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DATE

8th April 1925.

CROWN AGENTS.

CIRCULATION :-

Mr. *Rottley*

Mr.

Mr.

U.S. of S.

*Mr. Strickland*

Per U.S. of S.

Per U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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UGANDA RAILWAY, CONSULTING ENGINEERS,

Suggest they should take over consulting work for Open Lines, and Inspection Work both for Open Lines and for any material required for construction. State as to their charges.

Consider Messrs Rendel Palmer should continue as C.E. for new Construction Works and also for Marine Dept Work.

Previous Paper

see 8143

MINUTES

Presumably the new arrangement will represent an economy in the present payments to the C.E. in respect of "Open Lines" viz £1000 a year + office & inspection expenses - their fees for "Construction" as a separate matter

The form of the letter from the C.E. of the 2nd April suggests that they ~~wish~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~like~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~glad~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~take~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~over~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~Open~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~Lines~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~retain~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~Construction~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~&~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~Marine~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~Dept~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~work~~ - I am not clear as to the precise significance of the latter point: but <sup>why</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~ask~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~take~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~over~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Open~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Lines~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~retain~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Construction~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~&~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Marine~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Dept~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~work~~ - I am not clear as to the precise significance of the latter point: but <sup>why</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~ask~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~take~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~over~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Open~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Lines~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~retain~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Construction~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~&~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Marine~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~Dept~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~work~~ -

17 APR 1925

30. 6d. cancelled - 10 AUG 1925

Subsequent Paper

*106 217*

*Copy to Mr. Strickland*

times prepared with...  
Send copy dispatch to CA if.

JMA

18/4/15

So proceed? I take it that the  
in context is that the CA should  
take some steps as regards finance  
understanding the lines of what we  
have not yet had any survey reports;  
but this can wait till we have the  
views of the local Government.

C. of 18.4.15



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

ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES  
THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED  
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: E/321/30  
TELEGRAMS: CROWN, LONDON  
TELEPHONE: 7750 VICTORIA

8th April 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th March No. 8443/25 transmitting a despatch from the late Governor of Kenya in which it is suggested that we should take the place of Messrs. Rendel, Palmer & Tritton as Consulting Engineers to the Uganda Railway.

2. We enclose a copy of a letter from Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton, in which they ask to be relieved of the duties of Consulting Engineers for the open line of the Uganda Railway but suggest that they would like to continue as Consulting Engineers on new construction works in the Colony and also for Marine Department work.

3. We think this arrangement should meet the wishes of the Government and the General Manager. It would be difficult for us to take over the consulting work of advising on the new Construction in the Colony

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Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.



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TELEPHONE: 2280 VICTORIA

8th April 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th March No. 8143/25 transmitting a despatch from the late Governor of Kenya in which it is suggested that we should take the place of Messrs. Rendel, Palmer & Tritton as Consulting Engineers to the Uganda Railway.

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Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W. 1.

as Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton have had charge of this work from its inception, but there would be no difficulty in our taking over the work for the Open Lines.

4. We suggest therefore for the consideration of the Secretary of State that we should take over the Consulting work for Open Lines and the inspection work both for Open Lines and for any material required for construction, our reason for this last suggestion being that it is very difficult on urgent work to differentiate between Open Lines and New Construction. If, for instance, the Railway Orders ten locomotives it is impossible to say how many of these will be used on construction and how many on open lines. We therefore suggest that all inspection work should be in our hands with the exception of the work for the Marine Department of the Railway.

5. The Marine Department work of the Railway, both Consulting and Inspection, has always been done by Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton and we believe the Colonial Government have been satisfied with this work and we suggest therefore that this work should be left with them.

6. In the second paragraph of the late Governor's letter of the 14th January which formed the enclosure to your letter under reply, he asks for information as to what our charges will be.

(a) As regards Inspection work I enclose a table of fees charged for this work which have duly been sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

(b) As regards Consulting work, namely designing and advisory, the fees sanctioned by the Secretary of State in

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a letter of the 7th December, 1912 are as follows: The actual cost of draughtsmen's time plus a percentage varying on a sliding scale with the value of the work as below-

1% on orders not exceeding £5,000

2% on orders exceeding £5,000 but not exceeding £10,000 with a minimum fee of £50

3% on orders exceeding £10,000 with a minimum fee of £75

Where complete drawings and specifications are prepared but no contracts placed, half the above percentages are charged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. Chuter

for Crown Agents.

Copy of letter received from Messrs.  
Hendel, Palmer & Tritton,  
12-14, Bartholomew St.,  
Westminster, E.C.4.

2nd April, 1925.

Gentlemen :-

Uganda Railway

We shall be obliged if you can see your way to relieve us of the duties of Consulting Engineers for the open line of the Uganda Railway, at from the end of this year. We feel that it will be more convenient for you yourselves to deal with this section of the work, as you already have charge of so many Colonial Railways, but, if it is convenient to you, we would like to continue as your Consulting Engineers on new construction works in the Colony and also for Marine Department works.

We shall be glad to have your approval of these suggestions.

We have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

(Signed) HENDEL, PALMER & TRITTON

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,

Materials

Inspection Fee

Rails, Fishplates, Chairs  
Chairplates, iron and steel  
sleepers.

1s.3d. per ton up to 1200 tons  
1s.0d per ton over 1200 tons

Woodsleepers

Up to 5000.....65/- per 1000  
5000 to 10000...60/- " "  
10000 to 15000...55/- " "  
15000 to 20000...50/- " "  
20000 to 30000...47/6 " "  
30000 to 50000...45/- " "  
50000 to 75000...40/- " "  
75000 to 100000...37/6 " "  
Above 100,000 special rate accord-  
ing to circumstances.

Other Permanent Way Mater-  
ials (Fishbolts & Nuts,  
Keys, Junction Fishplates,  
etc.)

Up to 100 tons....4/6 per ton  
100 to 200 " ....4/3 " "  
200 to 300 " ....4/- " "  
300 to 400 " ....3/6 " "  
400 to 500 " ....3/8 " "  
Above 500 tons, special rate

CONSTRUCTIONAL WORK.

4. Up to 2500 in value.....4% on value  
2500 to 21000 " .....3 1/2% " "  
21000 to 25000 " .....3% " "  
25000 to 210000 " .....2 1/2% " "  
210000 to 250000 " .....2% " "  
Above 250,000 " .....1 1/2% " "

5. Locomotive Engines, Rolling  
Stock, Wheels & Axles, Motor  
Cars & Spares, Steam Road  
Rollers and Fire Engines  
1 1/2% on invoiced cost

6. Locomotive & Rolling Stock  
Sundries (includes under-  
frames and Loco boilers  
where no wheels & axles are  
required.  
2 1/2% on invoiced cost

7. All kinds of machinery and  
Railway plant such as sig-  
nals, turntable, tanks, cranes  
switches and crossing, earth  
wagons and barrows, also car  
penter's & joiner's work &  
tools, cast iron specials,  
wrought iron pipes, timber,  
deal scantlings, iron steel  
plates, bars, angles, tees  
etc. (including light Railway  
plant but if large order fee  
to be considered)  
Up to 21,000 in value 2 1/2% on value  
Over 21,000 in value 2% " "  
Over 210,000 in value, special rate.



- 8. Cast Iron Pipes (Cast Iron Specials @ 2 1/2%) } 2s.6d. per ton up to 1200 tons  
 } 2s.0d per ton over 1200 tons
- 9. Electrical Materials } 2%

NOTE: All sliding scale rates are applied on the principle that the minimum fee on the reduced scale is not to be less than the maximum fee on the higher scale.

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2 April 1925

Sir,

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With ref to the late Sir  
Robert Congdon's despatch No

No. 357

Despatch No 8143/25

MINUTE.

57 of the 14<sup>th</sup> of January,  
regarding a proposal that

Buen April 14

Allen off 15/4

the C.A. for the C. should  
take the place of Messrs. Pordel

Shuckburgh.

Wise.

Trindle.

Masteron Smith.

Arnold.

Thomas.

Palmer & Tritton as Consulting  
Engineers to the Uganda Rly.

I have re to transmit to you

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the acc. copy of ~~minutes~~ with

the C.A. and to enquire

8143  
8 April

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whether you wish arrange

ment. to be concluded

on the lines which they

propose, with effect from

the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1926.



(for the Secretary of State)  
(Signed) W. ORMEBY-COTE