



issue is that the stores were shipped complete and in good condition at the end in Govt transport, that they arrived at the other end incomplete and damaged, and that in the interval they were on Govt transports and handled purely under the supervision etc of M.L.Os and the military authorities generally. It is trivial to say that subsequent investigations have failed to fix responsibility for the damage - no one could well expect this to be possible - but that does not invalidate the facts as they stand.

I suggest that a form letter on these lines be addressed to the War Office, saying that the S.O.S. is unable to concur in the reply given to the C.A., and urging that in view of the uncontroverted facts of damage and loss in transit, the liability should be accepted and defrayed from Army Funds.

Th. 3.2.21.

As regards the last sentence, if the claim referred to are those dealt with in WO/2628/21/K.A.A. & previous A.A., they have nothing to do with the matter, and I do not think the two questions should be allowed to get mixed up.

? Try the W.O. as proposed. If they will not reconsider we shall have to go to Treas. for a decision.

C.D. 7.2.21.

I suppose they  
must be  
a matter  
outstanding

E.P.

I agree with the letter, but I am  
inclined to refer the matter to  
Treasury at once on the basis proposed  
if it be well as I think, to come  
a third refusal from the 4023

Apr 2/21

Off for answer to the Treasury.

[We started issuing agenda  
statements two years ago (C.A. 6242/19  
ago)  
but he used not tell that money  
so.]

C.A. 8.2.21

at once

Mr. Secretary to the Treasury

Please see Mr. Vincent's letter  
attached, & C.A. minute in reply  
to me. I want to them on receiving it.

I am sorry that I cannot  
be more complete. I submitted a draft  
to put the matter straight with  
the Treasury.

C. J. 15.3.21.

Apr. 20/21

Lead 16.3.21.

at once

A  
letter sent  
C.A. 13  
and  
C.A.  
W.S.



*Private note  
to A.C.P. & S.*

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TREASURY CHAMBERS,

WHITEHALL.

2nd, March 1921.

ply  
Please quote Regd. No.

S.7840.

Dear Jeffries,

Your official letter of the 14th February (3066/21) relative to shortages in, and damage to, stores shipped to East African ~~ports~~ <sup>Government</sup> during the war.

It appears from the Crown Agents letter of the 18th January that the £2445.16.0 is the total claim of the various ~~ports~~ <sup>Government</sup> including Uganda Railway and from their letter of the 5th April 1919 to war Office that the Uganda Railway has suffered the greater part of the loss. The Crown Agents are willing to meet the Kenya (including Uganda Railway) claim from the Marine Insurance Fund.

Are you only applying for a refund of the loss sustained by Uganda, and if so, can you say the amount of their separate claim?

Yours sincerely,

*H. H. [Signature]*

Mr. J. Jeffries Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street.



Mr. Jeffries.

~~1st March 1921.~~

With reference to your message of the 4th March, the amount claimed by us from the War Office, namely, £2,445: 18s. was the total value of the goods damaged and short-landed ex-Government transports, and included the value of those items which had been paid from the Marine Insurance Fund. The value of the separate Uganda Protectorate claim is £360: 2s. 7d.

There was no evidence to show that any of the losses were due to perils insured against and therefore the Marine Insurance Fund was not liable but in the unusual circumstances of the claim we paid the value of the Kenya and Uganda Railway stores from the Marine Insurance Fund in order that the Colonial Government should not suffer. The payments were, therefore, entirely ex gratia and were made to adjust the matters between the Colonial Government and the Marine Insurance Fund, it being intended that the Marine Insurance Fund should be credited with any sums received from the Imperial Government in respect of the Kenya and Uganda losses. If the question of the payment of the claims is being considered by the Treasury I would suggest that the whole claim should be considered and not merely the Uganda items.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN PRINTS AND THE COLONIES,  
THE ABOVE ADDRESS BEING THE  
DATE OF THE LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN LONDON"  
TELEPHONE: "THE VOICERS"



4. MILLBANK,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

January 1921.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that during the war it became necessary for us, owing to the shortage of shipping space on steamers sailing from this country to East Africa, to take advantage of the opportunities which occurred from time to time to ship stores for East Africa by transports hired by the Admiralty. Large consignments of stores were shipped in this manner, but the East African Governments reported to us that considerable shortages occurred in the stores shipped, and that these stores which were delivered contained many damaged items.

The damage and part of the shortages were probably accounted for by the frequent handling which was necessary owing to the disorganisation of shipping arrangements in East Africa due to the local military operations. We took up with the Ministry of Shipping the question of compensation for the stores lost and damaged, and I enclose a copy of a letter from that Ministry dated 28th March, 1919, from which you will see that the Naval authorities refused to accept any responsibility for the discrepancies, and suggested that the shortages were mainly due to stores having been appropriated by the Military.

Accordingly we approached the War Office and requested consideration of our claim of £2,442 15s. 0d. but, as you will see from the enclosed correspondence, that Department will not admit liability for the losses, with the exception of one or two small items, which may be regarded as insignificant. We have no information

Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE - S.W. 1.

to enable us to identify these items, and propose to ask the Protectorate Government if these stores have been replaced in kind and, if not, for particulars to enable us to claim their value from the War Office.

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All claims for stores short-delivered and damaged in respect of the Government of Kenya (including the Uganda Railway), have been met by our Marine Insurance Fund, although there is no evidence to show that the loss was due to sea perils; but we are not in a position to pay any sum from that fund to the Uganda Protectorate, because at the date shipment took place stores for that Government were not insured.

As it would appear that there is little likelihood of the War Office admitting the claim in question, I have to enquire if the Secretary of State approves of our dropping the correspondence with that Department and informing the Government of Uganda that we are unable to take any further action in the matter. We refer this question to you because we were informed at an interview at the War Office in connection with the present claim that that Department had claims against the East African Governments for considerable sums in respect of stores and that correspondence on the subject had taken place with the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Yours faithfully,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. S. Pater

for the Crown Agents.



20th March, 1919.

Gentlemen,

Adverting to previous correspondence regarding your claim for 22429. 14. 8. for short deliveries of stores shipped from this country to East Africa by Transport, I beg to forward for your information the attached copy of a report which has been received from the Principal Naval Transport Officer, South and East Africa Durban, on the matter.

Full consideration has been given to the question of liability for the losses and damages sustained and it is regretted that this Department cannot refund the amount of the loss.

It is considered that any question of compensation for stores taken over by the Military Authorities should be taken up by you direct with the War Office.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) E. Foley.

Director of Military Sea Transport.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,

Shipping Office,

13, Great St. Helena,

S.C. 3.

Naval Transport Office,  
Durban.

8th February, 1919.

The Principal Naval Transport Officer,  
South and East Africa,

Director of Military Sea Transport,  
Ministry of Shipping,  
London.

Submitted.

In reply to your memo of the 20th September 1918.

All cargo landed from transports in the ports in British and German East Africa are under the charge of the Military authorities, who check, sort and prepare stores for transhipment. The Naval Transport department during the period in question only conveyed and stevedored the stores in and out of the ship. The stores were landed and loaded from and into the lighters at the wharves by the Military.

Cargo on the East Coast, owing to the number of military sea bases, is often handled four or five times, and this will account for a considerable amount of damage, especially as a great quantity of the goods have been packed in very fragile cases.

With reference to the General Manager's letter No. N/26/24/272 of the 1st March 1917, the "Beltana" landed over 300-tons at Durban for East Africa and owing to bad stowage and frailty of packages, cargo turned out very badly. The attached list of packages broken and repaired gives an idea of the condition of this shipment. All packages quoted as missing were duly shipped, and appear on the manifest of "St. Egbert", which sailed for East Africa on 27th September 1918 and according to our information were in good condition. Cargo appears to have been transhipped again at Dar-es-Salaam and these frequent handlings would severely test the endurance of the strongest packing materials obtainable. The same reason would tend to obliteration of marks, rendering identification difficult.

With reference to the General Manager's letter No. D.26/24/-18 of the 7th March, 1938, the "Clan McGillivray" landed no cargo for East Africa at Durban. This vessel proceeded to Kilwa Kiswani with her original cargo and shipped a further 1137 1/2 tons of military stores at Durban.

The "Seang Bee" did not land any of her original cargo for East Africa at Durban, but proceeded to Dar-es-Salaam with West African porters after bunkering at Durban.

It is impossible to identify the packages mentioned in paragraph 5 without fuller information regarding the vessels in which they were originally shipped. It is pointed out that the nature of stores reported as missing would easily be associated with similar stores consigned to the Ordnance Department, and it is suggested that some of the missing stores may have been taken over by that Department in error.

No stores of any description have been taken over by the Naval Authorities in South and East Africa.

Sd. Edward Headlam.

Principal Naval Transport Officer,  
South and East Africa.

LIST OF CARGO ex "BRITANA" DAMAGED PILLAGED & C  
STOWED IN No. 3 HOLD.

A.S.C.	1 Case Cocoa	-	4 tins short.
	1 ... ..	-	1 ... ..
	1 ... Oze.		10 ... ..
	1 ... Whiskey	-	9 Bots ....
	1, ... ..	-	2 ... ..
	1 ... ..	-	1 ... ..
	1 ... ..	-	1 ... ..
	1 ... Milk	-	1 tin ... ..
	1 ... Lime Juice		1 Jar .... broken.
	1 ... Horse Shoes		10 Short.

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	1 ... Time Juice	1 Jar ... broken
	1 ... Horse Shoes	10 Short.



Y.M.C.A.	1	Casa Sauce	9	Bottles Short.
1	..	Cheese	1	Tin
1	..	Marmalade	1	..
1	..	..	1	..
1	..	Baked Beans	9	..
1	..	Lime Juice	1	Bot
1	..	..	2	..
1	..	..	3	..
1	..	Pears	1	Bin
1	..	..	15	..
1	..	Tongues	3	..
1	..	..	25	..
1	..	Knos.P.Salt	40	Bot.
1	..	Confectionery	12	Bot
1	..	..	3	..
1	..	Bale No. C2 Shirts	-	repaired - contents not counted.

Landed Empty but not Shipped

A.B.C.	6	cases Whiskey
1	..	Milk
1	..	Lime Juice
Y.M.C.A.	2	.. Lime Juice
1	..	Tongues
A.S.C.	74	drums of oil Landed Leaking to be re-conditioned and forwarded later (40 drums shipped in "Glan MacPhee" 27/10/36.

Breakages, shortages, etc. Cargo Transhipped at Durban ex s.s. "HELTANA" to H.M.T. "SAINT ROBERT".

Remarks.	Numbers.	Packages & Description.	Remarks.
Mombasa	2039	1 Bale Great Coats - Drab	Torn & broached
	9920	1 " Flem Shirts - Drab	do. do.
S.A.	1075	1 Case Biscuits.	broken - half full.
	C.12	1 " Shirts	broken - part full.
	4227	1 " Lea & Perrin Sauce	do do.
	922.936.N/N.	3 cases Knos P. Salts.	do do
r. Entebbe.	H/C 3654	1 case	broken-repaired
A. 1020.3920.3915.		3 cases	do. do.
Mombasa.	5990	1 case Contents of	tina P. Fruit.
	6875	1 case Helmet Bodies	broken-repaired
	9923	1 case Flem shirts Drab	tern & broached
	9352	1 case Shirts	do. do.
	6825	1 case Helmet bodies	broken-repaired
A.A.	4497	1 case	do. do.
Aircraft Park.	2375	1 case Conversion sets	do. do.
C. BRA Y.M.C.A.	80.1075	1 case Biscuits	broken & p.full
Mombasa	2039	1 Bale Great Coats Drab	torn & slack.
C.A.		40 cases Golden Syrup	broken-repaired
		25 cases Salad Oil	do do
		58 Cases Preserves	do do
		3 cases "John Bull" Matches	broken pt. full
A.S.C.		4 cases Johnnie Walker Whiskey	empty

Origin	Quantity	Description	Condition
	2	cases Johnnie Walker Whiskey	Broken pt. full cases repaired
	3	do do	
	1	do Liqueur	contents 1 bottle Brandy
	2	do do	contents 2 bottles Brandy
	3	do do	empty cases.
M.C.A.	35	cases "Ideal" con. Milk.	Broken-repaired empty
	1	do do	(stated to contain 38 tins)
M.C.A.	35	cases "Ideal" con. Milk.	Broken-repaired empty
	1	do do	(stated to contain 38 tins)
	38	cases Biscuits.	broken-repaired
	30	cases Lime Juice.	broken-repaired
O.Mombasa.	38	cases Horse Shoes	do do
M.C.A.	3	cases Heinz Baked Beans	do do
	1	case Lunch Tongue.	do do
	1	cases Lime Juice	do empty
	1	case do	4 bottles short
	1	case do	5 do do
O.Mombasa.	42	cases Boots.	broken-repaired
	13	cases Service Caps.	do do
C. Expeditionary Force. W. 608.	1	case enlarger.	do do
F.A. B.E.A.			
P.Mombasa 2902.2907.			
		2910.2900	
C.	4161	4 cases Forks	do do
M.C.A.		1 case slippers	do do
C.K.A.R.	83537	68 cases Confectionery.	do do
M.C.A.		1 case New Balls.	do do
		38 cases Sauce	do do
		3 cases carbide calcium	do do
		35 baking powder	do do
		24 cases Oatmeal	do do
		22 cases Bacon	do do
		49 cases Oxo Pea meat.	do do
		1 case preserved provisions.	do do
		2 cases preserved peaches.	do do
		4 cases Knox F. Salts.	do do
Supply Officer			
A.S.C.		23 cases cocoon powder.	do do
M.C.A.		13 cases candles.	

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CLAIMS AGAINST THE OFFICE.

5th April, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a statement showing the value of stores shipped by hired transports to the East African Protectorates and the Uganda Railway, which have been short-delivered, damaged, and in some cases apparently taken over by the Military Authorities. The goods were consigned to Kilindi and in many cases were transhipped either at Durban or Dar-es-Salaam.

2 The delay in rendering this claim is due to our having been in communication with the Ministry of Shipping, being under the impression that that Department would deal with the matter. You will see, however, from the attached copy of a letter from the Ministry that it is not prepared to refund the amount of the loss.

3 We also enclose a copy of a letter from the General Manager of the Uganda Railway which covers the greater portion of the claim. As you are aware, the Government of Nyasaland has similarly called attention to the condition in which transport cargoes have been dealt with. In the circumstances we trust that the Secretary of State will agree to a refund of the £2445. 18. 0. in respect of the losses sustained.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Dd) W.H. Mercer.

## STATEMENT OF SHORTAGE.

AT MELINDINI.

AS GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTS.

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"Clan MacPherson"	Feb. 1916.	45. 13. 3.
"Queen Louise"	Apr. 1916.	6. 1. 4.
"Cawdor Castle"	Apr. 1916.	13. 19. 2.
"Blackwell"	June 1916.	87. 19. 9.
"Hunscastle"	Aug. 1916.	6. 0. 0.
"Beltern"	Aug. 1916.	464. 3. 6.
"Marathon"	Feb. 1917.	7. 5. 7.
"Port Melbourne"	Feb. 1917.	42. 13. 10.
"Bechnah"	Mar. 1917.	90. 6. 11.
"City of Sparta"	Apr. 1917.	63. 11. 0.
"Anglo Egyptian"	May 1917.	70. 1. 8.
"Seangbee"	June 1917.	118. 17. 9.
"Hymettus"	June 1917.	47. 2. 1.
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"	"	84. 9. 0.
"	"	16. 3. 4.

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 £2,445. 18. 0.
 

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"	"	84. 9. 6.
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MISCELL.

April 1946.

E. 7244

Gentlemen,

DAMAGE TO AND SHORTAGE OF STORES SHIPPED  
FROM ENGLAND BY TRANSPORT.

I have the honour to intimate that heavy losses have occurred in connection with the shipment of stores from England by transport steamers due either to the damaged condition of the goods on arrival or to serious shortages which may or may not have occurred en route. I append a report showing the shortage and the amount of loss involved in connection with several consignments recently received.

2. Under requisition No. 3967 a consignment of 1000 Handled Brooms were shipped per transport "CLAN DOBRIE" and the consignment arrived at Kilindini on 15th December last. The transport unloaded at Dar-es-Salaam and the goods in question were transhipped. On examination it was found that 18 brooms were short of their cost in England amounting to fl. 17. 6.

3. In connection with indent No. 541, items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, a consignment of paper was shipped by Transport "CLAN DOBRIE" which apparently left Southampton in September, 1945. The consignment arrived at Kilindini per transport "UNTATA" on the 11th of the month and was apparently transhipped at one or more ports en route. On examination it was found that the following shortages had occurred:-

	Reams.	Quires.	
Item No. 9.	163	19	1000 1/2 Reams. 1000 1/2 Quires.
" " 11.	369	14	1000 1/2 Reams. 1000 1/2 Quires.
" " 12.	93	10	1000 1/2 Reams. 1000 1/2 Quires.
" " 13.	255	18	2500 Reams. 2500 Quires.

The value of these shortages is assessed as follows:-

Cost of paper including carriage	75
Inspection	10
Sea freight	10
Landing Charges	10
Marine Insurance	10
War Risks	10
Total	125

Total Rs. 125.00

The consignment on its arrival was found to be packed in rough cases, gunny bags, and a portion of it was broken out. It was packed with considerable care and was insured immediately for Nairobi. It is impossible to say whether enormous leakage occurred. Presumably at some point of transit it was found to be in such a deplorable condition that it was not worth while to retranship it. Considering the difficulty in replacing this shortage, the scheduled value as given above does not even approximately represent its intrinsic value to us.

The following shortages were reported on the transports "SENGUETI" and "HYETTUS":-

1	Drum sperm oil marked	Req. No. 2921/2	No. 903	38
15	Drums paint white zinc marked	Req. 2921/7		
2	" " black	" " 2921/2		
1	Case playing cards	" " 2921/1	No. 902	

In addition to the above shortages the following packages were received in a damaged condition with part of their contents missing:-

Re No. 2964.	3 cases of Candles.
" " 2947.	1 Case Belts No. 7030.
" " 2851.	5 cases Screws Nos. 5311, 535/2, 536 and 6374, (470 dozens short, their approximate value in England being £23.10. 0.)

The following Stores (amongst others) were advised to be last as having been shipped by various transports, but at the time of writing have not arrived:-

Req.	Contents.
2834. Drums No. 7771/92	Pans Mortar Iron
2875/3 Plates 12	Steel Plates 3/4" x 48" x 1/8"
2888 Bundles Nos. 8297/8	Iron Wire 8/16
2911/5 Bars 24	Steel Mild 7/8"
2921/6 Drums	Oil Linseed 8/16
2921/6 " "	" " "
2933/1 Bale No. 3210	Bunting
2947 A/1 Bale No. 302	Lamp with battery

Further instances which on account of the value do not call for specific attention could be mentioned.

I am perfectly aware that goods conveyed per Government transports are borne at certain risks and that no claim is allowed for losses that may occur, but, seeing that the occasions have reached such alarming proportions it is possible for you to take the matter up with the Authorities at your end, with perhaps, good results.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Yours faithfully,  
 Gentlemen,

WAR OFFICE TO CROWN AGENTSWar Office,  
London, E.C. 4.

15 Misc 198 (U.N.C.F.)

16th December, 1919.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letters No. C.363 of 5th April, 1919, and subsequent dates regarding a claim for stores short delivered and damaged ex hired transports in England to East Africa, I am directed to inform you that, after full consideration, no liability can be accepted by this Department.

It would appear that losses and damage occurred during various transshipments, but in the absence of any definite proof that any of the missing stores were taken over by the Military Authorities, no claim can be entertained.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) F.W. Bensted.

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.



7th April, 1920.

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Sir,

With reference to the Assistant Financial Secretary's letter of the 16th December, No. 15/Misc/198 (QMSF) on the subject of Colonial Government stores short-delivered in East Africa on hired transports, it is noted that no liability can be accepted by your department unless proof is furnished that any of the missing stores were taken over by the military authorities.

In our letter C/363 of the 5th April, 1919, we enclosed a copy of a letter from the Ministry of Shipping which covered a copy of a communication from the Principal Naval Transport Officer, Durban. In his letter the Principal Naval Transport Officer stated that all cargo landed from transports in British East Africa was under the charge of the military authorities who checked, sorted and prepared for transhipment all stores sent to the Colonial Government. In further proof of this, I enclose a copy of a letter from the Ministry of Shipping containing reports received from East Africa and would refer you to the copy of the communication Q3362 of the 24th March, 1917 from the Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General to the Inspector General of Communications and of the latter's reply No. Q 3/123/67 of the 25th March 1917. From these communications it is apparent that during such time as they were not subject to a sea peril, all stores were at the disposal of the military authorities until delivered to the Colonial Government's authorised officer. From this it follows that the delivery of Colonial Governments' stores and the conditions in which they were delivered, was dependent on the consideration of the military authorities. It is quite understood and appreciated that urgent military requirements might lead the military authorities to commandeered such stores as were

wanted

wanted - with or without proper commandeering authority - and distinct evidence that this was done is contained in copies of the other communications addressed in the Ministry of Munitions letter of the 22nd January, 1918, referred to. For a definite instance I would refer you to the communication of the 16th March 1917 from the Military Landing Officer. Further, we would urge that it cannot but be admitted that the disappearance of such items as 57½ gallons of Axle Oil (value £200-19-9) paper to the value of £558.13.10, and paint to the value of £1512 6. cannot be considered as having been "lost" through ordinary transport risks and it is doubtful whether absolute proof of any of the lost stores having been "commandeered" could be obtained at this date.

3. The sum of £2445. 18. 0. involved is a matter of serious consideration to the Colonial Government and we would submit that it is unfair that the Colonial Government should be called on to bear losses incurred through circumstances over which they had no control or through the omission or refusal of the military authorities to furnish receipts for stores which were commandeered whether with or without proper commandeering authority. We trust, therefore, that the claim will be paid.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd. W.L. Paton.

For the Crown Agents.

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING TO CROWN AGENTS

A. 640/2/18/87.

Transport Department.

26th January, 1916.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter dated 19th December respecting packages short delivered at Mombasa ex Transport "MELTANA", I now have to enclose for your information copies of reports received from East Africa.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd/-) **Binet.** apl.

for Director of Military Sea Transport.

No. 572.  
Director of Transport.

The attached reports from the Divisional Naval Transport Officers at Durban and Dar-es-Salaam are forwarded in accordance with your letter No. A. 540 (3/17/FA) of 1st June 1917 addressed to Senior Naval Officer, Simonstown.

(Sd) R. Charlton.

Rear Admiral,  
Commander in Chief,  
Cape Station.

Simon Bay,  
12th November, 1917.

OFFICE OF THE  
DIVISIONAL NAVAL TRANSPORT OFFICER,  
DURBAN.

29th September, 1917.

No. 517a.

Rear Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Cape of Good Hope Station.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit with reference to letter from the Director of Transport and Shipping A. 540 (3/17/FA) of June, the following reports in reference to the three letters attached.

1-letter from Acting Coast Agent, Durban, 20/2/17.

Medical Department, Table.

2 Casks Sedit Sulph.

Case No. 784.

Cask No. 447.

758 777 20 cases shipped  
"ST. ROBERT".  
Should be cask part of above  
manifest.  
Shown on manifest of "ST.  
ROBERT" as 2 cases glass bottles.

Printing Department, Entebbe.

Casks No. 6956/7  
13 Quires Plotting Papers  
2 Reams 202 sheets T.R.  
laid Large Post.  
170 sheets Foolscap  
1 Ream 33 sheets Foolscap  
2 Quires thin Brown paper

2 cases of "ST. ROBERT"  
Apparently contained in 1917 and  
packages shipped in "ST. ROBERT"  
S.P. 1.00  
1403 3/2 case Plotting Paper.

5 Quire Double Weight paper  
 10 sheets Perforated Marbled  
 paper double Imperial  
 4 Quire Double Weight  
 double Imperial  
 Case No. 2543  
 Case No. 1900  
 2 boxes Writing Paper.

1402 1 case Dietting Paper.  
 1402/15 2 c/e Writing Paper.

Shipped in "ST. ROBERT" 44

Medical Department Entebbe.

- 3 c/e Medicines
- 1 c/e Typewriter No. 2604
- 3 c/e Sodal Sulph.
- 1 Sale Towel No. 3630
- 3 c/e Dressings

The following for P.M.O. Uganda were shipped in "ST. ROBERT" and above may be identified by numbers on packages.

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|--------------|----|-------|-----------------------|
| 2443/6       | 4  | cases | Medicinal Spirits.    |
| 2487/84      | 3  | "     | Vermin Ipecac         |
| 2489         | 1  | "     | Paraffin Melle        |
| 2490/1       | 2  | "     | Almon Carbonar        |
| 2492         | 1  | "     | Medicines             |
| 788          | 1  | "     | Brass                 |
| 781/7        | 5  | "     | Sodal Sulph. Pulv.    |
| 758/777      | 20 | "     | Sodal Sulph.          |
| 412/4        | 3  | Cases | Glass Bottles.        |
| 448          | 1  | Case  | Field Dressings.      |
| 446          | 1  | "     | Syringes etc.         |
| 447          | 1  | "     | Glass Nozzles etc.    |
| H.O. 3630    | 1  | Sale  | Towels                |
| 6043         | 1  | Case  | Brands Essences       |
| 2604 or 2604 | 1  | "     | Typewriter            |
| W/H          | 1  | "     | Surgical Instruments. |

Printing Department Entebbe.

1 Case Ink No. 4054. Shipped in "ST. ROBERT".

Assistant District Commissioner Entebbe.

2 Cases Pails No. 4260 Shipped in "ST. ROBERT".  
 Package Lanterns No. 1418

Transport Department Kampala.

1 Case Tyres 280/1-2 cases Rubber Tyres shipped in "ST. ROBERT" N/N 1 case Rubber Tyres shipped in "ST. ROBERT".

Public Works Department Entebbe.

1 Case Tools No. 4271. Shipped in B. 4/51 1 Reg. W.I. Mail shipped in "ST. ROBERT".

Prison Department Entebbe.

1 Case Lanterns No. 774. 1 case lanterns assigned to G.I. Entebbe, shipped in "ST. ROBERT".  
 3 Pk.s Bats & Covers. Cannot be identified on Manifest as having been either landed ex "LUTANA" or shipped in "ST. ROBERT".  
 Taken from the Treasury, Nairobi, 17/2/17.

Stationery Department Entebbe.

Case No. 1396 Shipped on Manifest of "ST. ROBERT" as 1 case Colonial Mail

Prison Department Nairobi.

Case No. 3626 Shipped in "ST. ROBERT"

Medium Department Nairobi

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3 Cases Glass Bottles. 7 Cases shipped in "ST. ROBERT"  
all above were intact and in apparent good order when shipped  
in "ST. ROBERT" at Darban.

Letter from The Director of Public Works Nairobi, 31/1/47.

Shortages referred to as follows:-

1 Bale Nets	Unable to identify on Manifest;
18 drums Paint	200 drums shipped in "ST. ROBERT"
4 Jerseys	56 Bales Jerseys
3 Anvils	3 cases Anvils
4 Mattacks	Unable to identify on Manifest.

On discharge of "BRETANA'S" cargo here, it was observed  
that a good portion was in a frail condition, and every effort  
was made to recondition same without disturbing the contents of  
packages.

It is further submitted that apparently the "ST. ROBERT",  
carrying "BRETANA'S" transhipped cargo, did not proceed beyond  
Dar-es-Salaam and judging from the correspondence, a further  
transshipment seems to have been made to "TRAFFORD HALL" for  
onward conveyance to Kilindini, in which case the several handling  
of frail packages may account for some of the losses which  
Dar-es-Salaam or Kilindini may have record of.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SIGNED.

For Divisional Medical Transport Officer.

IMMEDIATE

LOSSES AND SHORTAGE OF STORES IN "BRETANA"

Administrative letter, and report from Darban

D.N.T.O.

Dar-es-Salaam.

Forwarded for such further report as you can furnish.  
Attention is directed to the last paragraph of the report from Darban.

These papers to be returned to me with your report, which should be in duplicate.

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(Sd) E. Charlton.

Rear Admiral.  
Commander in Chief.  
Cape Station.

10th Oct. 1917.

NAVAL TRANSPORT OFFICER,

DAR-ES-SALAM.

26th October, 1917.

From the Divisional Naval Transport Officer.

East African Force.

To the Commander in Chief,  
H.M. Ships and Vessels,  
Cape of Good Hope Station.

Sir, Reference your No. 072 of 10th October 1917.

SUBMITTED. copies of reports on this subject from various Military sections concerned.

All stores are handled here by the Military Landing Officer. It is reported that no further trace can be found of these stores, either at Kilindini or Dar-es-Salaam.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) G.H. Sims.

Divisional Naval Transport Officer,  
East African Force.

24th October, 1917.

From Military Landing Officer,  
Tel D.A.H.M.C., Base Dar-es-Salaam.

"ST. ROBERT", 6/10/16.

Your 150/6/1 of 19th and enclosed the stores ex St. Robert were sent to Kilindini per H.M. "Stafford Hall" on 27th November 1916. A good deal of the cargo was damaged when received on ship.

The matter was dealt with under D.A.Q.M.G. Lefo Q3/173/1 of 4th March last, I regret I am not able to add anything to my letter of 16th idem to D.A.Q.M.G. Lefo excepting that Mr. Gregory the B.E.A. representative who came to Dar-es-Salaam to take over the stores travelled on the "Trafford Hall" and doubtless has particulars of the shortages etc.

Sd. ....  
M.L.G.

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D.A.Q.M.G. L. of C.

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There is no trace of any of the packages on attached list being received here please.

Sd. .... Captain.  
a/ Chief Ordnance Officer.

Dar-es-Salaam.

2/5/17.

/RB

D.A.Q.M.G. L. of C.

This has reference to your Q 3/173/1 dated 29/4/1917.

Sd. .... Lt.  
Colonel.

For D.D.G.S. L. of C.

Copy of memo No. 5 from O.C. Base Medical Stores Dar-es-Salaam dated 30.4.17. to D.D. M.S. L. of C.

Reference attached memorandum No. 23/123/1 from D.A.Q.M.G. L. of C. re Uganda Stores, Req. 2452. I knew nothing of these stores and Captain Rhodes books does not show any receipt of similar stores. Requisition 2452 ex beltana. I attach copy of receipt voucher which was forwarded to you on the 13.4.17 for 50 lbs. Ammonia Carb. 226 lbs. Soda Bicarb, 56 lbs. Sodu Sulph. received by me on 16.1.17. from pier. Captain Rhodes received some gauze, cork, etc., of which I send you a list on the 13.4.17.

No. 122/43.

Medical Headquarters,  
Lines of Communications,  
Dar-es-Salaam.  
May 2nd 1917.

To D.A.Q.M.G. L. of C.



Memorandum

Above forwarded for your information with reference to year Q3/173/7 dated 29.4.1917.

The originals of the documents referred to above have been forwarded to the ...

Colonel  
I.H.S.  
M.R.R.S. L. of C.

Reference No. X.1561.  
A.C.M.C. L. of C.

Reference to our Q3/173/7 dated 29.4.17 & search has been made in the depots under my jurisdiction, but no trace of the missing stores can be found.

No. Q3 173/7  
Colonel  
A.D. Works (North)

Headquarters,  
Inspector General of communications,  
Dar-es-Salaam. 29th April 1917.

Headquarters, L. of C.  
To I.H.S. L. of C.  
A.D. Works L. of C.

I.H.S. L. of C.  
A.D. Works L. of C.

In continuation of my No. Q3/173/7 dated 4th March 1917, I am pleased to inform you that the new reports sent to me by the Chief Secretary, Dar-es-Salaam, have been received and are being dealt with. The following is a complete list of packages which were shipped to Dar-es-Salaam and have not yet arrived at Dar-es-Salaam.

- 2452 Medical Department Entebbe.
    - 2 Cases soda sulph found short.
    - Case No. 764 - 40 lbs. soda sulph found short.
    - Case No. 477 - 5 field dressings (first) found short.
  - 2457. Printing Department Entebbe.
    - Case No. 6050 - 15 bottles blue black ink large found short.
    - Case No. 6157 - 90 bottles do small do.
    - 12 quires blotting papers. found short.
    - 2 reams 202 sheets F.E. laid foolscap found short.
    - 170 sheets T.E. laid foolscap, found short.
    - 1 ream 33 sheets F.H.S. Cream wove foolscap found short.
    - 9 quires thin brown papers double imperial found short.
    - 9 sheets foreign marble papers double imperial "
    - 9 quires Ochre glazed double imperial "
    - Case No. 5063 - 1 typewriter ribbon, Empire "
    - Case No. 1120 - 100 lbs printing type "
- The following packages which were shipped also by "Baltana" and which were presumably also landed at Durban are missing:-
- 2452. Medical Department, Entebbe.
    - cases medicines. 1 bale towel No. 3030.
    - cases soda sulph. 2 cases dressings
    - 83. One case typewriter No. 2604.
  - 82. Printing Department Entebbe.
    - 1 case blue black ink large No. 6054.
  - 83. Asst. District Officer, Entebbe.

2 cases pails Nos. 4260/1.  
1 package lanterns No. 1418.  
Req. 2446. Transport Department, Kampala  
One case Lyres No. 511.  
Req. 2420 Public Works Dept. Entebbe.  
One case tools No. 4251.  
Req. 2262. Prison Department, Entebbe.  
One case lanterns 774.

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3. I am directed by the I.G.C. to request that you will please cause a search to be made in the depots under your jurisdiction at your earliest convenience and report the result to this office in due course. Any packages recovered should be handed to the M.L.G. for forwarding to the Uganda Store-keeper Mombasa.

Copy to Adminstaff Ref. No. Q.3362 of 23rd April 1917.

Base Commandant D.S.M. M.L.O.

Sd. .... Captain.  
D.A.Q.M.G.L. of C.

I.G.C.

Q.3360.

Returned. The list of stores for which search was made by you was shortages of B.E.A. and this is a Uganda claim.

The lists have been checked and are totally different stores so will you please cause a search to be made, and report the result.

G.H.Q.  
Dum. 23/4/17.

Sd. W. Faras  
Major for  
D.A. & Q.M.G.

Reference No. X.1431.  
D.A.Q.M.G.L. of C.  
Dar-es-Salaam.

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Ref. your No. Q3/173/2.  
dated 4th March 1917 re stores missing from H.T. St. Egbert,  
a thorough search has been made and nothing can be traced.

Dum. 5.4.17.

Sd. ....  
Lt. Colonel R.E.  
A.D. works.

No. Q.3/173/6.  
Headquarters,  
Inspector General of Communications,  
Dar-es-Salaam. 25th March 1917.

Inspector General of Communications,  
E.A.P. Dar-es-Salaam.

To  
The Administrative Staff,  
G.H.Q. Dar-es-Salaam.

Reference your No. Q.3362 dated 24th March 1917

Relative

relative to the U.L.O. taking over stores consigned to the **50**  
Uganda Government, kindly see my No. Q3/171/4 dated 17th/18th  
March 1917 para 3, wherein you will see that arrangements have  
already been made as now requested by you under another heading.

2 Reference letter No. 5007 dated 12th March 1917 from the  
Chief Secretary Entebbe, the cargo ex the s.s. "Beltana" was  
transhipped into the H.T. St Egbert at Durban for Dar-es-Salaam,  
and the cargo for the two protectorate Governments was forwarded  
to Kilindini from here on the H.T. "Trafford Hall".

3 I have already had a search made for the missing articles,  
as shown by certain letters forwarded to me by you under your No.  
Q.3190 dated 3rd March 1917. As I returned all these documents to  
you under my No. Q3/173/5 dated 20th March 1917, will you please  
say whether the lists now forwarded are identical with those sent  
previously. If they are new lists showing different deficiencies I  
will cause a search to be made for them.

Sd.....  
Brig. General  
Inspector General of Communications

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your enquiry  
and report.

Can arrangements be made for U.L.O. to take charge of any  
stores for the Uganda Government that may be offloaded here in  
the future, until an opportunity offers to tranship same to

Kilindini.

G.H.Q.

D.S.M. March 24th 1917.

Sd..... Captain  
for D.A. & G.O.

Chief Secretary's Office,  
Entebbe, Uganda.

5007  
I have the honour to inform you that certain stores belonging  
to this Protectorate were shipped by the Crown Agents for the  
Colonies by the transport "Beltana". This vessel discharged her

cargo

charge at Durban and certain of the stores were found at Dar-es-Salaam, having been forwarded from Durban by the transport "Trafford Hall".

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2 I enclose for your information, a copy of a letter received from the Coast Agent, Mombasa, which explains the conditions under which the stores were found and contains the list of the shortages in the cases which have been identified and a list of the packages which are still missing, and shall be glad if instructions may be issued for a vigorous search to be made in order to ascertain whether any further trace can be found at Dar-es-Salaam.

To have etc. Bd.....  
D.A. & M.G. Chief Secretary to the Government.  
Secretariat No. 8/8. Uganda Coast Agency,  
Mombasa, 7th February 191

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that advice was received by me from the Crown Agents for certain stores shipped by them for the Uganda Protectorate by the transport "Peltana".

2 This ship discharged her cargo at Durban and a portion of the Government stores for Uganda was found at Dar-es-Salaam in a damaged condition by the Chief Storekeeper of the Public Works Department of East Africa Protectorate and sent to Mombasa on the Transport "Trafford Hall".

3 Certain stores such as papers, ink etc., were found loose at Dar-es-Salaam and were repacked in bags and boxes by the Chief Store keeper for shipment to Mombasa. The following is a list of the shortages found:-

2452. Medical Department, Entebbe.

- 2 casks sodii sulph found empty.
- Cask No. 764 - 40 lbs. sodii sulph found short.
- Cask No. 477 - 5 first field dressings found short.

2457. Printing Department Entebbe.

- Cask No. 6056 - 19 bottles blue black ink large found short.
- Cask No. 6057 - 96. " " " small " " "
- 12 quires blotting papers. " " " " " "
- 2 reams 202 sheets T.E. laid large post " " " " " "
- 170 sheets T.E. laid foolscap. " " " " " "
- 1 ream 33 sheets T.H.S. Cream wove foolscap " " " " " "
- 3 quires thin brown paper double imperial " " " " " "
- 68 sheets foreign marble paper double imperial " " " " " "
- 4 quires ochre glazed double imperial " " " " " "
- Case No. 5063 - 1 typewriter ribbon empire " " " " " "
- Case No. 1520-100 lbs. printing type. " " " " " "

2455 The following packages which were also shipped by the "Peltana" and which were presumably also landed at Durban are missing:-

- 2452. Medical Department Entebbe.  
2 cases medicines.  
2 cases sodii sulph  
1 bale towel No. 3630  
2 cases dressings.
- 2453. Printing Department Entebbe.  
1 cask blue black ink large No. 6054.
- 2454. Asst. District Commissioner, Entebbe.  
2 cases pails Nos. 4260/1.  
1 package lantern No. 1418.
- 24446. Transport Department Kampala.  
1 case tyres No. nil.
- 2420. Public Works Department Entebbe.  
1 case tools No. 4251.
- 2262. Prison Department Entebbe.  
1 case lanterns 774.
- 2293. 3 packages pots and covers Nos. 3798/800.

5. The Chief Storekeeper states that it is quite possible that some of these stores may be found still and I venture to suggest your addressing the Military Authorities at Dar-es-Salaam on the subject.

6. I have written to the Crown Agents on the subjects of the shortages mentioned in para 3 asking them to take the necessary steps to recover the value of the stores found short from the Insurance Company. I have also informed them of the missing cases mentioned in para 4 stating I will let them know whether they are found or not.

Sd. H. Pickwood.  
AG. Coast Agent, Uganda Protectorate.

I.G.C. Q. 3190.  
Reference your Q3/173/4 dated 18th March.

Will you please return the original correspondence on this subject which was not attached as stated in your minute.

G.H.Q. Sd. B.E. Turner, Major for  
Des 20/3/17. D.A. & M.G.

2.  
The D.A. & Q.M.G. G.H.Q. Q3/173/5  
Original correspondence referred to herewith, omission regretted very much.

For I.G.C. Captain.

No. Q3/173/4  
Headquarters, I.G.C.  
17th March 1917.

From. Inspector General of Communications.

To. The D.A. and Q.M.G  
Dar-es-Salaam.

With reference to your No. 3190 dated 3rd March 1917 relative

Relative to the loss of Protectorate stores on the "St. Agbert" and "Sultana" I have caused a search to be made for the missing articles by all Representatives of those Departments which have sailed etc. at D.S.V. and negative results have been reported by all concerned. Therefore it would appear as if these articles have been lost at Durban during the transhipment from one steamer to the other, at that place.

I attach a copy of a report on this subject by the M.L. at Lar-es-Salaam, from which it will be seen that he did everything he could to square up a state of affairs, for which he was in no way responsible. His report fully explains these circumstances.

I have instructed the P.O. to take over all stores consigned to the F.R.A. and Uganda Protectorate which may arrive at Durban and to have these sent forward to Kilindini at the earliest possible opportunity.

With regard to the losses of Medical Stores, although the majority of cases appear to have been returned and sent forward to Kilindini, yet it is clear that some medical stores have been taken over and utilized by the Lar-es-Salaam Medical Depot. I would suggest that the P.O. should be asked to arrange some form of settlement with the P.O. British East Africa Protectorate so that the F.P.O. may be repaid in kind on account of any of his medical stores which may have been taken over by the Military. I return herewith 4 original papers on this subject, forwarded to me under your No. 400, dated 3rd March 1914.

A. G. L. of C.

Admiral Sir Reginald Dwyer,  
Inspector General of Customs,  
Lar-es-Salaam.  
10th March 1914.

With reference to your No. 33102/1 of 4th, and remainder of 11th instant I regret delay in replying which has been due to pressure of work and shortage of staff.

The "St. Agbert" arrived at Lar-es-Salaam on the 4th October 1913 and on the 11th November 1913. The F.R.A. traffic left for "Stafford Hall" on the 27th November. I spoke to the P.O. on leaving

this cargo on the "St. Egbert" and sending ship to Kilindini to discharge it there but he said this could not be done.

I enclose copy of minute 2 addressed to Base Commandant on 20th October in regard of it, (Annexure "A") and also one of the 5th November (Annexure "B").

I was short of staff, transit sheds were congested, and difficulty was experienced in determining for whom the cargo then being landed from several ships was intended.

The cases etc. for B.E.A. came off nearly in every lighter from "St. Egbert" mixed up with other cargo but the best was done in the circumstances to keep this cargo together.

I detailed a man to go specially round the various Dept. stores and he located most of items claimed to have been discovered by Mr. Gregory.

Just prior to Mr. Gregory's arrival, a list of the cases etc. missing according to manifest (which was received by me after most of the cargo had been discharged) was compiled and a copy of this was handed to Mr. Gregory, and man I had deputed to locate and collect the missing articles showed Mr. Gregory round.

Most of the articles were recovered but full list of articles shipped was not furnished me, although I had asked Mr. Gregory to prepare same.

In regard to the Medical stores, the O.C. 10th Base Medical Stores asked if he might take them away as some of the drugs etc., were urgently needed. I told him he could do so if he furnished me with a commandeering note or consignees acquiescence.

He brought a note from D.D.M.S. authorising him to take them over, but I told him I could not act on that and he must bring a proper commandeering authority.

Notwithstanding this the cases were removed and I attach a copy of a memo I addressed to the D.D.M.S. in connection with the matter, (annexured).

I attach copy of a receipt I gave for the return of cases sent back (annexure B) but I understand one or two cases had been previously





Dar-es-Salaam. 4th March 1917

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D.A.Q.M.G.L. of C.

I am in receipt of your circular memo No. Q3/173/2 of the 4th inst. re certain packages of the Protectorate Government B.E.A. short ex "St. Egbert" and in reply beg to state I have no trace of same at the Dar-es-Salaam Depot.

Sd. H.M. Crowe, Lieut.  
for A.D.S. & T. L. of C.

No. Q3/173/2  
Headquarters. I.G.C.  
Dar-es-Salaam, 4th March 1917.

To  
The D.D.M.S. L. of C.  
D.D.O.S.  
A.D. Works  
A.D.S. & T

It is reported that the following articles landed ex the H.T. "St. Egbert" at Dar-es-Salaam last October and belonging to the Protectorate Government, B.E.A. are still missing. It is thought that these may have become mixed up among Departmental Stores, landed on this ship and I am directed by the I.G.C. to request that you will institute a search for them forthwith, reporting the result to this office in due course.

2 The following is a list of the missing articles. They were shipped from England on the H.T. "Seltana" and transhipped into "St. Egbert" at Durban:-

Medical Department, Nairobi.

1 case sodii sulph No. 2084.

Prison Department, Nairobi.

1 cast hose No. 4481.

1 package brushwares.

1 bale shirts. No. 3991.

Police Department, Nairobi.

1 package spades No. 4416.

3 It is thought there may be more P.W.D. Stores still in the Departmental Depots at Dar-es-Salaam and it is requested that all such stores found, will be handed over to the M.L.O. for safe keeping and despatch to Kilindini by the first available ship.

It is further requested that prompt action will be taken in this matter by all concerned.

Sd. C.S. Lanson, Captain.  
D.A.Q.M.G.L. of C.

Copy to: Base Commandant D.S.M.  
The M.L.O. D.S.M.  
Draft Disposing of Register No. .... of 1917.

No. Q.3190 Date 3rd March 1917. Received 3rd March 1917. from  
D.A. & Q.M.G.

Subject Loss of Protectorate Government stores.

Minute Mr. Gregory's report.  
for enquiry and report, please.

Can arrangements be made for Protectorate Government stores  
arriving at Dar-es-Salaam to be retained by the M.L.O. in future  
until they can be transhipped to Wombasa.

Sd. R.W.B. Turner, Major  
for D.A. & Q.M.G. L. of C.  
D.S.M. 4.3.17.

23/173/1  
To The M.L.O. Dar-es-Salaam.

The attached correspondence is passed to you for information  
and full report for the benefit of the L.G.C. in due course.

In respect of the goods taken over by the Medical here,  
please render a full report.

Very early action should be taken please.

Sd. C.J. Lanson. Captain.  
D.A.Q.M.G. L. of C.

Copy. Base Commandant, Dar-es-Salaam.

Saint Egbert.

There are approximately 700 cases and packages (some weighing  
from 200 to 1200 lbs) on board the St. Egbert, for Civil Government  
B.E.A. Some have been discharged here. please say whether they  
should be left on board or transhipped here. We are very hard  
pressed for storage space.

20/10/16.

Sd. .... Major.  
M.L.O.

Dar-es-Salaam. 5/11/16.

Base Commandant.

Re my memo of 20th ult., in regard to discharge of  
approximately 700 cases for Civil Government B.E.A. on the St.  
Egbert I shall be glad to receive instructions as to disposal of  
this traffic.

Sd. M.L.O. Major.

To.  
D.D.M.S. Dar-es-Salaam.

Dar-es-Salaam. 29/10/17.

Notwithstanding instructions to the contrary nine or ten cases of East African Civil Government consignment will be removed from the transit shed to No. 10 Base Medical Stores.

Will you kindly arrange for their immediate return, and issue definite instructions that civil traffic is not to be interfered with without proper authority.

Sd..... Major M.L.O.

Dar-es-Salaam. 24th October 1917.

M.L.O. Dar-es-Salaam.

Please receive 8 cases add Treasurer, E.A.P.  
4 cases add P.M.O. Uganda.

From  
10th A.M. Stores, Dar-es-Salaam.

STATEMENT BY REGTL. SERGT. MAJOR G. PERCIVAL.

From the middle of October to November 4th last year I was posted for temporary duty with No. 10. Advanced Depot Medical Stores Dar-es-Salaam, and detailed to report to M.L.O. daily, and receive over all drugs and medical stores arriving for Medical and Dental units. In October 3 cases drugs, dressings, medical and surgical sundries arrived, addressed P.M.O. Uganda Protectorate, these were taken from the landing stage by the O.C. Medical Stores personally and were unpacked at the stores under that Officer's orders and put into store room this I informed M.L.O. of, on his questioning me as to the disappearance of the said 3 cases from the jetty.

Later a very large consignment of drugs dressing, Medical and Surgical, and equipment arrived addressed to P.M.O. Uganda Protectorate and the M.L.O. Dar-es-Salaam warned both to the O.C. 10th Advanced Depot Medical Stores and myself not to attempt to remove same.

But later I saw 10 of the said cases at the Medical Stores and I was informed by the N.C.O. who was in charge during my absence, that the cases had been brought there under the direct supervision of our O.C. I informed M.L.O. on his questioning me as to the disappearance of the 10 cases contrary to his instructions that they have been removed to No. 10 Medical Stores by order

of G.C. the M.L.O. then sent me with a memo marked very urgent to D.D.M.S. L. of C. and that the officer ordered me to return 59 these 10 cases at once to the M.L.O. and obtain his receipt for same, this I did without delay.

All packages and cases removed by me from landing stage or steamers to Medical stores were always checked by M.L.O. A.M.L.O. or one of their authorized staff, and I cannot account for their parcels and packages which I have seen arriving at the Medical Stores.

Sd. Percival.

S.S.M.

Statement made before me this 12th day of March 1917.

Sd. . . . . Major. (I/C \*C) (S.A.)  
Section A's Office at the Base,  
East African Forces.

I.G.C.

For enquiry and report please,

Can arrangements be made for protectorate government stores arriving at Dar-es-Salaam to be retained by the M.L.O. in future until they can be transhipped to Mombasa.

Sd. M.E. TURNER, Major.  
for D.A.Q.W.G. L. of C.

S.H.Q.  
S.S.W. 3/3/17.

To.  
M.L.O.

No. Q3/173/1

Dar-es-Salaam.

The attached correspondence is passed to you for information and full report for the benefit of the I.G.C. in due course.

2. In respect of the goods taken over by the Medical here, please render a full report.

Very early action should be taken please.

Sd. C.J. Lanson, Captain.

D.A.Q.W.G. L. of C.

Dar-es-Salaam,  
4th March 1917.

WAR OFFICE TO CROWN AGENTS.

London, E.W.I.

Misc 1345 (Q.M.G.F.)

4th October, 1920.

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Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter C/363 of 28th June last and previous correspondence on the subject of stores stated to have been short delivered and damaged on hired transports from England to West Africa, I am directed to inform you that every endeavour has been made to ascertain whether any of the stores in question were taken over by the Military Authorities, but apart from a definite instance mentioned below, there is nothing to indicate that the War Department took possession of the missing stores, etc., intended for the Colonial Governments.

From annexures accompanying your letter of 14th April it is disclosed that some medical stores intended for the Colonial Governments were in the first instance taken over by the Military Authorities, but it would also appear that, with the exception of 3 packages for which replacement in kind was proposed, all were subsequently returned to the Military Landing Officer at Dar-es-Salaam for disposal to the rightful owners.

If replacement in kind was not effected for the 3 packages in question this Department would be prepared to meet a claim for the value of the stores, but it is regretted that it cannot entertain the claim as submitted.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) E. Kaye.

for the Secretary (Finance).

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14 Feb 1921

Gentlemen,

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Mr. Grindle.

Mr. H. Lambert.

Mr. H. Ross.

Mr. G. Fisher.

Col. Amery.

Lord Milner.

I am directed  
 by the I. of S. to acknowledge the  
 receipt of your letter no.

$\frac{C}{363}$  of the 14th of Jan.

regarding deficiencies in  
 & damage to stores  
 shipped to the S. African  
 Ports by sea route.

transports during the  
 war, & to inform you  
 that the question of  
 the incidence of the liability  
 is being taken up with  
 the Treasury.

(Signatures)

C.A.

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2d Feb 14 February 1921

Sir, (inserted by the S.O.P.)

and statement before, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury

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The accompanying copies of correspondence the incidence of the liability of the Government for certain regarding shortages and damage reported

as having occurred in stores shipped to East African governments by Government transports during the war.

2. Their Lordships will observe that a claim of £2,445,000 in respect of such loss and damage has been preferred <sup>against</sup> to the War Office by the House Agents for the Colonies on behalf of the Government of Uganda, inasmuch as the stores consigned to the Protectorate were at that

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- Mr. Treasury
- Mr. Secretary
- Mr. Lambert
- Sir H. Beall
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

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has

been insured, and the stores  
in respect of which no claim is made,  
and having been shipped in this country

complete and in good order but were  
finally discharged in S. Africa  
damaged and deficient.

3. The exact nature of the  
damage and deficiencies in question  
is described in the correspondence  
enclosed, and from which it is also  
clear that from the time the stores were  
shipped in this country to the time that  
they were landed in East Africa, they  
were on transports controlled by the <sup>military</sup>  
~~authorities~~ and handled only by Military  
landing officers and the or a recruiting  
staff acting under their instructions.

4. In these circumstances, the S of S  
is strongly of the opinion, in which  
he trusts Their Lordships will concur,  
that the liability of the War Office  
for these losses should not be

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- Mr.
- Mr.
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- Mr. G. G. G.
- Sir H. Campbell
- Sir H. B. B.
- Sir G. P. P.
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

considered as affected by the fact that  
investigations instituted at a comparatively  
recent date have failed to fix responsibility  
upon any individuals. The circumstances  
in which the stores were damaged were  
not within the control of the Protectorate  
authorities, and the S of S thinks

that <sup>the Lords Commissioners</sup> Their Lordships will agree that  
the loss of £2,445,000 is one which  
Uganda can ill afford, <sup>more than the R.S.</sup> and cannot

be called upon to meet, and  
will give instructions for the defences to be made  
from the funds.



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to go, to send  
copies of a note  
in Vincent.  
C.D.

Recd 3/15/41

18 March 1941

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Sec.  
Treasury

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Office 15.3.21  
Branch 19/3/21  
Subsidiary 10.3.21

London

Copy to C.A. 1/4/41

Sir,

With ref. to the letter  
from this Dept. of the 14<sup>th</sup>  
of Feb., and subsequent  
semi-official correspondence  
regarding stores shipped  
to 2. Africa Ports of  
East transports during  
the war, and received  
in E.A. in a damaged  
or deficient condition,

I am to request you  
to inform the C.C. of  
the Treas. that it has  
been ascertained from  
the C.A. for the C. that  
the sum of £2,445.18.0  
referred to was the total  
value of the stores in  
London

question, and that the share  
of the loss to be borne by  
the Uganda Govt. is only  
£560.2.7. 1/2. In reporting  
this the C.A. state as  
follows:-

"The amount claimed  
is - - - [Here insert marked  
extract from CA minute 6/14<sup>a</sup>  
branch] - - - Uganda Railway  
losses."

3. In these circumstances I am to  
request that the letter from  
this Dept. of the 14th of Feb.  
may be read as requesting  
that T.C. will give authority  
for the refund to the C.A.  
of the whole sum of £2,448.18.0  
in order that their Marine Insurance  
Fund may be recredited with  
the amount of the ex gratia payments  
made from it, and the Uganda  
Govt. may be reimbursed for the  
losses which it has sustained,  
and which cannot in any event  
be met from the Marine Insurance Fund.