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GOVERNOR GRIGG.

TEL

21st December 1925.

RE CIRCULATION:—

Mr. *Bosworth* 23/12

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Mr.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE MOMBASA.

Mr.

Asst. U.S. of S.

Indicates measures necessary for restoration and improvement of - .General Manager has agreed to provide £15,000, to be paid out as required from Railway Funds. Explains necessity for more frequent residence at Mombasa. Requests general approval by tel.; plans will follow.

Perm. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

Previous Paper

*O.A.C. 32848*

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*We may hardly cover in the vic that more frequent residence at the Mombasa coast is desirable, & that the Govt House should be safe & decent therein.*

*The idea of changing the route the railway - of which I have no recollection - is the one, hour of difficulty. It is very far-fetched, although no doubt Sir S. Grigg's position as High Commissioner, Transport, will make it desirable for him to keep in touch with the Post.*

Subsequent Paper

*Gov. 198/26*

*But the proposals forwarded*

(and already - apparently - got through  
Council) for large capital  
expenditure on purely, along useful  
are so very alarming that one can  
only welcome items which the General  
Manager is willing to take from railway  
funds.

But is the G. M. right in giving?

It is entirely contrary to the principles of the  
reformation of Railway finance (see 22080/20) (fundless)  
that Railway money should be used for  
other purposes, and we may expect to find a  
strong feeling that the £10,000 could be  
spent better elsewhere here. It will  
depend on the importance (as attached to  
A with telegrams.

Sfr. Linnert

W. B. Linnert

23.12.25

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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 21st December, 1925.

(Received Colonial Office 7.15 p.m., 21st December, 1925.)

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In accordance with the suggestion discussed with you before I left England have asked Felling whether he could with propriety assist restoration and improvements in Government House Mombasa from railway funds. He thinks with me that the need is urgent and has agreed to provide £15,000 to be paid out as required from railway balances. This sum will cover the following One. Restoration of the present House roof and upper verandah which have been condemned. Two. Addition of ten rooms including office for myself and Private Secretary bathroom new kitchen and outhouse and two spare bedrooms. Three Tidying garden and sea front. Four. Any new furniture necessary. At present have no office and no guest room at all. Present kitchen and outhouse insanitary, and must be pulled down. There is practically no equipment and the house was equipped for the Duke of York with furniture borrowed from private houses. I am most anxious that work should be commenced immediately since I fear that continued neglect of the coast by the Governor may have had results see my private letter <sup>to</sup> from Wilson posted end of November. Reorganisation of the Port will also necessitate my frequent presence in Mombasa and I desire to open the Legislative Council there August. I should be very grateful therefore for your general approval in reply to this by cable. Will forward detailed plans earliest possible mail.

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- Mr. Boscawen 23/12
- Mr. E. J. Harding
- Mr. Strachey
- Sir J. Stuckburgh
- Sir G. Grindle
- Sir C. Davis
- Sir S. Wilson
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Earl of Clarendon
- Mr. Amery

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Your telegram of 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

Government have knowledge  
 of Finance Manager is satisfied  
 that in view of importance of  
 present visits to port by  
 High Commissioner & that  
 no valid objection can be raised  
 by Uganda I approve of  
 your proposals, but should  
 have preferred you had I should  
 have preferred Finance to be  
 consulted.

for Comm.  
DRAFT. Create.

Governor.  
Rainsford