

You are entitled to refuse to produce this
of course. You are free to be silent, even if
under subpoena, to refuse, if you are
prepared to say that it is not in the public
interest for it to be produced.

But if it is true that Mr. Blain
has produced evidence by extracts from
it - then I think clearly we must
produce the document.

I am inclined to ask -

1/ In the material upon which they
have been subpoenaed as to Mr. Blain, or
as to what he actually produced, or for whom
he was giving evidence.

2/ What is the point in the case upon which
they consider the report would assist them.

A.B. 28/8/20
Point out that it is unsigned
at once

b. J. G.
23/8/20

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SOLICITORS
OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND IRELAND
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LONDON, E.C.2.

19th March 1920

The Secretary of State for the Colonies
Whitehall

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We are acting for the ~~British~~ ^{British} ~~Wire~~ ^{Wire} ~~Lighting~~ ^{Lighting} Co. Ltd.
in respect to an action brought against them by the East African Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.
The action has been before the Court and a Commission was appointed for the purpose of taking evidence in this country.
The Commission before us it appears that the Government Electrical Engineer, Mr. W. Blain, has produced as evidence an extract from the report of the proceedings of a Committee appointed by the Board of the East African Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. to enquire into the claims of the Managing Director of the East African Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. as to the necessity for granting the water power right of the British River adjacent to the works of Messrs. British Wire Lighting Co. Ltd. It appears to be dated the 14th July 1919. It shall be a record of this in your department. I wish that the Company should be supplied with a full copy of the report. Mr. W. Blain has stated that it is not in the public interest to be made to the uninterested parties. In this case, however, the report is to be made to the Company or to Mr. Blain, the Company's Engineer.

We are for
Yours obedient servants

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- Branley, W March
- Bush 24/3
- Parkman 24/3/20
- W. Branley 25.3.20
- Lombard
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Curthman,

I am directed to act the
 out of a letter of the 19th
 of March ~~which~~ wh. came from your
 office but ~~unreplied~~ unreplied, so to

inform you that the document
 wh. refer is made in the letter
~~...~~ = vs conf

2. Before ~~...~~ I can be
 decided whether you wish
 to be supplied with a copy
 of it, as ~~you report~~
 it is ~~...~~
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 Power
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I am to request you to materialize
I should furnish the ~~document~~ on
which you base your suggestion
that Mr. J. [unclear] ~~was actually~~
produced ^{in evidence} an abstract from the document
& that ~~you should~~ ^{it is} that ~~was~~ ^{was} actually
produced on that occasion & in
whose behalf Mr. McPhain was then
living & in view

I am further to request you to ~~state~~ ^{indicate}
to me ~~what~~ the points in your present
are upon which you consider that
the document in question ~~is~~
~~is~~ ~~is~~

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