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LEATHES, W.H.B. & Co.

DATE  
6 June 1923.

FOR CIRCULATION:-

Mr. *B. Standley*  
Mr. *Prosser*  
Mr. *C. Standley*  
Asst. U.S. of S.

SUBJECT

WIRELESS STATIONS.

Requests interview in connection with proposed scheme for establishing series of stations.

Perm<sup>t</sup> U.S. of S.

Part<sup>r</sup> U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

Previous Paper

See #22362  
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MINUTES

I do not see how any scheme in W.T. in Kenya can be considered, unless we have cleared up one way or the other with Marconi, even though this scheme is for a long distance station. But at the same time I doubt whether we can at this stage tell the people who Marconi has in mind.

? ask: receipt - say that the matter will be on for concern of the Kenya Govt in the first instance, if it

Subsequent Paper

Handwritten note: 16 June 1923

Handwritten initials: R

## MINUTES.

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN  
ON THIS SIDE.

embark upon a  
scheme of this  
nature - that Sgt.  
has no reason to  
think that the  
Kenya Gov. would  
any such ~~scheme~~  
~~contemplation~~ - but  
that a copy of his  
letter will be sent  
to the body. For  
inf. - I say that  
no useful purpose  
will be served by  
an interview -  
I add that he will  
understand that  
the action taken  
gives him no  
claim whatsoever  
to concern in regard  
to the election or  
workings of WOT  
stations in Kenya,  
if at any time  
the Gov. will  
decide to erect  
or arrange for the  
erection of local

stations. 213

I suggest this that  
part, as WOT seems  
necessarily to involve  
complications: I  
suppose it can do no  
harm & might  
safeguard the  
Kenya Gov. against  
some claim from  
the interested

Copy of cover "to  
party for inf. of

HCB

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I go further than Mr. Parkinson  
in covering action. I know  
nothing of his health, but I am  
sure that a man who can  
send in such a letter to a Govt.  
Office deserves no concern at all.  
? Ach. might not say that  
the general system of wireless  
communication, with long  
distances & S. has it

Consider that an interest would  
serve any useful purpose

~~City~~ Genl. H. 6723

at once.

H. J. R.

12/17/23

As the letter has been  
returned - attach  
it to the Mr. & Mrs. J.

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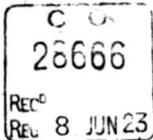
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6.6.23.

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It would undoubtedly aid outlying residents in regards to ~~the~~

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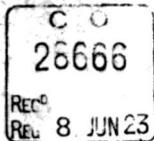
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I beg to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

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- Mr. *Brew* June 14.
- Mr. *Harkins*
- Mr.
- Mr. Davis.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir H. Road.
- Sir J. Masterion Smith
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
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 in Africa, & to inform you

that as a general system  
 of wireless communication

*W.H.B. de M. Keates*  
*cc. see this for*  
*all*

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