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20TH JUNE 1923

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SUBJECT

RAILWAY SURVEYS AND STAFF

States present position in regard to
Surveys of Nyeri Line and Kitale Branch line.
Submits proposals regarding Maj: Rhodes, Col:
Robertson and the disbandment of the Survey
Staff. Requests telegraphic approval

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Previous Paper

1650 (Nyeri Rly)
1650 (Kitale Branch)
1650 (Rhodes)
1650 (Robertson)

[as to para. 1 have indicated in
Rhodes file - no action]

Ann: 12.17 July/23
See Gov 16505
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- Please see further minutes on Rhodes
As to Col: Robertson, the proposal
is apparent from that it
has a Gov/16505. He is
not to provide the surveys of
the two new lines but to
report to me when his work is
done when he has finished the
survey of the first section
of the Thika-Nyeri line &
the preliminary surveys of
the rest of that line & the
Kitale branch

Subsequent Paper

Gov 49256
Gov 60811
(Nyeri Exam)
(Rhodes)

I don't think...

has any previous
credit history in
prestige, & any how he
has had time to protect.

Asst. Chief Assistant,
Paris, - see 31824 in
the file. The Nichols
was engaged for the
U.S. in Gaiden work

When the survey, here
addressed to St. Petersburg
London, & the need for
him, however, was
discussed. Nichols
was engaged for the
purpose of construction
of the U.S. line, &
of the Lincoln Line
before then in some
manner liberal.

The agreement provided
for the immediate action
that should be
supplemented by
providing further
border data in this

Country provided he leaves
by the first boat after he
is released from duty? 5.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

REC'D
20th June, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

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I have the honour to refer to my telegram No.166 of the 9th June, in which Your Grace was notified that Major G. D. Rhodes, C.B.E. D.S.O., is willing to re-engage for the remaining period of his secondment as Chief Engineer, Uganda Railway, with salary at the rate of £1500 per annum on the understanding that he will be in charge of future Railway construction under the direction of the General Manager.

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2. The present position with regard to the Surveys referred to in Sir Robert Coryndon's telegram No.86 of the 20th March, 1923, is that work has been delayed owing to the recent abnormal rains but that Colonel Robertson hopes to submit plans during the next month as under:-

- (a) Final Survey of Thika-Tana River portion of Nyeri Line.
- (b) Preliminary Survey of Tana River - Nyeri portion of same Line.
- (c) Preliminary Survey of Kitale Branch Line.

3. On the advice of the General Manager it has been decided that Major Rhodes shall proceed on leave early next month and that

assumption

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

assumption of his additional duties, subject to Your Grace's covering approval, should take effect as from the date of his return when Colonel Robertson will revert to his original designation of Resident Engineer, Uasin Gishu Construction. This arrangement will enable Major Rhodes to be available in England for any discussion necessary in connection with the survey plans.

4. It is considered that the final surveys of routes (b) and (c) as indicated in paragraph 2 above should be conducted under the control of the Uganda Railway Administration and that no further work in this connection should be undertaken until the preliminary plans have been discussed and Major Rhodes has returned to this country. It may be advisable to curtail this officer's leave in order to ensure early resumption of the approved programme.

5. I am causing Colonel Robertson to be notified of these arrangements and to be instructed to disband his survey staff on the completion of their existing duties. The termination of the services of his Chief Assistant, referred to in Sir Charles Bowring's telegram No. 222 of the 1st July, 1922, will also need consideration.

See
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6. I recommend further that in accordance with standing practice Major Rhodes should come on to his increased salary as from the date of his departure from England on return for duty, any leave, which he may be required to forego, being carried forward.

7. I trust that Your Grace will approve of the above proposals and I shall be grateful if

a telegraphic reply to this despatch can be transmitted.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted
and most obedient servant,

J. A. L. Smith

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

C. D.
17 JUL
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Handwritten notes including "Cable" and "17/7/23".

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Your dispatch of 20 June
concerning 367

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Raisali
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proposals approved if
Robinson has accepted

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arrangements of cost

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his views should be
communicated to

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Handwritten notes and scribbles.

if terms cannot be

settled he should be

given such notice as will
allow
some advance towards

in full salary in England &

to leave by first steamer
after release from duty.