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objections he had made and states they are adopting an
entirely reasonable attitude to him in the matter of
in order that a most desirable end may not be unduly
prejudiced.

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The Company were extremely anxious to
all, but they are unable to
provide that they are acting in the
best interests of all concerned.

In both instances P. S. D. who
they had required exact compliance,
they would have been blamed as being
obstructive - in fact they could not
forward any objection on point of form

ask. & say that a copy of the letter will
be sent with you, and copy of 10/11/21
12586, with copy of this letter & 4/11/21

6/11/21 for info

6/11/21 28.1.21

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THE NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING COMPANY, LTD. 674

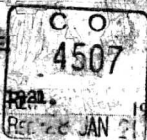
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50, MARK LANE

LONDON, 27th January 1921.
E.C. 3.



Sir,

I am requested by my Directors to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., Reference No. 2586/21 and to say that they note with regret that as the prospective purchaser of their Company's undertaking appears to have omitted to fulfil certain requirements of the new Electricity Act of Kenya Colony, delay will consequently ensue.

2. We understand the Secretary of State to be in favour of the transfer of the Company's Concession to a licensee under the Act, and consequent cancellation of such Concession, as a solution of the whole question at present obtaining.

3. We also gather (from the report in the press of the observations of His Excellency the Governor when addressing the Legislative Council) that the Government of the Colony is in favour of such a solution, so much so in fact, that "it was doing all it" "could to bring together the present owners of the Nairobi Electric Power and Lighting Company Limited and any possible purchasers".

4. In view of these features and the urgency of the situation, we cannot but feel that it is unfortunate that the Officers

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES.

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administering this new and somewhat complex Act should not have pointed out to the applicant in the first instance the omissions he made, especially as this being, we suppose, the first application made under the Act, it was not unlikely that formal errors might be made by a public unversed in its procedure.

5. In the meanwhile, I am desired to assure you that we on our part are adopting an entirely reasonable attitude to the prospective purchaser in the matter of delay, in order that this most desirable end to the whole unfortunate complication may not, so far as we are concerned, be unduly prejudiced by his omission in the formalities. It would seem indeed a pity if this opportunity were missed of effecting a solution which would appear, under the new Act, to give to the public, inter alia, the following advantages:-

- a. The fullest protection by the limitation of profit to be made out of them.
- b. The consequent review of prices to be charged.
- c. The minute provision of the supply itself without the difficulties of providing the same in a distant country.
- d. The finance resulting from the purchase and development of such an undertaking.

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The foregoing would appear to us to give to them practically all the benefits of ownership without its responsibilities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

Yours faithfully,

EDMUND POWER & LIGHTING CO. LTD.

J. A. [Signature]

Secretary.

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The National Electric Power
Lighting Co. Inc.

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1 February
January 1921

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- Mr. Brewster 29 Jan
- Mr. Butterfield 1/22/21
- Mr.
- Mr. Grinnell
- Mr. H. Lambert
- Mr. H. Reed
- Mr. J. Fiddes
- Col. Amory
- Mr. M. G. ...

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of the

Your letter of the 27th of
Jan with regard to the
disposal of the

over undertaking in Keuka

to inform you that a
copy of the will be sent to
the governing

Copy from 211 - 1 Feb 21

M.H.