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FOR CIRCULATION :-

Mr.  
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Mr. *G. G. G.*  
Asst. U.S. of S.

INTERIM REPORT ON E.A. SHIPPING SERVICES.

Will furnish final report after receiving views of Uganda, T. I. and local associations. States as to proceedings of local Conference in 1923. Suggests a Committee be formed representing Shippers in all E.A. Territories.

Perm. U.S. of S.  
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We can wait for other matters & for the results of Kenya's local correspondence; but the difficulties raised against one body at Mombasa (or at any other one place) will probably be insuperable.

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*Attn Mr. M. T. Lewis*

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Sir

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With reference to Colonial Office despatch No. 1237 of the 8th December, relative to the Interim Report of the Imperial Shipping Committee upon the East African Shipping Services, I have the honour to state that I have requested the Governors of Uganda and the Tanganyika Territory and the British Resident, Zanzibar, as well as the representatives of local associations to favour me with their views before furnishing you with my final observations upon the Report enclosed to the despatch under reference.

2. It may be of advantage to you at this juncture to note the steps which were taken some time ago to meet the difficulties outlined in the Committee's Interim Report.

In September 1923 I proposed a general discussion on the Shipping question between representatives of Government Departments and various non-official bodies interested in shipping and production and suggested to the Governments of Uganda, Tanganyika Territory, and Zanzibar that they should send both official and non-official delegates to the proposed Conference.

The

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL L.C.M.S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

The Conference was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. C. Hunter on the 31st October and the 1st November 1923 and was opened by me and attended by Sir Geoffrey Archer and the following delegates:-

Mr. W. C. Hunter, Chairman,	} Representing the Uganda Protectorate.
Mr. S. Simpson, Director of Agriculture,	
Mr. C. N. Loggin, Director of Public Works,	

Lieut. Colonel W.H. Franklin, D.S.O.)	} Also representing Tanganyika Territory
H.M.'s Trade Commissioner,	

Lieut. Colonel R.B. Turner, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Acting Trade Commissioner for the Union of  
South Africa.

The General Manager, Uganda Railway,	} Official Delegates Kenya Colony.
The Director of Agriculture,	
The Commissioner of Customs,	

Mr. Conway Harvey, M.L.C.,	} Representing the Convention of Associations, Kenya Colony.
Mr. E. Powys Cobb, M.L.C.,	
Mr. J. F. H. Harper,	
Mr. J. J. Toogood,	

Mr. Freeman Pannett, Mombasa Chamber of Commerce,	} Representing the Association of East African Chambers of Commerce.
Mr. W. A. M. Sim, Shipping - Conference Lines,	
Mr. P. H. Clarke, Shipping - Non-Conference Lines,	
Major J. W. Milligan, D.S.O., Nairobi Chamber of Commerce,	

Mr. A. A. Legat, National Bank of India,	} Representing the Zanzibar Protectorate.
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Mr. Pandya,	} Representing the Indian Association.
Mr. M. H. Malik,	
Mr. Hussienbhai Suleman Virji,	

3. The Agenda of the Conference included the following terms of reference:-

"A general enquiry into the Shipping Problem with a view to securing:-

- (a) Low and stable freight rates for local produce;
- (b) Regularity of Steamer service to East Africa;"

and it was suggested that a further duty of the Conference should be to appoint a Standing Local Committee for the purpose of communicating from time to time any information and figures of local production to some appropriate body in London, such as for instance the newly formed Joint East African Board and to the Shipping Companies.

The following resolution was carried nem. con. :-

"That this Conference is in favour of the formation of a permanent body to deal with those subjects set out in the terms of reference to this Conference and other cognate subjects provided the necessary financial assistance is forthcoming and that the Governments of the territories concerned be approached in the matter".

The Governments of Uganda, the Tanganyika Territory, and Zanzibar, were approached, but both Sir Geoffrey Archer and Sir Horace Byatt were of the opinion that the difficulties of attendance would preclude the adoption of the proposal to form a permanent body; the Acting British Resident at Zanzibar concurred in the proposal to form an East African Shipping Committee but desired to limit the participation of Zanzibar to a period of twelve months after which its continued participation would be reconsidered.

The proposal was therefore dropped until a more suitable occasion should arise.

4. I now observe that the action contemplated in 1923 in this Colony is in part that advocated by the Imperial Shipping Committee in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Report.

Of late it has become increasingly obvious that action in the matter of the Shipping Service on the East Coast should be taken by the Commercial and Producing Community in the interests of both native and non-native homeward trade, and representations to this effect have been made recently by the Association of East African Chambers of Commerce.

5. I trust that it may now be found possible to form a Committee representing the interests of the Shippers in all the East African territories and I am addressing the Governments of the dependencies concerned after hearing further from the Trade Commissioner, General Manager, Uganda Railway, Associated Chambers of Commerce, and the Convention of Associations who are now considering the steps to be taken to secure adequate local representation of merchants and planters.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

R. W. Gwynne

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