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Date

19th December 1924.

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EASTERN TELEGRAPH CO'S LICENCE AT MOMBASA.

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Regard as impracticable Kenya's suggestion that period of new landing licences should be limited to two years.

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Secretary of State.

Previous Paper

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MINUTES

He is bound to agree with the G.P.O.

There is a promised despatch on the way, and perhaps we should await the receipt of that before deciding the point. It appears from

^{etc.} *48568/24 Gen* that the general negotiations

for the renewal of licences to land the E.T.C's Cables have not made much progress, & we shall in any case do ~~any~~ ^{no} harm by waiting as the G.P.O. obviously do not intend to give any further countenance to Kenya's suggestion.

Subsequent Paper

M.O. 60398

Unless there is ~~something~~ ^{something} in the point the G.P.O.

is putting by despatch, it
 wd. seem that we shall have
 to send to Gov. a copy of our
 letter to G.P.O. of 17th Decem^r
 & their reply of 19th Dec^r, & also
 a copy of the Resⁿ or opinion
 of the sub. Cttee of the Cttee of
 Imperial Defence (12642/22 Jan);
 saying it will be seen that
 G.P.O. do not consider the
 Gov's suggestion practicable.
 We shd. admit that the
 suggestion was first made in
 para 8 of des. (Conf^y) to Gov.
 on 43957/25 Kenya, that the
 renewal of the licence might be
 made the opportunity of
 negotiating with the Gov., but
 that S.B.S. feels bound to
 admit that it is impracticable
 to conduct negotiations on
 separate lines with the Gov.
 in respect of each licence.
 In the connection explain that
 the memo. enclosed was agreed
 upon by the sub. Cttee of the D.
 C. C. & is the document
 to which ~~the~~ reference

was made in the penultimate para of G.P.O.
 letter 49755/21 (enclosed in des. 8300 et
 on that paper). In view, S.B.S. agrees with
 the G.P.O. that it is not practicable to
 renew it the period for which the licence ~~is~~
 granted at Kilindini is to be granted to two years.

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 first, wait 2 mails for the despatch

P.P.S.
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Yes - wait

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Yes - wait

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GENERAL POST OFFICE,

LONDON, E.C. 1.



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19 December, 1924.

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Sir,

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With reference to your letter of the 17th December, enclosing a copy of a telegram dated the 4th December from the Governor of Kenya, regarding the renewal of the Eastern Telegraph Company's licence at Mombasa, I am directed by the Postmaster General to advert to the letter from this office of the 16th March, 1922, (126920/21) enclosing a copy of a memorandum embodying the terms agreed upon between the Sub-Committee of the Imperial Communications Committee and the Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies for the grant of licences for the landing of the Companies' cables in various Colonies, including Kenya.

In view of the definite terms of this agreement (see Section 2 of the memorandum cited), the Postmaster General regards as impracticable the suggestion of the Governor of Kenya that the period

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Company in respect of the cable at Mombasa Island
should be limited to two years.

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