

1929

Kenya

No. 15560

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SUBJECT

Box 385

Boundaries of Native Reserves

Previous

15208/28

Subsequent

1. 17185/13/31
2. Sub-files "A" - "B".
3. See X. 15700/29
(Women Labour)
4. See 16377/30

Parliamentary Question by Col. Wedgwood ²

for oral reply on Monday 4th July 1929.

See No 1 on sub file "A" (P.Q.S.)

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Extract from letter, with enclosures, to Mr. Ormsby Gore from Colonel Wedgwood, M.P. of the 28th of January 1929.

(2) As regards these papers - see the minutes on No.1 of the Sub-File "A".

but by.

J.W. Wedgwood

572

at all

K.A.

2. ACTIVE GOVERNOR CONFIDENTIAL 27. MARCH, 1929.

For its information regarding the ... and ... Reserve

Mr Allen

... 3978 ...

... explanation ...

... by ...

* But of the form is included in the Reserve the values set the ... or at least we need assume so from the statement of the ... that "in view of the fact that No 3978 contains

had sent in X 4857 26.

relatives & continuously used & then I
am recommending that this
farm should in the final go settling
be included in the native reserve
subject to existing rights. It
has for some time clear that this
reference to existing rights for
the Dept does not affect the user
of the District & the natives
no comment appears called for.

W. Allen

5/4/29

NOTE BY MR. ALLEN on NYERI Reserve, with minutes
in connection, and copies of s/o correspondence.

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to be of

19/9

see ref (2)

(see K. 15700 (24/Kempe)
(Recommendation of W. Allen)

19 APR 1929

O.A.G. CONF. 71. 1 MAY, 1929.
Alteration of boundary of reserve will be
gazetted with sundry other additions and
adjustments to boundaries of Native Reserves.

put by

of Santon

26.4.29

all

27.6.29

28.6.29

5.

O.A.G. CONF. 97.

3 AUGUST, 1929.

Hopes to receive covering sanction to decision
to add the land between the Izima and Mungu Rivers
and the junction of Tana and Thika Rivers, to the
South Nyeri Native Reserve, and gives reasons for
this restoration.

The result is more satisfactory
than the process which has been
taken. It is not at all
convincing & indicates that previous
recommendations were based on
inadequate inquiry & that the
proposals were made due to the
natives concerned.

Ag
I approve the Governor's

action in directing that this
addl area shd be added to the
Reserve. My that the Govt has
been of the decision with
satisfaction & fully concurs in

in fact Mr. Barth's opinion as to
the importance of maintaining
the ~~confusion~~ ^{unity} of the reserves
in the East adding that the
course of events in the present
case illustrates the need, in
dealing with the boundaries of
Native Reserves for suitable
enquiry & in taking the natives
concerned into full confidence

W. Allen

4/9/29

4/1

Yes - it is a pity that they
made two bits, at an
entirely unimportant ceremony.

W.C.S.

8/21/29

W.C.S.

To Gov. Cuy. 5 Am. d.

SEP 1 1929

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made two bits of an
entirely unimportant thing.

W.S.

8/9/29

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To: W. Conf. Sand. 1 SEP 1929

Mr. Allen

6/9

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Bottomley

6/9

Sir E. Harding.

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir S. Wilson.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Lord Lovat.

Mr. Amery.

C. D.
R 7-SEP
H 10

Downing Street.

11 September, 1929

Sir,

DRAFT.

KENYA

Confidential

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Bungu and the junction of the Tan

and the Thiba Rivers should be added to the Reserve. I have learnt of this decision with satisfaction, and I fully concur in Sir Jacob Barth's ^{view} ~~opinion~~ as to the importance of maintaining the tract of the natives in these matters.

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the boundaries of Native Reserves,

for complete enquiry, and for

bringing the natives concerned into

confidence.

I have, etc.,

(Signed PAS-FIELD.)

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for complete enquiry, and for

bringing the natives concerned into

full confidence.

have, etc.,

(Signed) P. A. S. FIELD.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

KENYA.

No. 97 CONFIDENTIAL.

8th August 1929.

RECEIVED
30 AUG 1929
COL. OFFICE

My Lord,

No. 3

I have the honour to refer to Mr. Amery's confidential despatch of the 19th of April, 1929, and to my confidential despatch No. 71 of the 31st of May, 1929, in reply thereto.

" 4

2. Subsequent reports from Administrative Officers have convinced me that the natives of South Nyeri district are not satisfied with the compromise arrived at, of which I informed you in my Confidential despatch No. 83 of the 17th of September, 1928, by which the Rivers Izima and Rungu were adopted as the South East boundary of their reserve and feel that they have a genuine grievance against Government in being deprived of the land between these two Rivers and the junction of the Tana and the Thiba Rivers. They claim that as this area was included in their Reserve by Proclamation No. 24 of 1913 under the Outlying Districts Ordinance, and as that inclusion was repeated in the Special Issue of the Official Gazette of 13th October, 1925, publishing boundaries of Native Reserves for criticism, and as no criticisms of the boundary as then published were received, they had every reason to believe that the area concerned was recognised by Government

as ...

Ans. Conf. - 11 SEP 1929

15208/28 (No. 8)

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

as being their land. They represent that they had no opportunity of protesting against the line adopted in Government Notice No. 394 of the 13th of October, 1926, before that line was determined upon and assert that the adoption of that line came to them as a great surprise and a great blow. They represent further that they have never agreed to the Izima - Rungu compromise and that they are unable to understand why any departure should have been made - in the absence of any criticism - from the boundary published in 1925.

3. It is argued further that with the increase of cultivation to the North West combined with a steady increase in the population, native cultivation and grazing is gradually extending to the South East and that consequently the area concerned, even though it is not at present used to any considerable extent, will in the not far distant future be a valuable asset as reserve grazing land.

4. In view of the above representations and arguments, which appeared to me to have no little weight, I referred to my Advisory Land Board the proposal, submitted by the Acting Chief Native Commissioner, to add the area concerned to the South Nyeri Native Reserve and to revert to the boundary as published in 1925. The Advisory Land Board unanimously recommended the adoption of this proposal and my Executive Council has unanimously endorsed the Board's recommendation.

5. Concurring with this advice I have decided to add the area to the Native Reserve and I have directed that the native authorities of South ...

C.O. 533 / 385
PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

South Nyeri district be immediately informed of this decision, to which I shall hope to receive your covering sanction. I do not propose to gazette the alteration of the existing boundary until sundry other additions and adjustments are ready for gazetting, but I have considered it politic, in order to allay native dissatisfaction, to communicate at once to those concerned the decision to accept their point of view.

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6. I am anxious that this decision should not be regarded as in any way suggesting that the assurance given by the Chief Native Commissioner, to which I referred in paragraph 6 of my Confidential despatch No. 85 of the 17th of September, 1926, that "the Kikuyu have been generously treated" by the Izima - Rungu compromise was in any way unwarranted. I am still of opinion that this compromise was in fact a generous one if regarded in the light of the conditions of native occupation at the time and in the absence of any demonstrated claim of the natives to any historic right to the area concerned. I am sure, however, that I shall have your support in holding that it is of the first importance that the native population should be given by Government no cause for suspecting Government's bona fides, and in this particular case I do consider that the alteration of the boundaries as published in 1913 and in 1925 did provide the natives interested with some grounds

Mr. Allen 16/4

Mr.

Mr.

Sir E. Harcourt

Sir J. Shackburgh

Sir G. Grenville

Sir C. Davis

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Onslow-Gore

Lord Lovat

Mr. Amery

Measure works

(No. 9.)

15/2/28

DRAFT.

KENYA

CONFIDENTIAL

O. A. G.

Fr. Mr. Rampley 3rd Mar. 1929
*omitting part of para 2
as shown in 1st brackets*

Fr. Col. Wedgwood 2nd Apr.
omitting (2) in 1st brackets

To Col. Wedgwood 2
1 Comp. (11)

(No. 2 on 15560)

Downing Street,

April 1929

C. D. 19
16 APR
1929

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 4 of my Confidential (9) despatch of the 7th November, 1928, I have etc. to transmit to you, for your information, the accompanying extracts from correspondence as noted in the margin regarding the boundaries of the Nyeri Native Reserve. ^{N.P.} I assume the alteration of the existing boundary of this Reserve will be noted at the same time as the other additions and adjustments referred to in paragraph 2 of your Confidential despatch No. 27 of the 9th March.

I have

etc.

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

16/4

Mr. Ormsby Gore

16. 222. 2nd Atlantic

1. Wagon Leases

Here are three proposals

(a) "forgetting" I agree with Mr. Allen

(b). a further extension to cover all that the land's claim. This further land is at present 50% reserved from alienation and I think you might tell Col. Wedgwood that I would ^{at} provide to pass the Governor to go further than that.

2. Women

If necessarily with you further than that for daily labour (either building etc.) ~~or~~ ^{either to wear home} but they can sleep at home or under conditions of husband + wife being engaged together, it is a serious matter. I agree that we should improve

Cops? This
reg'd in 1900/29
Recruitment of
Women Labour.

+ 20 informal bed/rooms
at all 10. 4. 29
10. 4. 29

C.O. 533 / 385

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Extract from a note by Mr Allen. Original note
Registered on X. /29/Kenya. Recruitment of
Women Labourers.

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Note

As regards the two points raised by Col
Wedgwood.

(1) Nyeri Reserve The O.A.G. reported in No.2.
of 15560 that a proposal in regard to the Lumbwa
Reserve would, in due course, be considered by the
Legislative Council, together with a number of
other suggested additions to the Native Reserves
as gazetted, and a number of minor adjustments of
the boundaries. It will, of course, be necessary
to issue an amended Gazette Notice, and there is no
reason to suppose that the Colonial Government is
not aware of this, and will fail to do it. But it
would not do to agree that they would Gazette the
boundary "as claimed by the Natives". What the
amended Notice will do is to substitute the Izima-
Bungu Line for the Northcote Boundary. I think the
reply on this point might be that the Secretary of
State understands that it is the intention of the
Government to issue in due course an amended
Gazette Notice substituting the Izima-Rungu Line
for the Northcote Boundary, and that, in these
circumstances, a further question in the House
would not serve any useful purpose.

(It doesn't seem necessary to to make any communica-
tion to the Colonial Government on this point.
There seems no risk at all of its being over-
looked and it is not complimentary to the local
authorities to write despatches on the assumption
that they will fail to do what is obviously
necessary).

.....
Luttrell

H.T.A 10/4

COPY

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C. M. S. KADARE.

P.O. BAGANA STATION,

KENYA, EAST AFRICA. 3.3.29.

Dear Widdrington,

I don't quite know what steps you have taken, but I am most grateful for the answer to Col. Wedgwood's question in the H. of C. on Feb'y 5th which settles the question of alienation of the land which has been in jeopardy for 5 years.

I have already got 200 copies into the hands of senior natives of these districts, and I have had a talk to the Chief Native Commissioner, who has promised that Mr. L.M.S. Amery's answer shall be conveyed to the whole district.

However, there yet remains one very important matter in connection with the boundary question, and that is, the elimination of the "Northcote Boundary" from the Official Gazette, and the boundary claimed by the natives should be officially stated so as to clear all doubts from the mind of the people concerned.

I wonder if you could get Col. Wedgwood to put the following question: "Is it the intention of the Government to eliminate the Northcote Boundary, and in the South Nyari District, and publish in the Official Gazette the boundary as claimed by the Natives?"

This would settle once for all this vexed question, and restore

/confidence

confidence in the local authorities.

I pressed this point when talking with the C.M.C. and he agreed entirely with me, in fact he gave me to understand that my long contention was perfectly justifiable. However, the local authorities are non-committal and wheels within wheels may delay the final settlement of the boundary.

Omit

[2. I am fighting another injustice regarding the recruiting of women for work on farms. I wrote to the local paper, and the Editor warmly supported the article and added a very strong leading article on the subject. I also have the full sympathy of the Actg. C.M.C. who has promised to go into it, but what we want is an Ordinance passed by Legislative Council or another question in the H. of Commons.]

Many thanks for all you have done, and are doing to help us. Things are decidedly better, and the Hilton Young Report is certainly helping us to visualise a brighter future.

I should very much like to see the present Actg. C.M.C. given the position.

I enclose a copy of the Secretary of State's answer which is now in the hands of most of the leading natives.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) W.J. Ramplcy.

Copy to Mr. Herman Levy.

C.M.S. STATION,
P.O. SAGANA STATION,
KENYA, EAST AFRICA. 17.12.28.

Dear Mr. Kingdon,

Since writing the recent letter I have had a long talk to senior elders of the district, and I find that unless something is done to encourage them in their contentions, they will give up, and let their claims to the questioned boundary rip.

I have written to certain quarters for information, and so far no reply. However, I gather that among certain officials there is a very strong opinion that the boundary as claimed by the people is quite unreasonable, and look upon the questioned area as "Kisumu-land".

The object of this letter, is to give you, and Dr. Norman Leys all the liberty to use the facts on the attached Memorandum, that you think necessary.

I have tried for four years to support the claims of the Natives, and no official, or otherwise can now accuse me of not giving the local authorities the chance to settle the matter before giving publicity to facts.

I am sending a copy of this to Dr. Leys, as he may like to have facts as I know them.

This letter is private, but the attached you can use how you like.

Yours sincerely, *

W. J. Ransley

W. J. Ransley

*If you see nothing either to
my name or feel that any of
mission into it. You will understand*

W. J. Ransley

Although the question of the boundary of the two sub-districts known as Ndia & Gichugu (Extreme South of District) has been questioned by the local authorities for some years, as a result of a safari made by a Mr. Northcote (a senior official) some years ago, the natives did not realise any danger of alienation of the same, until a persistent rumour came in 1924 to the effect that a portion of their grazing ground was coveted by Europeans.

Money was being collected with a view to taking their case to the High Court. Senior elders came to me for advice. I discouraged the idea of such a step, but strongly urged them to maintain what they considered their claim to the last man.

At the end of 1924, their fears were not without foundation, for they were called to the sub-district Boma to meet and discuss with Government officials the question of giving up part of what they claimed as their traditional rights. Without exception, they gave the officials to understand, that they would under no consideration consider such a proposal.

Some time later H.E. the Governor made a statement at Nyeri in the presence of senior representatives of the S. Nyeri natives, to the effect, that, there need be no further anxiety on their part (the natives) regarding their boundaries, as the matter was settled. However, the official boundaries were published in the Official Gazette dated Oct. 13th 1926, and the same made it unmistakably clear that a large area had been sliced off, and the future boundary was known as the Northcote Line (see sketch).

Whether H.E. the Governor when making the statement referred to, meant the original boundary as claimed by the natives, or that in the Official Gazette was not clear to the natives. Doubt & uncertainty in which they (the natives) were left, caused them to appeal to the Officers of the district for a statement, which was not given.

Different Officials had visited the area in question from time to time, and "hope deferred made their heart sick", and as a result, again the senior elders appealed to me as a separate court of appeal. I had an interview with the Chief Native Commissioner on the subject. I gathered from the interview, that while the authorities might consider extending the official boundary in favour of the natives, there was little hope of their claim to what they considered their boundary.

Then the last straw was the "Land Trust Bill". The natives fully believed that alienation of the questioned area was inevitable, and a deputation came to me to ascertain what could be done. I gathered from them, that they were prepared to collect money to pursue their claim, and suggestions made by them convinced me that their claim was no selfish one in spite of European ideas. I again advised them to have patience, until I had time to go into Nairobi and present their grievance before the Gov't. This I did by presenting the memorandum (a copy of which I sent you) before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, sitting to hear objections to the "Land Trust Bill". I got no satisfaction, and was referred to the Senior Commissioner of this Province on the ground that the Boundary question was in the sphere of the Administration, Officers and not for that body. This to me was very unsatisfactory, as I had discussed the matter with various officials since 1924.

As a last resort I brought the matter before a Native Interests Committee of the C.M.S. and was asked to write out a report on the matter with a view to again bringing the matter before the Chief Native Commissioner. It is now four years that the matter has been fermenting in the minds of these

people, and apart from views held by those in authority, I maintain that it
grossly unfair in the first place to alter the boundaries of the people
without first ascertain the mind of the people, and secondly for keeping them
up to the time of writing without knowledge of what is happening. 20
I have been, almost continuously, in the district for ten years, and can
certainly claim familiarity with the boundary in question. I willingly
confess that there is no real need for the present to use this land for
cultivation, or even to use it all as a grazing ground, but in less than ten
years natives will be using it.

In 1924, there were very few people on it, as they had previously been driven
from it by the Masai, and had to come nearer the forest, but during the last
four years there has been a steady migration back to that area, and the next
generation will need it.

Apart from all this, the fact remains that it is unquestionably their land
handed down, and their claim to same as their traditional rights is a just
one.

I have associated myself with their claim from the first, and everyone
familiar with the question knows it, but I can do no more locally, in fact I
see no useful purpose in making further protests.
If you can do anything at home, by all means do so.

W. S. GARDNER.

Walter & I were advised that
W. should have sent the letter
to the O.P.S. of the
mutual too inform him
of it. If the matter is really
urgent because no draft
ask for a summary, he times
which was. I think there
be agreed with the C.P.
through the P.A.

If we do telegraph
now I think the summary
the above so agreed & the
C.A. be asked to request
the C.P. to provide a
summary in telegraph
form & to cable to the
O.P.S.

J.M. Allen 23/1/29

I think that in the circumstances we ought
to telegraph - Will you please
ask C.A. by phone to send us
as soon as possible a summary
in tel. form with C.P. and
consider adequate. ~~W. Allen~~
24.1.29

Mr. Allen
Mr. Ransom

Mr Ransom has obtained the
text of the attached draft from
Mr. Ditchell (of the C.S.). The latter
says that he is prepared for the last
sentence to go if the Co. think it advisable
for the last sentence to go if
the Co. think it advisable

I have ventured to ~~write~~
amend it - W. Ransom sees no
objection; in fact he thinks it
an improvement.

J.M. Allen
30/1/29

2 Tel. to you here. — 31 Jan 1929

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To Sec. Conf. W. J. 1 - 81 JAN 1929

44 4 to C.A. (in copies 2+3) B. 4 FEB 1929

Original enclosures sent to C.A. in
W. J. 1 have not yet been returned
Kindly remind please.

W. J. 1
7.2.29

I have spoken to Mr Ransom

Wait 10 days
W. J. 1
8/2 at home

? we do not expect to receive a
reply to h.C. please.

W Jordan
28.5.29

I think not

J. Miller
27/5/29

No need to do anything
further unless we hear
again from Mr. Adwell.

W. J.
28.5.29
alone

W. J.

D. L. G. Telegram 1 June 1929
Glad if Consulting Engineers might be asked
to sign agreement as approved by them.
States Free Toll clause stands but Company's
Solicitors have accepted amendment:

(4. to read)

A. 1 copy / 6 C.A. of 5

ask them to communicate
with the C.E. as desired.

B. No ack: ?

J. Miller

3/6/29

A. Yes? and also ack: by
Dip. engineering for inf copy
of new Actin & Am. C.A.

B.

? We do not expect to receive a
reply to ho-6 please.

W. Jordan
28.5.29

I think not

W. Allen
27/6/29

No need to do anything
further - has been
agreed from ho. (Adwell).

W. Allen
28.5.29
adms

W. Allen

Bill G. telegram 1 June 1929
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State Free Toll clause stands but Company's
solutions have accepted amendments
(2. Extract)

A. Copy 1/6 C.A. of 5
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with the C.E. as desired.

B. No action?

W. Allen
3/6/29

A. Yes? and also ask: by
Dip. engineering for inf copy
of the Act to the C.A.

B.

B. I tried to ring up ho. Rodwell
to give him the substance of B.
C, but I find that he has
gone out again today, so
there is nothing to be done.

W. Jordan
28.5.29

W. Allen
28.5.29

adms

To C.A. (w. copy extract from 8 E. 7)
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To Gen. 436-8 Am. d. w/ copy 9
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11 Crown Agents - 13th June 1929
The copy letter from Cooke & Partners is showing that
drawings have been examined & approved
& complete sets of drawings will be sent to R. P. W.

? Copy of (11) and send. to O.A.G. for
copy conf. re ref (1) & (2)

W. Allen
17/6/29

W. Allen
17.6.29
adms

12 To Gen. Conf. (2) w/ copy 11. 7/1

B. u. via Mr. Hambleton Smith's minutes

of ...
W. Allen
17/6/29

W. Allen
17/6/29

W. Allen
17/6/29

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To C.A. Nov. 1929
JUL 1929

the other.

Please see note attached.

On experience what we
could only tell me I
had not when he called
time to read the papers
carefully but I see it
corresponds more or less
with what we know
of the facts.

I have written
to Mr. Sikes warning
him that he may have
gone to 43 Cuthbert
? partly by Eastwood
12.4.30

You should see that no
action seems called - there
made some marginal notes
which indicate that the East
is not long into the matter
quite so clearly as the
Anthony suggests.

JW Allen

12/4/30

Partly
all

12.4.30
always

14. Note by Mr. Eastwood.

15. Mr. Sikes. s/o. 17th. April 30.

States as to interview with Mr. Anthony.

Partly
G. Eastwood

12/4/30

at

in excess of the estimated sum (£70,000)
and the Company would have to raise
more capital if they ^{were to} carry the bridge
to completion.

Mr. Anthony appeared to be under a
misapprehension regarding the relations of
the present to the Company as embodied
in the agreement. He seems to think
that the present would be taken over
the bridge shortly after completion at
cost price plus 10%. As this is not
so, the Agreement provides fairly
fully for the present action under the
various contingencies which may
arise after being completion of
the bridge. Mr. Anthony's views
were of the nature of a correct one so
far as the present point of
view is concerned.

I think it is quite probable that
1) and 2) above are correct and
it is well to advise the Company would be
wise to appoint a resident
engineer, experienced in that class of
work. I do not think
however that the present will take
action unless or until it feels to carry out
the agreement in one or more of
the above. The Executive Engineer at
London has a copy of the agreement and
the instructions.

A Mr. Anthony called this afternoon regarding the Nyal Bridge. 4

He has until recently been the ^{Chief} Resident Engineer of the Company but ~~has~~ now ~~been~~ out of a job - he was, he says, turned out to make room for the managing Director's two brothers who have no technical knowledge.

He called because he thought that the Colonial Office ought to know that in his opinion the Kenya Govt. was likely to be ~~interested~~ ^{with} a d-d. He said that he understood that

they were under an obligation if they ever wanted to buy the bridge to buy it at cost price plus 10%. This being so they had an ~~idea~~ intent to make some use of the Bridge was built as a property. He explained that in his opinion it was not being built properly. The bridge is of a type which requires anchoring to the sea-floor. This

? will be done

This was the only idea
see para 2 and 10
480/26 - but now
see para 18 & lines
7 of report in
NOT 2 11/22/22
17/11 14/14

The CP have approved
the plans as to
anchorage see para
18 of NOT 11
17/11 14/14

RECEIVED
8 JUN 1929

8.13

Telegram from the O.A.G. of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 1st June, 1929.

(Received Colonial Office 1.35 p.m. 1st June, 1929.)

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No. 153 Your despatch of 31st January Confidential Nyali Bridge. Agreement approved by Executive Council and on behalf of the Company. It provides inter alia that all drawings plans and specifications shall be submitted to Director of Public Works for his approval in writing. ^{Director of Public Works} D.P.W. intends to accept approval of Consulting Engineers without further check and I should be glad if Consulting Engineers might be asked to sign as approved by them tracing(s) (of) all plans both general and detail which they approve. Your telegram of 8th May. Free toll clause stands but Company's solicitors have accepted amendment providing exemption from toll will not be granted in the event of expropriation on failure of Company.] C

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FROM MESSRS. COODE, WILSON, MITCHELL & VAUGHAN-LEE TO CROWN AGENTS.

9 Victoria Street,

S.W. 1.

24th April 1929.

NYALI PONTOON BRIDGE, MOMBASA.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of 23rd April 1929, we have to say that we have not yet been furnished with the further details required in connection with the above bridge.

2. We have to-day telephoned to Messrs. Glover & Haiste, who have promised to let us have further details of the bridge structure shortly.

3. There remains the question of the anchorages, for which a tentative layout can be prepared from the survey, but as explained in paragraph 6 of our letter of the 25th January last, the layout will have to be finally settled at the site as the result of experiments. These experiments cannot take place until the bridge is erected.

We have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

For COODE, WILSON, MITCHELL & VAUGHAN-LEE.

(Sd.) H.H.G. MITCHELL.

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- Mr. Eastwood 309.
- Mr. Allen 301.
- Mr. Parkinson 302.
- Mr. Bottomley.
- Sir E. Harding.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindley.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir S. Wilson.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Lord Lovat.
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES
THE FOLLOWING IS THE ADDRESS AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER. SEND BY AIR

4, MILLBANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1.

O/K/RYA 73.

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE: 7704 VICTORIA

28th January, 1929.

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IMPORTANT.

Sir,

Nwali Pontoon Bridge - Mombasa.

With reference to your letter No. 15223/28 of the 4th January, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter which we have now received from Messrs. Coode, Wilson, Mitchell and Vaughan-Lee, reporting on the plans and specification submitted in connection with the above Bridge.

*No. 25 on
25.1.29.*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W.A. Birchhart

for CROWN AGENTS.

The Under-Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

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on the light side and, of course, do not correspond to the recommendations of the Ministry of Transport for Bridges in Great Britain carrying ordinary main roads.

5. On the basis of the loading for which the bridge has actually been designed, we can approve of the drawings which have already been submitted, from time to time, consisting of the bridge spans, piers, distributing girders on the pontoons, etc.

6. With regard to the anchorages, the survey referred to in our letter of 11th August, 1928, has not yet been received in this Country, so there are no particulars available on which to settle the anchorage question. Messrs. Glover & Haiste have sent us a description of how they propose to make sure that the anchorages are adequate before they are attached to the floating spans, and they inform us that they have sent out a special machine for laying and testing the holding power of the anchors. Should the anchors not hold up to the required test they are to be taken up and relaid until they do. The layout will be settled firstly from the survey of the currents when received and finally at the site as the result of experiment. The above procedure should give satisfactory results.

7. With the exception of the anchorages the design of the bridge generally, in our opinion, has been carefully gone into and the designers appear to be fully alive to the various difficulties to be encountered.

8. We therefore can give general approval to the design for the loading described in paragraph 3, and to

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