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FROM  
BERHAM, E.B. S.O.

DATE  
29th September 1925.

FOR CIRCULATION:-

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.

BRASS LAMPS DAMAGED IN TRANSIT ON UGANDA RLY.

Last U.S. of S.  
*W. Strachan*

Encs report by General Manager.

Form U.S. of S.  
Part U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

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*30014/15EA*

This min at 4.00: 11.30 of the  
H. of L. Report in 30014/25.  
Re: the S.R., the Genl, & so  
I can find Lord Clarendon's  
letter or the copy of my letter  
to Mr. Berham, but the Genl  
& I are certain that Lord  
Clarendon never mentioned  
it as a point he had not been  
able to answer, & that there  
was not (any more than in  
the Report) any obligation to  
take the matter further.  
As a matter of fact the  
Genl was out of the room at the

*W. Strachan*

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important point which  
Congress had not by to take  
the goods for a month after they  
heard of their arrival, or one month  
to owing to competition at the market  
very probably the former, or the  
latter that there had been heavy  
one importation, but it is a  
weak point.

There is something ~~amusing~~ amusing in  
the fact that in a debate initiated  
by a director of the D. E. A. Corporation  
it was left to Lord Ashurst to refer  
to a case in which the Corporation  
had imported 1000 fifteenpenny  
German lamps and that, even so,  
this part of the matter was  
obscured by referring to them only  
in their capacity as Lloyd's  
agents. The Corporation are, at  
apparently, very proud of the  
transaction.

We can leave the matter alone,  
merely remembering the Corporation's  
conduct for German rubbish.

? Party (Lloyd's) Monday

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
KAMPALA, 2300425  
EAST AFRICA.

29th September, 1925.

Dear Bottomley,

In reply to your letter of the 5th of August enclosing a letter to Mr. Ormsby-Gore from Lord Clarendon on the subject of brass lamps made in Germany and alleged to have been damaged by delay and exposure to weather on the Uganda Railway.

I enclose a report from the General Manager, Uganda Railway, on this consignment, and from the Station-master at Kampala.

You will note that advice of the arrival of the consignment is said to have been sent to the consignees on the 11th of April but that they did not clear the goods for a whole month thus possibly allowing any damage already sustained to become worse, and also incidentally failing to assist to reduce the congestion complained of at Kampala.

Further the fact that the lamps are reported to have been "rusted through" (Hansard, House of Lords, page 1129).

BOTTOMLEY, ESQ., C.M.G., C.B.E.,

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
KENYA,  
EAST AFRICA.

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1129) and that the selling price at Kampala of the undamaged article is only 1/3d. each appears to show that they must be of poor quality and peculiarly susceptible to damage during the course of the long journey from Germany.

It is, I think, impossible to say whether the goods became damaged prior to being handed over to the Uganda Railway, or whilst in transit, or while waiting to be claimed at Kampala.

Yours sincerely,

COPY.

UGANDA RAILWAY,

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,

NAIROBI.

18th September, 1925.

The Hon<sup>r</sup> Acting Colonial Secretary,NAIROBI.BRASS LAMPS - LLOYD'S AGENTS' REPORTS, AND  
- BAD MANAGEMENT ON THE RAILWAY.  
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With reference to the attached papers, I cannot do better than enclose copy of a report, dated the 11th instant, from the District Station Master, Kampala.

2. The outstanding points are:-

- (1) The consignment left Kilindini on the 25th February and arrived at Kampala from the 8th to the 13th April.
- (2) At that particular time great difficulty was experienced by the Railway in getting consignees to take deliveries at Kampala. Delivery of this consignment was not taken for a month after arrival of the lamps.
- (3) A clean receipt was given by consignees.
- (4) The consignees are also Lloyd's Agents, and this makes Lord Reading's statement in the House of Lords somewhat interesting.
- (5) The lamps are so cheap an article of German manufacture that they can be sold at Kampala at 1/60 each. I understand that the cost per lamp, delivered at Kampala, was 1/-.
- (6) The clean receipt given would appear to

indicate that damage was not apparent from the outside of the cases, and that it may have occurred anywhere during the long journey of the lamps from their birthplace in Germany to the shop at Kampala.

(ad). C.L.N. FELLING.

GENERAL MANAGER  
UGANDA RAILWAY.

PORT BELL - KAMPALA RAILWAY,  
DISTRICT STATION MASTER'S OFFICE,  
KAMPALA.

11th September, 1925.

The Hon' The General Manager,  
Uganda Railway,  
N A I R O B I .

CONGESTION - UGANDA.

Your G.4/32 of the 3rd instant and exchanged wires.

In connection with the above, I beg to report that two cases of Brass Lamps marked 276/2, under Kilindini to Kampala Goods Invoice No. 1212 of the 25th February, 1925, arrived at Port Bell in s.s. "NYANZA" on the 2nd April, 1925. Senders Messrs. B.E.A. Corporation. Consignees Messrs. B.E.A. Corporation.

2. One case out of the consignment arrived at Kampala on the 5th April, and one case on the 13th April, 1925. Advice of arrival was sent to H.M. Customs on the 10th April and they handed over the arrival advice note to the ultimate consignees (Messrs. B.E.A. Corporation) on the 11th April.

3. Delivery was not effected until the 11th and 13th of May and clearance through H.M. Customs was effected on the 14th May. I am unable to say what was the cause of delay in effecting delivery, although I enquired from Messrs. B.E.A. Corporation and I was informed that the delay was probably due to congestion.

4. The total number of lamps damaged was 868 and these were sold at 5/- per dozen and the remaining 132 lamps were sold at 15/- per dozen, which is the local selling price.

5. The damage consisted principally of stains and spots and a small quantity of glass globes, which are part of the lamps, broken.

6. The lamps are made in three parts: the oil container, globe, and small top with handle. The globe screws on to the container, and the small top with handle screws on to the top of the globe, and the lamp is then complete. The oil container and the small top are made out of thin steel brass, and the whole consignment was made in Germany.

7. Messrs. B.E.A. Corporation do their own clearing of goods from the station, and they are also Lloyd's agents, and their claim submitted to Lloyds is for Sh. 736 Cents. 84.

8. The consignment was delivered and signed for under the clear signature of the consignees' clerk and so far as this station is concerned no complaints have been received as to the condition of the contents of the two cases.

9. I was informed by the Local Manager that it was he who reported this particular case to London.

(sd). E.V. JONES.

DISTRICT STATION MASTER,  
PORT BELL - KAMPALA RAILWAY.

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