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Crown Agents

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12 Nov

Last previous Paper:

Ch
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Re: Union Castle Co Service via Cape.

Send letter from Co. stating that they are now wanting 1st & 2nd class tickets for from E Africa by Cape route on payment of the present mail steamer rates for 1st & 2nd class.

Mr. Bottomley

The cost of a passage

to Mombasa or Zanzibar by M.M., and by U.C. via the Cape is as follows:-

By M.M. 1st class £51-13-1

" " 2nd class £35-4-11

By U.C. (Cape Route) 1st class £55-13-0

2nd class £36-15-0

Thus, as regards the cost, there would be nothing to be gained by sending men round the Cape. One should also remember that they would be liable to a wait at Durban, and would be drawing 10/- a day subsistence allowance during the period of detention. The C.A. tell me that they

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Next subsequent Paper:

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M^r Bottomley

I asked Dono S.R.

whether the U.C. mails were regular,
and M^r Hobson tells me (in minute
attached) that the service has been
regular at the end (with one or two
exceptions) but he cannot ascertain whether the
arrivals at Durban have been up to time.
The U.C. are unable to supply the info.
It seems, therefore, that, if we make
use of the Cape route, we shall have
to chance punctuality at Durban,
and be prepared for a wait there of several days
costing 20/- a day. ? Put by

A.C. 4/12/15

Essentially there is a 3 days interval between
the date of arrival at & departure from
Durban.

The C^{OS} obviously do not intend
to take any trouble before the committee

Put by W.S. 6.12.15
alone

~~W. C. Carter~~

Don - S. R. will be able to
tell you whether the U.C. Mail
Service to Durban keeps
regularly regular time here
and in amongst Durban.
That is all in need
to be done. I am sure
you will find it so.

W.C.

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~~M. Hobson~~

Can you say please
whether the Mail Service to
Durban keeps regular time
having been in arriving at
Durban

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Mr. Cooke,

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The sailings from England have been regular throughout the year with one exception about 2 months ago when 2 sailings were cancelled.

We have no information about the arrivals at Durban. The CO's head office state over the telephone that they are unable to say whether or not regular time is kept.

The CO vessels are sent to Capetown, and appear to arrive about the due dates.

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3.12.15

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W. H.
3.12.15

Crown Agents (M Dep^e)

M: Drew

With reference to your official letter M/Misc. 1301 of 12 November, enclosing copy ^{of} a letter from the "Union Castle" Co reporting that they are now issuing 1st & 2^d Class tickets to Mombasa by the West Coast Route on payment of the present Mail Steamer rates for 1st & 2^d Class, could you, please, obtain, either from the "Union Castle" Co or from the "British India" Co, particulars of the Bombay - Durban service by the latter line?

It is, of course, very desirable for us to know, if possible, the approximate dates on which these B.S. steamers are expected to leave Durban, so that, in case of sending E. African officials by the Cape route, we could select the "Union Castle" steamer ~~which~~ the best connection.

A.C. 26/11/15

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Adm. to Dep. Secy
M/Misc. 1301
19/11/15

Mr Cooke

Gray has the say that the husbands

hambase + Janguban send us a

fortnightly one the date of sailing from
at present times 211

9 Dec

23 Dec

6 Jan

20 Jan

These dates are not guaranteed

The fares are

1st class

2nd class

Rs 360

Rs 245

Rs 350

Rs 235

If any more information is required we
will work to find same + get any
particulars you want

29/11/15

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Misc. 1301-

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED

WHITEHALL GARDENS.

TELEGRAMS "CROWN LONDON"
TELEPHONE 7780 VICTORIA

LONDON S W

18th November, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for the information of the Secretary of State a copy of a letter which we have received from the Union Castle Mail S.S. Co., Ltd. regarding the issue of tickets from England to Mombasa and vice versa by the Cape route on payment of the present mail steamer fares.

2. The Cape route is, as you are aware, a weekly service and the fares from London to Mombasa by this route and the East Coast route are as follows -

Cape Route.

1st class	£55. 13. 0
2nd class	36. 15. 0

East Coast route.

1st class	£46. 4. 0
2nd class	32. 6. 9

We understand that passengers may have to wait a week at Durban for the connection to Mombasa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Crown Agents.

Under Secretary of State,
S. & C., & C.,
Colonial Office.

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THE UNION-CASTLE MAIL S.S. CO., LTD. TO

3 and 4, Fenchurch Street,
London, E.C.

8th November, 1915.

Gentlemen,

Passengers to Zanzibar and Mombasa, via West Coast Route

We have pleasure in confirming telephone conversation today from which you will have noted that we are now issuing 1st and 2nd class tickets from England to Mombasa and vice versa by the West Coast Route on payment of the present Mail Steamer rates for first and second class.

No connection is definitely guaranteed at Natal, and passengers have to pay their own hotel expenses while waiting for connecting steamer out and home.

We also confirm the provisional reservation of Berth 22U at the B3 rate to Mombasa per "Comrie Castle" sailing 10th December for a gentleman, and await your advice by Thursday as promised.

Yours, &c.,

THE UNION-CASTLE MAIL S.S. CO., LTD.