect the Loan to bear
all the Parliamentary requirements in the
way of public works and it is not likely
that there will be any difficulty in
spending the money on steam definitely
within the Schedule.

? Say that the proposal cannot be
approved and that the service should
be met, when circumstances permit,

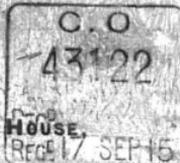
from the annual Estimates.
Very truly yours,
22.9.15 G.C.A. 22.9.15 N. 22/9/15

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
 NAIROBI, BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 592

August 4th 1915.

Sir,

With reference to the sum of £5,925, which has been earmarked in the Schedule to the "Imperial Loan Ordinance, 1915" for "Coast Road Construction" I have the honour to report that in my opinion it is highly desirable that a portion of the provision should be utilised for the purpose of improving the ferry services between Mombasa Island and the mainland, and to enquire whether it would be in order to charge improvements in communications of such a description against the loan funds.

2. At present the various ferries are served by means of slow and inefficient sailing boats. The permissible charges are fixed by Government and each ferry is leased to the highest bidder from time to time. The result is that very inadequate services are maintained and very considerable

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

considerable delays occur owing to the vessels being dependant on wind and tide. I am strongly of opinion that properly organised Government ferries would be of the greatest benefit to the inhabitants of the Coast insuring as they would regular and speedy communications with the Mombasa markets and the Port of Kilindini.

3. I would therefore suggest that a portion of the loan funds, when available, be utilised for the purposes of incurring the capital expenditure necessary for the purchase of suitable steam or oil driven ferry boats and for the construction of jetties and improvements to the approaches thereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Conway Beyard

GOVERNOR.

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For Sir W.C. Belfield

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Mr. Harper 24/9/15.

Mr. Bottomley 24.9.15

Mr.

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Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 597 of the 4th of August and to inform you that I regret that I am unable to approve of the proposal to utilize a portion of the provision made for Road Construction in the Schedule to the Imperial Loan Order 1915 for the purpose of

P.S.