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FROM
CROWN AGENTS.

DATE
13TH JULY.

FOR CIRCULATION

SUBJECT

UGANDA RAILWAY.

ROLLING STOCK.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Read (8/10/21)
- X Sir G. Fiddes
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

Have received quotations covering whole of and sets out approximate cost totalling £264,383. Added to £11,195 gives estimated cost of erection as £275,578 as against Col. estimate of £300,000. Advances made amount to £1,113,000 or £113,000 in excess of original amount agreed upon. Do not feel justified in making promise to finance Pret. and suggests that Prot. Govt should secure flotation of loan.

MINUTES

Previous Paper

En 33664 (Railway
Locos Plants)
En 34429 (Caravans)

Sir H. Read

I send this on desk to the previous pp (which are in circulation) so that you may see the latter part of the CA's letter - We must wait for the Governor

W. C. D. 18.7.21

H. J. R.
18/7/21

16 files in 21/10/20

S. J. R.

Subsequent Paper



y. 3371, 3372 & 3373.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

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

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN", LONDON. TELEPHONE: 2322 VICTORIA.

13th July 1921.

Your Refs. 1012/20/21 dated 28.1.1921. and 1819/21 dated 11.3.1921.

Subject - Rolling Stock for the Uganda Railway

Sir,

With reference to your letters No. 1012/20/21 of the 28th January 1921 and No. 1819/21 of the 11th March 1921, and our reply of the 17th March 1921, I have the honour to inform you that we have now received quotations covering the whole of the rolling stock required under Indent 847. These quotations required considerable examination.

2. The approximate cost of each item, that is, cost insurance and freight including landing charges, together with Crown Agents and Inspection charges is as follows:-

		<u>Approximate deliveries.</u>	
Item. 1.	23,210	8½	months from date of order
— Item. 2.	26,505	3	" " " " "
Item. 3.	26,535	3	" " " " "
Item. 4.	64,575	6	" " " " "
Item. 5.	11,225	8½	" " " " "
— Item. 6.	9,843	6½	" " " " "
— Item. 7.	26,269	5	" " " " "
Item .8.	7,315	5	" " " " "
— Item. 9.	55,620	5	" " " " "
— Item. 10.	33,386	5	" " " " "
total	<u>4264,385</u>		

This total added to the sum of 211,195, the estimated cost of erection in the Colony as given by Mr S. Couper

Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, S.W.1.

/General

General Manager, Uganda Railway, (now home on leave) gives the approximate grand total cost of £275,578 as against the Colonial estimate of £300,000.

3. With reference to your enquiry as to whether we have any objection to increasing our advances to the extent of the amount involved, I would point out that as requested in your letter No. 18088/21 of the 23rd April 1921 we have continued to make advances to the Protectorate Government and that at the present moment these amount to £1,113,000 or £113,000 in excess of the original amount agreed upon.

6. With regard to further advances, the present financial position as far as we are concerned is a very difficult one, inasmuch as the Colonial and Protectorate Governments have generally ceased to remit, while on the other hand our commitments with regard to the financing of the various accounts are unusually large. In these circumstances it is difficult to foretell what the position is likely to be from day to day, so that it is impossible to form an estimate of the circumstances in say from three or eight months time. We do not feel therefore that we should be justified in making any promise to finance the Protectorate Government to the extent required, and this leads us to suggest that it is desirable that the Protectorate Government should take the necessary steps to secure the flotation of a loan to meet its requirements at any early date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. S. Harrison