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FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KILINDINI.

Refers to impending visit of Mr Mitchell, (Consulting Engineer) to Kilindini in connection with Paulings' contract, and suggests that he should be asked to make a comprehensive report on the whole future development. There has been no such report since 1913.

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Mr. Stradley's minute of 27.8.25 on Gov/35711 recorded that Sir E. Grey was "most anxious to the Govt. committing itself to the extension scheme and even to sending out an engineer to report" until the Port Commission of Enquiry had considered extension as well as contract.

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No doubt he is afraid that the balance between wharf and lighter might be upset by the existence of the pier. However the probability

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of a big sharp revenue,
 a distinct chance that the result
 will be that the Surveyors, if he goes
 out at all, will go out (as before)
 to advise on a particular scheme,
 and that we shall be as far
 as ever from having a general
 hazy blanketing report to shield
 all future individual schemes,
 which he fitted.

I must explain to Sir H. Lambert
 that the question of a general report
 has been considered with the Law
 Officers and definitely held in
 response, and that I can't say
 whether it will be worth to make
 use of Mr Mitchell on this occasion.

Now, I also tell Sir E. Egge of his
 approaching visit and say that if he considers
 that things have developed sufficiently
 by Dec. he will send us a cable telegraph
 suggesting that Mr Mitchell should
 make the report?

[I should not suppose much is
 necessary to consider any other
 course for this work]

W. H. G. [Signature]

2.10.85

Jayce. Mr Batemley should
 explain the position to Sir
 H. Lambert, and at the same
 time tell Sir E. Egge that
 Mr Mitchell is going out, in
 case he can make use of his
 services to give him an
 expert opinion on the general
 question.

R.H.G.
 at once!

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WESTMINSTER,

LONDON, S.W.1.

28th September 1925

Dear Bottomley,

We wrote to you officially on the 22nd September regarding the proposal to extend the deep water quay at Kilindini. As you know, Mitchell, one of the Consulting Engineers, is visiting Kilindini this year in connection with Paulings' contract. He proposes to sail on the 6th December and expects to arrive in Kilindini about the 27th December.

I see that Felling in his report enclosed in Colonial Office letter 39931 of 10th September asked for a careful examination of Mbaraki by the Consulting Engineers. It is worth considering whether Mitchell should not be asked to make a comprehensive report on the whole future development of Kilindini. The Consulting Engineers report submitted in 1913 dealt with the technical side of the question of harbour improvements, but did not go deeply into the commercial

side

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side of the question, which is complicated by the strong position of the lighterage interests, and in any case circumstances have changed since 1913. The Colonial Government contemplates expenditure which may amount to a million pounds or more during the next few years, and it is not clear that we have any opinion based on a competent technical examination of the whole of the present conditions of the port.

Mitchell would of course have to be paid a special fee but in a matter of this importance the cost of a fee is well worth incurring.

Yours ever
Henry Lambert

L/43832 Kaye

Attorney 6/10/15
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[Handwritten signature]

- Strachey.
- Shuckburgh.
- Curis.
- Handle.
- Walterton Smith.
- Washby-Gore.
- Wray.

Dear Lambert

Thank you for your

letter of the 28th about
Mitchell's visit to the Admiralty.

I have looked up the papers
and find that the question
of subsidizing Engineer's effort
in the Port was discussed
with Eiff in August (I believe
I was on leave) and that
he was despatching in favour
of waiting until the

RAFT.

[Handwritten notes]
Lambert
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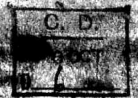
had found Post Commission

of trying had considered
both sides and development

I imagine, but do not know,
that he felt that the Commission
was a matter of urgency and that
he did not want it to be hung
up for an extended report.

In the circumstances, all I
can do is to let Griff know that
his trial will be available, so
that he can telegraph before
December if he can make use
of his services on the general
question. This I am doing.

Yours sincerely
W. G. BOTTOMLEY.



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Sturtevant
Shutburgh
Dobell
Grindle
Masterdon Smith
Cromaby-Gore
Lantry

Dear Griff *af*

I enclose a copy of a
letter from Lambert
suggesting that when the
British go to Helsinki
at the end of the year he
should be asked to report
generally on the Post
Question.

I find that, when this
came up before you last,
you had considered
that nothing should be done

RAFT.

Griff, 1250, 1918,
850.

Lambert 28/9

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until the Port Commission
had got, but you may
find ~~some~~ before ~~the~~
^{Expected that}
cases if you are ready for something
of the kind. So I said you

Leah's suggestion is one that
you may know that Mitchell
(who is a very sound man) is
available. If you want him to do the
further police investigation
you will be done to be pleased.

I am glad to hear of your
safe arrival. You will be having
a very busy time with ^{& the Port} ~~the Port~~
and then, I expect, you will be
considering what part of your
domestic to visit first.

Yours sincerely
(Signed) W. G. BOTTOMLEY.