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27th October 1955

Sir,

With reference to our letter of the 4th  
Jan 1955 transmitting copy of a letter dated 24th May from  
Messrs. G. H. & J. W. Wilson & Co. Ltd. regarding the  
date of completion of the Contract for the construction of  
the ...

Referring to our letter of the 4th  
Jan 1955 in paragraph 5 of their letter above, the  
date 24th May 1954 should read 24th April 1954.

We desire also to refer to our letter of the 6th  
September 1955 on the above subject transmitting copy of a  
letter, with enclosure, from Messrs. G. H. & J. W. Wilson  
& Mitchell, dated 20th August 1955. The enclosure in  
question was a letter dated 20th July which the Consulting  
Engineers had addressed to Messrs. Young & Co. Ltd. The  
Consulting Engineers now point out that they wrote two  
letters on that date to the Contractors and a copy of the  
relevant letter was not forwarded to us. A copy of the  
correct letter is now enclosed and we shall be glad if this  
can be substituted for the copy which accompanied our letter  
of the 6th September.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sd) W. A. F. W.

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,

for Crown Agents



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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES  
OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED  
BY REFERENCE: E. 430/5.  
TELEGRAMS: CROWN COLONIES  
TELEPHONE: 7780 VICTORIA

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

23 September, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to our letter of 28th April  
and 4th June last, with enclosures, regarding the date  
of the completion of the contract for the construction  
of the Kikindi Harbour Works, I have the honour to  
transmit, for the information of the Secretary of State,  
the enclosed copy of a further letter from Messrs. Coode  
Fitzmaurice, Wilson and Mitchell, covering a copy of  
correspondence on the subject with the contractors, from  
which it appears that the latter do not accept the  
Consulting Engineers' decision as to an extension of  
time on the grounds that they never asked for it.

2. In order that the Secretary of State may be  
fully informed as to what has transpired in this  
connection, I also enclose a copy of correspondence with  
the Colonial Government subsequent to our letter under  
reference dated 4th June.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W.A. Wickham*

for Crown Agents

Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

FROM MESSRS. COODE, FITZMAURICE, WILSON, & MITCHELL  
TO THE CROWN AGENTS

9, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. 1.  
28th August, 1925.

KILINDINI HARBOUR WORKS.

Gentlemen,

In our letter dated 13th May, 1925, we informed you that we had considered the offer from Messrs. Pauling & Co., Ltd., for an extension of time on the Kilindini Contract on account of the changes that had been made with regard to the sheds, and that we had granted them an extension of 9 months making the extended date for completion 7th February, 1926.

2. Subsequently we received from Messrs. Pauling & Co., a letter dated 25th June, 1925, a copy enclosed herewith, refusing to accept our decision on the grounds that they had never asked for an extension.

3. We were at a loss to understand their attitude in the matter and consulted your solicitor, Mr. Robert Turner, who drafted a reply which we sent to the Contractors. A copy of this letter dated 8th July, is enclosed.

4. Since then nothing further has transpired but the question will undoubtedly be brought up by the Contractors later.

5. In the meantime the extended date for completion, 7th February 1926, stands.

We have the honour to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedieint servants,

For COODE, FITZMAURICE, WILSON, & MITCHELL  
(Signed) H.H.G. MITCHELL

Dear Sir,

I have received from Mr. Turner a copy of the report of the first trip to the ... with the ... and ...

... that there is no alternative ... ourselves ... We are of the opinion that ... at Kilindini and how far his ...

We suggest that you ... your collectors to consider ...

Yours faithfully,

FOR COLE, FITZMAURICE, WILSON AND MITCHELL

(Signed) H. H. G. Mitchell

DRAFT.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the Contract dated 11th July, 1921, for the construction of a Quay Wall, Reclamation and other works at ... it has been agreed that notwithstanding that the Contract is not yet completed we shall hand over to the Government

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I hereby agree that in consideration of your relieving us from our obligations under the said ... in respect of work with obligations under the Contract other than ... which is or repairs that may be found to be necessary due to unforeseen or defective work, we will make no claim for ... or additional payment in respect of any additional cost that we may incur in completing the remaining of the work owing to the fact that the said ... is out of our control.

Yours faithfully.

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNOR, NAIROBI, KENYA, TO

CROWN AGENTS

Dated 26th June, 1923.

LETTER FROM CROWN AGENTS TO COLONIAL SECRETARY, KENYA.

23rd July, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram of 26th June, regarding the Harbours Works, reading as follows:

"Referring to your letter dated 27th April 1925, in connection with recommendation of the Consulting Engineers, subject to the condition that the Contractor shall make over portions of the work which may not give rise to any claims."

Reference is made to the letter dated 20th July 1925, which we have received from the Consulting Engineers, in which you will find that the legal advisers are of the opinion that the work referred to in the above telegram should be executed in England. Further information is required from the Colony and to the Consulting Engineers are obtaining direct from the Resident Engineer.

3. A copy of the Consulting Engineers' letter dated 23rd April referred to in the last paragraph of their letter of the 20th July was forwarded to you under cover of our letter of the 20th April.

I have, etc.

(Signed).