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11th February, 1920.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's telegram of 2nd January and to confirm my telegraphic reply No.9 of 8th January assuring Your Lordship that no definite arrangement had been made whereby the best or any berth in Kilindini Harbour would become the monopoly of any one shipping Company.

2. In June 1914 Messrs. Smith Mackenzie and Company (Mombasa Agents for the British India Steam Navigation Company) asked permission to move their buoy in Kilindini Harbour to another position. This request was granted, but war operations intervened and the buoy has not yet been re-laid.

3. This firm is now pressing for permission to lay down their mooring buoy, which is intended for the sole use of their steamers, in a position which might seriously interfere with the movements of other vessels.

4. I have had this matter referred to the legal advisers of the Government and am now advised that the Government is not committed as even had the buoy in question

RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER

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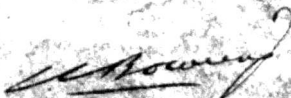
question been laid in 1914, the Government could now require its removal.

5. I have therefore caused Messrs. Smith Mackenzie and Company to be informed that permission to lay their buoy cannot be granted.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's

humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.