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Re 23 JUN 21

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20TH JUNE.

SUBJECT

SHIPPING FREIGHTS RATES.

States reduction of 20% applies only to months and goods mentioned. No comparison is possible re trade from Bombay and South Africa and trade in E. Africa. Present depressed condition of trade has to large extent been accentuated by currency difficulty. Lines are as desirous as Govt. for the prosperity of possessions and in sustaining rebus services at loss have given practical

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The Under Secretary of State,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
S.W. 1.

Sir,

In further reference to your letter of 5th inst. No. 226/1921 relative to rates of freight from East Africa I am instructed by the British Steamship Lines trading from East Africa to say that the reduction of 20% to which you refer applies during May, June and July of this year, not in August as stated. This reduction applies to the following goods viz:- Coffee, Sisal, Sisal Tw, Salsivaria Fibre, Flax, Flax Tw, Cotton, Maize Meal, Castor Seed, Sunflower Seed, Ground Nut, Linseed and Linseed Oil. As the tariff rate for Sisal and Flax is now 60% the reduction of 20% above referred to brings the rate for these articles considerably below the rate suggested by you.

These reductions have been agreed despite the fact that the position of the steamer services from this country to East Africa is just as critical and perhaps more so than the affairs of Planters and Producers, and the lines are unable to bind themselves to extend the low rates to which they have agreed beyond the period of three months. There is very little cargo out, and the homeward trade has entailed such serious losses on the lines that the lines have already had to make reductions in the frequency of their services and they may be compelled still further to reduce the facilities offered by them.

The conditions affecting the trade from Bombay and from South Africa are so different from those obtaining in the

East African Trade that no useful comparison of the rates of freight is possible.

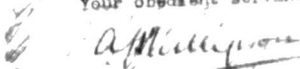
From the views expressed by East African Traders the Lines are of opinion that the present depressed condition of trade in that part of the world has to a large extent been accentuated by the currency difficulty.

I am to add that the Lines are as desirous as the Government for the prosperity of the British East African possessions with which their interests are so closely identified, and in sustaining the recent services at such a serious loss they have given practical evidence of their interest in the Trade.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Secretary: East African Steam Conference.



2nd June, 1941

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Mr. Secy

East African Steamer  
Company

I am to ask the recd of

your letter of the 11th of June

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Mr. Clark 23/6

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Mr. Grundy

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Read

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freight from East African

(Signed) H. J. READ

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