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"THORPE" LINE OF STEAMERS

For reasons given considers it would not be advisable to grant proposed application to Governor as drafted. Request's copies of the agreement and explanatory note should be obtained and forwarded to the Governor. Considers it would be unwise to assume that because Mr Thorpe has signed the agreement no further supervision of his ships is desirable.

Received Copy of Paper 10 Nov 15
 For and to for Capt
 16 Nov 15
 528115-1

Mr Davis:
 Then Spt: another despatch to you, enclosing copy of the Customs Act of the 26th of Aug. (39530), + copies of the agreement + explanatory note referred to in para: 3 of adm^y l^r. - say that altho' Mr J. has signed an agreement to the effect that he will be (as in 1st sentence of para: 2 of adm^y l^r) - + add that it will be seen from the supplementary note that Mr J. has declared himself willing to submit his ships to conform to any order to

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T.O.

presentation considered necessary by
the Ad. & Naval authorities sent of
Suez & that proper supervision sh^d.
be exercised over his ships, authorizing
the agreement - & send copy of
SFC - to adm^r for commence
wth "target" 1st ?

H. J. R.

4/21/15

V Read

I agree - but what did
he actually mean by 44475?

LD 4/4/10

above

H. J. R.

5/21/15

In any further communication on this subject, please send

N.L. 33890.

and address letter to

The Secretary,
Admiralty, Whitehall,
London S.W.

Admiralty,

3rd November, 1915.

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REC'D
Regd 4 Nov 15

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, ^{Admty} enclosing a draft despatch which it is proposed to address to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate respecting the treatment to be accorded to vessels of the "Thoresen" ^{Line} at Mombasa, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that in their opinion it would not be advisable to send the despatch as drafted.

2.- While it is quite true that Mr. Thoresen has signed an agreement to the effect that he will allow his vessels to call at a port of the United Kingdom on their homeward and outward voyages, Their Lordships consider that it is doubtful if this agreement alone provides adequate safeguards against Mr. Thoresen's ships being employed to convey goods to German East Africa. It is understood, however, that, in an explanatory note attached to the agreement, Mr. Thoresen has declared himself willing to direct his ships to conform to any additional precaution considered necessary by the Colonial and Naval Authorities, East of Suez.

3.- I am therefore to suggest, for the consideration of Mr. Bonar Law, that copies of the agreement and explanatory note should be obtained and forwarded to Sir H.C. Belfield.

4.- Their Lordships consider that it would be unwise

to

Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

to assume that, because Mr. Thoresen has signed the agreement, no further supervision of his ships is desirable.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. R. Humphreys

Admy. 50839/15 Capt.

Ind
Urgent
5 Nov. 1915

Sir,

I am directed by the
Secretary Bonar Law to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
3rd of Nov (N.L. 33890) and
to ~~inform you that~~ transmit
to you the acc. draft
of a despatch
which he now proposes
to address to the Govt
of the East. respecting the
treatment to be accorded
to vessels of the "Thoresen"
line at Mombasa.
2. Mr Bonar Law
will be glad to be

Ans Bell

DRAFT.

The Secretary
Admiralty.

Yours
5/11/15

Bottomley 5/11/15

despatch

drafts

(P.D.)

be informed whether
the L.C. & the A. concur
in the terms of the
deed as now drafted.

3. Their Lordships will observe that
~~in drafting the~~
~~deed~~ the terms of
your letter have been
followed ^{in the draft}. I am however
to state that there are no
copies in this Office of the
agreement & explanatory letter
referred to ~~that they~~
do not appear to be at
the F.D. ^{Judge Bowen has said}
~~that~~ ^{to request} copies may be furnished
if they are in the possession
of your Dept. the Admiralty.

I have
asked the
issues to
that they
know not
about
This has
is added
after the
to me
under