

1923

## KENYA

MUNI'S W.T.COY LTD

DATE  
7TH MARCH 1923C O  
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8 MAR 23

## RECIPIENT

E.J. Hartley  
Baldwin

## SUBJECT

ERCTION OF HIGH POWER STATION IN KENYA

Expresses willingness to erect conditionally as to terms of licence and sufficiency of traffic. If proposal is of interest requests certain statistics. Asks that no decision be come to re direct access to public by cable Coys until this proposal has been considered.

Secretary of State

## Previous Paper

2 WATTS MINUTES

Get off my today  
from wireless -

(a) Please note to  
let me know in how  
to Fitzgerald arrives.

After  
9.3.23  
above

- (1) As the Govt. of Kenya writes from Dip. in Letter 36957/22 Kenya, they had decided last year that the erection of the proposed Nairobi Station in the Imperial Wireless Chain should be postponed.
- (2) In the first instance, presumably, it will be a matter for consideration of I.C.C. whether

## Subsequent Paper

M/2446

MINUTES.

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN  
ON THIS SIDE

(assuming ~~intercepted~~)  
(unless it is arranged) it is  
desireable that Marconi  
should be given a licence  
for the erection of a station  
at Nairobi.

(3) as regards the request for  
statistic of telegraphic  
traffic with Kenya,  
further comment  
find any "hot" traffic  
which contains such info.  
this is not surprising,  
as under § 8(1) of the  
Landing Licence for the  
S. of A., Tel. Cos' cable  
at mandate (see  
tel/108872) the Cos'  
furnishes to the (Kenya)  
P.M.G. at his request  
info. and stats, about  
"and" of their business  
etc., provided that such  
info. shall be treated as  
strictly private and shall  
be in no way published  
or publicly made use  
of without the consent  
of the Cos'.

(4) as regards the 2nd para

GPO 63557/22 Kenya P.P.

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? (1) send a copy of the  
letter to the G.P.O. - saying  
that at present it has  
merely been sealed. —  
say that S.Y.B. wd. be  
glad to be furnished with  
P.M.G.'s stats generally  
open in particular to the  
request for statistic &  
explore what reply or  
what point P.M.G. wd.  
advise in view of the  
provision in the licence  
mentioned above. — As  
to last para. refer to  
GPO 151207/22 + pp.

I understand  
that he is in  
Ireland.  
and

say that  
copy your "corresp." is  
~~not~~ being sent to T.C.C.

(2) send copy of letter

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to go. (with email) to  
I.C.C. accordingly for  
inf. short Depo.

(3) It would well, within  
a day, via tele. wire.

To let him see the  
appell & the complaint  
and receive what a  
very early as cannot  
possibly be done.

in other words

an audience at 10<sup>th</sup>

however as after 10<sup>th</sup>  
such time as will have  
been given to receive  
the material rule  
given with the P.O.?

and not been given  
as yet been given  
as yet been given  
as yet been given

I would then tell him to  
try another and if convenient

and if not convenient  
then to go to the next

and so on - & the right

time should be  
except on the Tel. traffic

question).

I agree. No wonder. And  
one of the I.C.C. is now 18 days.

considering conditions of  
heavies to handle less here, or no  
conditions wld be useful in considering  
this & S. Sir J. Stevenson SLB see

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An important point is that  
telegraph power is still available.  
The reservation of funds for the  
Imperial station was abandoned  
(amount of £2 8.22 on 3499/1a)  
and he does not know what  
has been done with them now.  
Is it enough, or proposed?  
Sic.

16.3.23

4.22

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In view of the recent letter  
from Mr. G. H. D. to  
himself, he would like to  
see that nothing is left  
out.

(See p. 16.3.23)

# Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd.

List of affiliated Companies  
& Representatives at  
  
LONDON  
MADRID  
MONTRÉAL  
PARIS  
RIO DE JANEIRO  
SINGAPORE  
SYDNEY  
TOKYO  
VANCOUVER  
WALLACE  
WINDSOR  
YOKOHAMA  
ZURICH



Marconi House

CO  
12053

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London, March 7, 1923.

His Majesty's Secretary of State  
for the Colonies,  
Colonial Office,  
London, S.W.1.

RECEIVED AND FILED GENERAL PASSAGES  
AND REFERRED TO MAY 209

Sir,

Having regard to the recent decision of the Government to grant licenses to private enterprise for the erection of Wireless Telegraph stations and the maintenance of commercial wireless services, my Company desired to express its willingness to erect a high power station in the Colony of Kenya, and maintain a commercial service with Great Britain and other parts of the World, subject to the Government being willing to issue a license for that purpose on satisfactory terms, and to there being a sufficient volume of traffic available to render such a service self supporting. Should this proposal be of interest to His Majesty's Government, I have the honour to request that my Company may be furnished with statistics as to the volume of telegraphic traffic with the Colony of Kenya during the past two years, in order that the question can be studied in detail. If it is decided to furnish my Company with the figures in question, I have the honour to request that the totals be analysed so as to show the amount of paid words under the headings of urgent, ordinary, and deferred full rate traffic, Government messages and Press traffic.

In this connection I beg to state that it has recently come to my knowledge that a proposal is under consideration, having as its object the granting of a concession to the Cable Companies, carrying with it the right of direct access to the public in the Colony of Kenya for the collection and delivery of messages. If my information is correct I most respectfully beg, in the public interest, that any definite decision on this important point may be deferred until my Company's proposal has been duly considered, since, the grant of such facilities would very materially reduce the volume of unroute traffic emanating from the Colony, and would consequently tend to render the establishment

His Majesty's Secretary of State Page  
for the Colonies.

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of a competitive wireless service impossible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

MARCONI'S WIRELESS TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

*Adrian Swinton*

12053/23 Kenya

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DRAFT.

24 March 1923.

c/cy,

Sir,

(Communications Com<sup>tee</sup>)

MINUTE.

Mr. Brett Mar 12, 22, you - for the inf<sup>n</sup> of the  
Mr. Bottomley 22/3/23 f

Mr.

Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Duke of Devonshire.

Impt Communications

Com<sup>tee</sup>, a copy of a letter  
which is being addressed  
to the P.P.O., enclosing a  
copy of a letter from Marconi's

W. Mar  
O. (DRAFT)  
companion draft  
on 12053

20/3/23  
mpm/446

69. Kenya  
12053/23

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Sc  
9 May

DRAFT.

24 March 1923

ccy,

Su,

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James W. Hanmer to

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in Kenya & maintain a  
commercial service with  
East Africa & other parts  
of the world.

Dr

(Signed) H. J. READ

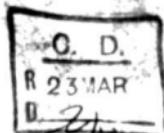
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Mr. G. Grindle.

Mr. H. Read.

Mr. J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. ~~W. G. Scott~~,  
~~one thousand~~  
~~by one thousand~~  
~~etc., reply to~~  
~~Co. Ltd.~~  
~~Mr. J. M. S.~~

12053  
Kenya Wireless Tel Co Ltd

445 W. 2d Avenue  
Vancouver  
Col. 2d floor left on

Anno 1923

16/3/23

I am to transmit to you

for the consent of the P.M.F. a

copy of a letter from Marconi's

Wireless Telegraph Company,

Ltd, containing an offer to erect

a high-power station in Kenya

& to maintain a commercial

service with this country &

other parts of the world.

The letter has at present

merely been acknowledged.

2. His Grace would be  
pleased to be furnished with  
S. W. Johnson Sticks's  
Statistical returns generally  
on this offer. I am to refer  
in particular to the request  
for statistics contained in the  
letter & to enquire what reply  
on this point the P.M.F.  
would advise, in view of the  
position in para 8(1)  
of the Standing Licence for  
the Eastern & South African  
Tel. Company to cable at  
Mombasa, under which the  
Company

In Regd No 40888

DRAFT.

MINUTE.

Barrie.  
Grindale  
H. Read.  
J. Masterton Smith.  
Wood.  
Churchill

Company furnishes to the  
~~Kenya and Uganda~~  
~~(Kenya) P.M.F.~~ at his request,  
inf<sup>n</sup> as to rates, extent &  
condition of their business  
&, provided that such inf<sup>n</sup>  
shall be treated as strictly  
private, & shall be in no  
way published or publicly  
made use of without the  
consent of the Company.

3. With regard to the  
last para. of the Wireless Co's  
letter, I am to refer to your letter  
No 157939/21 of the 10<sup>th</sup> of  
Oct 1920/21 Kenya

March 1922, & connected  
concerning the subject of the  
application of the Eastern  
Telephone Company for  
permission to deal directly  
with the public on Mombasa

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J. Fitzgerald, P.M., Kenya,  
has now come on leave, but

that, so far as this office is aware,

he has not yet communicated

with the Company.

H. A copy of this letter & enclosure is  
being sent to the Imperial Communications Com<sup>tee</sup> -  
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