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GOVERNOR
CONYERS

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DATE

7TH NOVEMBER 1923

SUBJECT

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

Submits definite application for loan of £2,000,000 for railway construction as outlined including extensions of 235 miles from Turbo to Busoga Railway and relaying of main line from Mombasa to Nairobi. Orders for upwards of £2,000,000 could at once be placed for materials. Requests authority to commence survey while trained staffs available.

Asst. U.S. of S.

S. J. [Signature]

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Fourth U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

Previous Paper

S. J.
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MINISTER

This would require very careful examination, with the accompanying let. which we have shall get from Uganda. This scheme involves new rails for 235 miles for which I think second hand rails from the main line could be used, and my intention for expediting the re-laying of the main line expedite accordingly. I see no use in having 235 miles of second hand rails, or overhauled with no prospect of obtaining that

Ans'd Let. 10 Nov '23

Subsequent Paper

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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the
of State for the Colonies, dated 7th November, 1923.
(Received Colonial Office, 9.28 A.M. 5th Nov 23)

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7th November. Your telegram 29th October Railway Development. I have discussed your telegram with Archer in person. We both wish to express our satisfaction at your encouraging message.

Executive Council have fully discussed the matter and I request that this be taken as a definite application for a loan of £1,000,000 for immediate productive railway and port development in the interests of Kenya and Uganda to meet a serious and well defined need that priority of this application be considered. A copy of this telegram has been sent to Uganda and I have suggested to Archer that he should be consulted as an authority on the subject of preparing estimates and a rough sketch of the route of the proposed line. A rough sketch of the proposed line is enclosed for the information of Uganda. It is a rough sketch to indicate the general course of the line at the early stage of development. It is a steady increase in the confidence expected as much energy is being expended on that project. Stimulus as to other crops such as maize must not be forgotten.

II. Rough sketch showing approximate route of the proposed line follows by first rail hereafter together with particulars as to the ability of local funds to contribute to annual charges assuming some substantial assistance from the Imperial Government in the nature of deferred interest. I will now give rough figures which will give you something to go upon.

III. Felling and I calculate rough estimate showing 100 miles of main line extension from Turbo to Busoga Railway via Tororo and 75 miles branch line from Tororo to Kumi and 35 miles from main line extension south to Kamukia in Kenya. I suggest outside cost including construction and rolling stock £10,000 per mile. This will need 230 miles of new rails and sleepers plus £130,000 worth of rolling stock.

IV. I strongly recommend for several reasons relieving programme between Mombasa and Nairobi be expedited and if approved it means excluding labour and regrading but including loop etc. another 165 miles of new 60 pound rails and sleepers costing approximately £1,000,000.

V. Actual cost of other permanent way material which can be placed at once amounts to upwards of £1,000,000 and further necessary orders for rolling stock, bridging material, cement etc. will be required for delivery at regular intervals over next 12 months.

VI. Rails and sleepers for extension from Kumi to Uganda from line Tororo to Kumi should be set out for Nyeri and Njale and Kamukia and we should use old U.S. Railway material to be replaced between Mombasa and Nyeri. Njale branch must be considered as well as Kamukia as the route are being built. It is not possible to employ sufficient labour within this Colony.

VII. Turbo line rapidly nearing completion and it is essential that railway survey commence at once while staff is here. I request authority to commence survey steps can be taken pending this essential work.

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Sent 7th November 1953. Received in the Colonial Office at 9.15 am on 8th November

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