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KENYA

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REC'D 17 JUL 22

FROM  
GOVERNOR  
MORTHEBY

TEL  
241  
DATE  
17TH JULY 1922

FOR CIRCULATION -  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr. Grindle  
Sir H. Lambert  
Sir H. Reed  
Sir J. Macdonald Smith  
Mr. Wood  
Mr. Churchill

SUBJECT  
KILINDINI PIER  
Agrees as to necessity for investigation re  
COLD STORAGE & GRAIN ELEVATOR as Govt enterprise  
and suggests early enquiry by expert from Unipa  
of S.A. States as to desirability of capital outlay  
on pier by provision of two berths. Also suggests  
negotiations for substituting reinforced  
concrete pile wharf for solid concrete block  
quay wall with view to saving capital outlay  
and reduction overhead charges on traffic. Urges  
necessity for prompt action.

Previous Paper  
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3088 (Rev)  
66  
338 1/2  
Crown wharves  
& Cold Storage  
Copy Co. Com. 18 July 22 c  
Tel. to G. G. G. (Unim. com. 20 July 1922)  
C. M. J. com. 6 Sept 1922

MINUTES  
We must start with the quay wall.  
Reinforced concrete is of course preferable  
and the saving would of course  
reduce the wharf charges by reducing  
the overhead charges. The question is  
which will save most expense  
in the long run. If we had the  
contemplated present traffic only  
we should have left saved the  
whole £1,100,000  
Further, to remain the wharf  
works will put us into the  
hands of Messrs. Parsons - they  
I think dictate their own  
terms as to the price to be paid.

Subsequent Paper  
3986 1/2  
(Rev)  
36836  
U.S.A.

I do not suppose that...  
I do not suppose that...  
I do not suppose that...

have any means to  
 the divisions expressed -  
 CA 60553/10 + CA/61550/10,  
 but  
 ? Land <sup>contract</sup> of  
 City of Col. GCA.  
 further show 1 hour of  
 the C.E. as to the proposed  
 to relocate a <sup>pile</sup> ~~to~~ E. (off)  
 from block wall - <sup>laboring</sup>  
 as to  
 (a) how to lift the KC coal  
 (b) further savings  
 (c) arrangements which  
 could be necessary with the  
 Contractors.  
 Look for ~~and~~ early reply.

Recive a ~~copy~~ copy.

Col. G.

17.7.22

at once

H. J. D.

18/11/22

See off read

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Cold Storage & Grain Elevators.  
 Memo of discussion 10/12/22 attached  
 Letter from Col. T. Tucker attached. The urgency  
 from his point of view is that his Company  
 financial  
 have reasonable loans to the firm & must have  
 as soon as possible letters to indicate cold  
 storage a loan to the Govt. On this  
 point I think that we are in a position to  
 tell him officiously that while the matter  
 will require careful examination, it would  
 seem best for them to proceed for the present  
 on the assumption that the matter will  
 be dealt with by the Govt.

It seems best to see (W. L. Phelps)  
 from S. Africa the better, & it doesn't  
 matter much who asks for him - whether  
 be with Col. G.

? Tell the Gov. 'Get a/S.A. asking if  
 he can be heard - & if so on what terms -  
 & go to Kenya & advise as to the erection  
 of small cold storage & grain elevator  
 plant.

When we write to the Gov. we must not  
 forget that grain elevating <sup>is</sup> prohibited

authoritative finding before hand

G.C.A. 1922

Tel: to Mr. H.S.A. as proposed - let  
S. Apr: Sept see tel:

at once  
H.S.A.  
9/12/22

G. S. A.

Minutes of a discussion on the provision of cold-storage and grain-elevators in Kenya, held at the Colonial Office at 3 p.m., July 10th, 1922.

Present:-

- Mr W.C. Bottomley
- Mr A. Holm (Director of Agriculture, Kenya)
- Colonel Tucker.

Colonel Tucker  
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The purpose of the meeting was to consider primarily whether the provision of cold-storage facilities and grain-elevators in the Colony should be undertaken by the Government or by private enterprise. The question was considered through-out with special reference to the Railway and to the Harbour Works now being constructed at Kilindini.

1. Production.

The view expressed by Mr Holm, with which Colonel Tucker was in general agreement, was that the facilities contemplated (whoever provided and controlled them) would not enable Kenya to compete in the world's markets unless strenuous measures were taken at the same time to promote the volume and quality of exportable produce. It was agreed that a great need exists for Government experts to advise and help producers and grade products. Such help had been warmly welcomed by settlers. In this connection Colonel Tucker expressed the hope that in the measures of economy now being taken the distinction would be recognised between productive and non-productive services. He made the further observation that the provision of services need not necessarily wait till a full volume of exports was ready to utilise them.

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There was a certain section of private enterprise which would be ready to speculate and to undertake the work in advance of immediate requirements. He emphasized the necessity of ensuring first rate quality in exports, as nothing below this would find a market in post-war conditions. Grading was therefore most important; but improved transport facilities would themselves help greatly to maintain the required standard.

The meeting agreed that assistance at the production stage was an essential factor in the scheme for export facilities.

In connection with the grading of grain, note was taken of the following considerations :-

Grading would be done at the elevator where storage accommodation would be available. Grading would therefore be done only at the coast until elevators are provided up country. It might prove desirable to make regulations for 1st grade grain only to be exported, but, if so difficulties might be anticipated in

- 1) The return or disposal of grain which reached the Coast and was found below the grade for export
- 2) Prohibiting the export of native grown grain falling short of the 1st grade. Colonel Tucker observed that the large local market should be able to take all grain falling short of the exportable grade.

## 2. Transport.

Mr Holm was of opinion that Government (as controlling the Harbour and Railways) should provide and control the additional export facilities proposed. Among the reasons for his view he gave :-

(a) That grading of grain for export would be part and parcel of the elevator scheme. It should be done by members of the Railway and Harbour Department under directions from the Agricultural Department.

(b) That there would be danger from lack of competition if elevators and cold storage were left to private enterprise. Suitable sites were limited, and their lease would virtually grant a monopoly.

(c) If private enterprise constructed and controlled, it would probably be a large group of local producers (e.g. Maize Producer's Association for grain). But all exporters would not necessarily be members of the Association, and without competition preferential treatment and priority might result.

Looking to the financial aspect Mr Holm admitted that Government was short of capital as compared with private enterprise, but this should not, he thought, be allowed to override the principle of Government control. Money might be found for the cold storage scheme under the Special Expenditure Vote for the Railway Department. He estimated that £25,000 would cover the cost of cold storage and refrigerator cars, and this might be spread over two years. He thought that the time was not ripe for the elevator scheme. Grain must be marketed in bulk, and services should follow volume.

Colonel Tucker gave figures anticipating a considerable exportable surplus of grain. Fresh land is being broken and the Plateau railway would bring in more. He concurred in the principle of Government control, and regarded the matter as urgent in view of the completion of the Deepwater Pier two-berth scheme in 12 months' time. The provision of facilities should be planned to synchronise with this.

He produced estimates and specifications of a grain

grain elevator from which it was roughly estimated that the inclusive cost would fall within £100,000.

It was noted that the plans of the Quay now under construction does not provide a site for an elevator, and it was agreed that a site should be reserved at once. Cold Storage sheds should also be on or as near as possible to the Quay. The meeting took note of the fact that the provision of elevators had been considered by a Special Commission in the Union of South Africa (the Reports being available) and that it might be possible to secure the advice of Mr Philip, the expert now engaged on the construction of elevators work in the Union.

The meeting ended at 4.50 p.m. and a telegram to the Governor of Kenya was drafted by Mr Bottomley.

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REGENT STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Dear Mr. Bottomley,

My I express to you a word of  
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characterises your action following the  
interesting Conference we had on

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TELEGRAM

From the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

34725  
REC  
K/S/ST/2

Dated 17th July

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(Received Colonial Office 3.16 p.m. 17th July, 1922).

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No. 241. Your telegram 11th July agree entirely that investigation should be made into cold storage and grain elevator proposals as Government enterprise suggest that arrangements be made for an expert from Union of South Africa to visit Kenya at earliest opportunity and advise on sites and operation of system. Two. Reconsideration of finance of deep water pier scheme in the light of altered financial position of the Colony values and quantity of exportable produce indicates that existing scheme will impose for some time minimum financial overhead charge on traffic over the pier of 21 per ton with handling costs. Reduction of capital outlay to provide for two berths with storage and handling facilities fore matter of paramount necessity. Believe that large sum perhaps £300,000 to £400,000 could still be effected give effective service if prompt action taken. Part of these savings could be reallocated to other urgent port improvements including grain handling and cold storage. Three, My telegram 3rd February 1921 was based on Hammond's advice that cost of reinforced concrete pile wharf would be more expensive than solid concrete block quay wall. Believe this is no longer the case and that cheaper form of work is possible. Suggest Crown Agents enter into negotiations with Consulting Engineers and contractors with a view to obtaining modification of original contract securing cheaper type of work for same services. Present form of pier may be best from engineering point

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point of view but alterations in financial position of Colony necessitate reconsideration from other aspects economically outlay of capital being of paramount importance. Four, Matter most urgent if waste of money is to be avoided. Modification in contract need not affect contractors gross profits. Essential feature is to reduce overhead charges on working of pier and I believe this can be done thus enabling cold storage and grain elevator services to be provided for without diminishing mileage of new railways to be built out of loan monies and savings on Usain Gishu Railway which is earmarked for Nyeri and Kitale extensions and which with additional savings from Kilindini pier give possibility of being able to extend plateau railway into Kavirondo and towards cotton areas of the lake. Have spoken to Colonel Ly. representing Pontings here who though obviously unable to take action in the matter acknowledges that cheaper form of piers is feasible if agreement can be quickly reached at home

NORTHEY.

# TELEGRAM

ISSUED FROM CHIEF CABLE STATION, ELECTRA HOUSE, VINSBURY PAVEMENT

REPLIES SHOULD BE ORDERED

*Via Eastern*

34723

Doubtful words should be OFFICIALLY repeated. See No. 200  
No inquiry regarding this Telegram should be attended to without previous authority.

See back of form for list of words and abbreviations.



P.W. - 2.45 p.m.  
R.L. - 2.50 p.m.

JUL 17 1927

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*coll storage*

ELEVATOR PROPOSALS AS GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE

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CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 2

E. T. Co., Ltd. 64

Name Chapman Circuit Ref. Xda  
Manager S. Africa to visit earliest of next

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CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 3

(Mount in Form 517a, 50/226)

E. T. Co., Ltd.  
*X Dec 7 65*

Name

*Chapelais*

Circuit Ref.

**OVERHEAD CHARGE ON TRAFFIC OVER THE PIER**

*£1 per ton*

**OF PHILOLOVER SURTASTE WITH HANDLING COSTS**

*Reduction of capital outlay to provide for*

**SILVEROOD REGIUS CAMPSIDE PROTRUSTLE TWO**

**BERTHS WITH STORAGE AND HANDLING FACILITIES**

**THEREFORE MATTER OF PARAMOUNT NECESSITY**

*Believe that*

**SILVEROOD SANDICAST LARGE SAVINGS PERHAPS**

*£ 300,000*

**PINTBOTTLE**

CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 4

(Form 400-100)  
(1-19-53)

E. T. Co., Ltd

Name

Chapelais

Circuit Ref

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£ 400,000

TO PINEFRUIT COULD STILL BE EFFECTED

GIVING EFFECTIVE SERVICE IF PROMPT ABRUPT *action taken*

STURROOD PATHFACE THESE SAVINGS *Part of* CRISTATI *could be*

REALLOCATED TO OTHER URGENT PORT

IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING GRAIN HANDLING AND

*old storage*

*by tel. 3 Feb.*

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CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 5

FORM NO. 67

E. T. Co., Ltd

Name

*Chapelais*

Circuit Ref

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*would be more expensive*

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~~SLOAK QUAY WALL~~ ~~STIFFER~~

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THAT CHEAPER FORM OF WORK IS POSSIBLE

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*consulting engineer* *contractors* *with a view to*

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*mediation*

OBTAINING ~~HOFARDES~~ ORIGINAL CONTRACT

CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 6

Memorandum Form 317  
4-27-61

E. T. Co., Ltd.

Name Chapman

Circuit Ref

X 20 68 ✓

SECURING CHEAPER TYPE OF WORK FOR SAME

SERVICES SILVERGOD PRESENT FORM OF PIER

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<sup>alterations</sup> AGARRATH <sup>financial position</sup> IN FELLOWESS

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<sup>economically</sup> ASPECTS EARTHROST OUTLAY OF CAPITAL BEING

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CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 7

(Minimum Form 107  
(8-6-59))

E. T. Co., Ltd.

Name

Chapeliers

Circuit Ref.

Xda 62 ✓

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CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 8

E. T. Co., Ltd.

Name Chapelais

Circuit Ref Xd 207 V

coll storage

**STEELWORK AND GRAIN ELEVATOR SERVICES**

to be provided for

**PROTRUDAN WITHOUT DIMINISHING MILEAGE OF**

to be built out of

**NEW RAILWAYS BRIDGELL OVICABOR LOAN MONIES**

**AND SAVINGS ON USCEN OSHU RAILWAY**

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**TOSTADOR BARMARKED FOR NYERI AND KITALE**

**EXTENSIONS AND WHICH WITH ADDITIONAL SAVINGS**

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E. T. Co., Ltd.

Name

Chapman

Circuit Ref.

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**ABAFANOS EXTEND PLATEAU RAILWAY INTO**

**KAWIRTONDO AND TOWARDS COTTON AREAS**

**OF THE LAKE SILVEROOD HAVEN SPOKEN TO**

**COLONEL LEWIS REPRESENTING PONTING HERE**

unable to take action

**WHO THOUGH OBVIOUSLY TERCETARA ABETI PIEBAR IN**

acknowledges

**THE MATTER ABLEGATION THAT CHEAPER FORM**

**OF PIERS IS FEASIBLE IF AGREEMENT CAN**

CONTINUATION SHEET NO. 10

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E. 179. Ld.

Name

Chapman

Circuit Ref

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BE QUICKLY RECALLED AT HOME AND NORTHAM

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Sept 18/22  
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Present

Annual Report  
18/22

18 July 1922

Gentlemen,

DRAFT.

With reference to your letter

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E/283/23a of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of  
of Dec 1920 I am a pleasure to you

MINUTE.

the success of a bill which  
has been rec<sup>d</sup> from the Govt

Mr. B. H. H. H.  
Mr. 18/1/22

My own mind to my own mind

Mr. Davis.

You will obtain early date

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Road.

furnish you with those

Sir J. Masterion Smith.

Mr. Wood.

of the Comptroling Superintendence on

Mr. Churchill.

the proposal that the

17 July (20) 22  
2 a/c has

entire for the Liberator

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dep water, stamp should  
be

various roles to provide for a  
reinforced concrete pile shaft  
instead of the solid block wall.

2. Mr. Churchill will in particular  
be glad to be advised as to

(a) the probable life of the  
reinforced concrete structure

(b) the probable saving in cost

(c) the arrangements which will

have to be necessary to connect with

the contractors.

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4.30 pm  
21/7/22

20 July

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giantess

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desire to secure advice

of W. L. PHILIP now  
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understood to be engaged

in elevator scheme in  
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Union of S Africa as to  
Richard

Execution of small grain  
elevator and cold storage  
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plant in Kenya & Iran  
mediterranean

Can inform int. v. p. p. p.  
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if so on what terms

DRAFT. Code  
tel.

Warner General  
Capetown

MINUTE.

Mr. Lumbury 19.7.22.

Mr. Tait 20/7/22

Mr. Robinson 20.7.22 for

Mr. Davis

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Road.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Wood.

Mr. Churchill.

ROBERT