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KILINDINI HARBOUR WORKS. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
No 14.

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Secretary of State

Two copy of Consulting Engineers' report for quarter ended 31st March. Letter of 1st May regarding delay in completion has been communicated to Consulting Engineers.

Previous Paper

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4, MILBANE
WESTMINSTER
LONDON, S.W. 1

18th May, 1928.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies present their compliments to the Under Secretary of State and request that paragraph 13 of the latest quarterly report on the progress of the Milindini Harbour Works (a copy of which accompanied their letter of 6th May) may be deleted, as the supply of the Electric Cranes, therein referred to, forms part of the Contract for the construction of the works.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
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4, MILLBANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON S.W.

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6th May, 1925.

Sir,

with reference to your letter of the 30th November, 1924, No. 41690, I have the honour to transmit for the information of the Secretary of State, the enclosed copy of Progress Report No. 14 on the Kikiliani Harbour works, covering the quarter ending 31st March, 1925.

2. On this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 19233/1925 of 1st May and its enclosure relative to the delay in completing this contract, a copy has been communicated to the consulting engineers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Birchall

For Crown Agents.

Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

1st May, 1960

ENGINEERING**GENERAL REPORT****REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK**

Sir,

The work to report on follows on the progress of the harbour works at Milford during the third quarter ended 31st March, 1960.

1. Dredging. The dredging of the West wall track and in front of the wall has continued, but for the greater part of the quarter the work was only carried on during the day time.

2. Excavation. This has proceeded by leaps and bounds and has been used to form a deposit of surplus sand at the north end of the works.

3. Blockwork. The progress on the wall has been disappointing. It had been hoped that blockwork would have been completed during the quarter, but 100 blocks remain to be set at the end of the quarter.

4. Superstructure. The building of the new concrete superstructure is as close to the blockwork as it is possible to bring it.

5. Access. Work is progressing slowly.

6. Scaffolding. This has followed closely on the blockwork.

Chief Engineer,
The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

8. Surfacing of Quay - A start has been made to lay the rubble bottoming and stone rail it, working from the south end northwards.

9. Shed No. 2 - A considerable length of the outer shell wall has been built in position and a start has been made to lay the inner office wall.

10. Ship Lifting - The driving of the piles for Shed No. 1, has been completed but the progress has been poor. As a result of representations to the Contractors an advertisement pile driving machine has been obtained from England, and took up his duties early in March.

11. Shed No. 1 - The improvement in progress anticipated at the end of December 1904, did not take place, and the construction of the shed is very much behind hand. At the end of the quarter the main and intermediate beams of the first floor had been completed 100 feet from the south end, and a length of 25 feet of flooring laid thereon. Work is proceeding on the columns and roof also the first floor. A slight improvement in the progress took place in March, but the work is still going on very slowly. Strong representations have been made and are being made to the Contractors in this connection. Most of the steelwork for the shed is now on the site.

12. Quay - The 40 ft. roadway at the north end of Shed No. 1. has been formed and some pitching laid.

13. Special Cranes - Two 1 ton wharf cranes, two 1 ton warehouse cranes, and five fixed cranes were due for delivery in England in January. At the end of the quarter none of them were ready. The

Contractors attribute the delay to the difficulty in getting the electrical parts from the makers.

14. Progress. The expectation that progress would improve, especially on the Works, expressed in paragraph 12 of our last quarterly report, has not been fulfilled. Progress during the quarter had been painfully slow. There were slight signs of improvement at the end of the quarter, the Contractors having strengthened their supervising staff, and the local labour having become more used to this class of work, but about 100 days of No. 1. work which it was confidently hoped would be ready by 1st May, will not be ready before August. The Contractors have now given 31st August, 1924, as the date on which they anticipate completing the contract. A separate communication has been addressed to you on this subject.

15. Labour. The number of men employed on the works at the end of March was as follows :-

Europeans	66.
Asiatics	201.
Africans	<u>1419.</u>
			<u>1486</u>
			minimum

16. Certificate Payments. Certificate payments have been made to the Contractors for the past quarter for the total amount of 267,000 made up as follows:-

For January 1924	...	238,700
For February	...	210,000
For March	...	<u>455,500</u>
		<u>267,000.</u>

which with the previous sum of 2628,000 paid to the Contractors for work done up to the 31st December, 1924,

makes a total of \$200,000 paid to the Contractors for
work done up to 31st March, 1900.

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My dear,

sir,

Your obedient servants,

For Messrs. WILSON, WILSON, & MITCHELL.

Wm. W. Mitchell

13909²⁵) in which it was thought that Mr Walters should himself provide for insurance. say it appears from the papers they enclose that no promise has been made that Gov. W. may be that it is thought that he should pay himself.

Qyt
8/5/25

I have spoken to Mr. Botmanby, who has said that the Gov. must pay in this case all the CA that he procures in an insurance & Gov. must be paid for the Gov. that to the Gov. in which there is no doubt he accepted under the Gov. contract to provide insurance elsewhere as well as here.

... the Gov. ...

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Crown Agents

Tom letter 15 May 1925

(in 13453)

Wanted to know if you had succeeded in making Mr Walters' contract void in the event of an accident or death, for that purpose with that office. Have you got the Gov. Gov. the insurance terms?

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Colonial Office.

The terms secured by us for Mr. Walters' insurance against accident and death for £500 are as follows:-

- (a) Life & 4.11% of sum assured £6.4.7.
- (b) Workmen Compensation, Employer's Liability } £4. 1. 0. in full 4.1.0.
- (c) Personal Accidents - } 4/- on 1.1.0. outside those for which liability would be directly attributed to main employment excluding ...

11/10/25

His Life Insurance, as has been effected with Sun Life Office, and his Insurance for Employers' Liability and Personal Accident (b & c) have been covered by Lloyds Policies.

A copy of our letter to the General Manager, Uganda Railway, advising him of the insurance is attached, and details will be reported as soon as the policies have been received and verified.

10.25.

Very substantial saving in the amount the Gov. is ... 2/27/25 ... 1/10 2/10

Department of Crown Agents.

14th May, 1925.

PRESSING.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 9th May, 1925. I have to report that on the recommendation of Messrs. Bengal Palmer and Tritton, Mr. George Walters has been engaged as Foreman Erector for the erection of the Maragua Viaduct on the Thika Nyeri Extension. Two copies of the form of agreement which he has completed in respect of this engagement are enclosed together with particulars of his experience.

2. In view of the indefinite period of Mr. Walters' engagement the Secretary of State decided that the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme is not applicable in his case but has agreed that he should be insured against Employers' Liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act and against personal accident and death in sums of £500 each. This has been done for one year as from the 15th May and should his services be retained beyond this period we shall be glad to receive due notice in order that the period of insurance may be extended.

3. On the recommendations of the Consulting Engineers Mr. Walters has been overlooking the work at the yard of the Patent Shaft and Axletree Company since the 23rd February, during which period in accordance with the terms of his agreement he has been paid salary at the rate of £6 per week. As advised in our telegram of the 13th May a passage has been provided for Mr. Walters in the s.s. "Merkara" due to leave England on the 16th instant.

The General Manager,
Uganda Railway,
Nairobi,
Kenya.

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The East African Department,
Colonial Office.

With reference to your letter of the 30th March 1925, No. 13905/25, relative to the engagement of Mr George Walters; this man has signed his agreements and is sailing on the 16th instant.

A copy of the correspondence with Mr Walters relating to his insurance is attached. It will be seen from his letter of the 5th instant that he has reduced the amount of his policy to £500 and now asks that the premium should be paid by the Colonial Government.

In view of your decision that the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme is not applicable in his case, will you please let us know whether we should insure him in the case of the Mechanic appointed to supervise the erection of the linotype machinery in Sierra Leone and Gold Coast (vide your letter of the 11th September 1923 No. 44124/23).

We shall be glad to have your instructions as soon as possible.

M. Department,
Crown Agents,
7th May, 1925.

6, Dale Street,

Widnesbury, Staffs.

5/5/25.

Sir,

Referring to insurance policy for death and accident, while in Uganda, I can only get Norwich Union Fire Company to insure me.

Premium for death £22.11. 00 for £500

accident 24.10. 94

total £47. 2. 50 per annum

I would be pleased if you could forward me cheque to cover the above, as present I am not in the position to find it, as it has been understood that Crown Agents paid all insurance.

Yours truly,

(Sd) O. Walters.

6, Dale Street,
Widnesbury.

23/4/25

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd, I beg to inform you that I have great difficulty in getting an insurance policy for accident. I am in communication with Prudential Assurance Company also London & Manchester and Norwich and London Accident Insurance Association, but up to the present I have not heard anything definite.

Yours truly,

(Sd) G. Walters.

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17th April, 1925.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, respecting your candidature for the appointment of Foreman Erector, Uganda Railways, we have to inform you that you should arrange for your insurance against accident as well as death.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd)

For Crown Agents.

Sirs,

1st Street

Victoria

6, Dale Street,
Widnesbury,

16/4/25.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th inst., I shall be glad if you will kindly inform me whether you require a cover against death alone, through accident or sickness or whether you require me to take out a policy which will provide for me during temporary disablement through sickness or accident.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) G. Walters.

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15th April, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to your candidature for the appointment of Foreman Erector on the Tanka-Yari Extension of the Uganda Railway we have to advise you that subject to dental treatment our medical adviser has passed you physically fit for service and forms of agreement which you will be required to complete and return in respect of this appointment will be sent you in due course.

We shall be glad to receive from you as early as possible particulars of the arrangements you have made for insuring yourself against accident and death during the period of your Colonial service.

I am, etc.,

(Sd)

for Crown Agents.

George Walters,

6, Dale Street,

Wedgebury.

