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KENYA

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A. STATES LTD

DATE

28TH APRIL 1923

CIRCULATION:—

SUBJECT

VOI-TAVETA RAILWAY

Protests formally against proposed demolition. If this is carried out Coy must consider question of compensation for loss in value of their concession in Taveta District.

Shelby
U.S. of S.
S. H. [Signature]
14/23
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Secretary of State.

MINUTES

1. The negotiations for substituting for a portion of the concession due to their failure at the coast, an area further up the Ugy and Railway had made good progress before the war.
2. The agreement of May 1915, defining the area from which the selection was to be made (see Part I of Schedule I) was executed many months before the Voi-Taveta Rly was begun.
3. We do not know when, where, or by a particular 100,000 acres or other region was selected. It is quite likely that it was selected some time near the Voi-Taveta Railway. But that later than

Ref 206374
Ch. [Signature]
Sumner

Previous Paper

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18014 (Kisumu Rly)
6072
22 (Gorema)

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Subsequent Paper

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20010 (Kisumu)

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2. Act. + observe in the
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Carlton House
Regent Street

London, SW1 28th April 1923.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W., 1.

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Sir,

I am instructed by the Board of Directors of this Company formally to protest against the proposed demolition of the Voi-Taveta Railway. As no doubt you are aware, this Company has taken up an area of 100,000 acres in the Taveta District under the terms of lease dated 31st May, 1915, and it was in view of the existence of this Railway that such area was applied for by our late Managing Director, the late General Sir Owen Thomas, M.P.

If the Authorities decide to carry out their professed intention of destroying the Railway, this Company must consider the question of compensation for any loss in value to the Concession which may result as a consequence.

A formal protest has also been made to the Kenya Government.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

EAST AFRICAN ESTATES LIMITED

G. J. Gordon Stewart

Assistant Secretary.

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W., 1.

Sir,

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on the question of the proposed demolition of the Voi Taveta
railway.

Your letter will be placed before the Directors of
this Company at their next meeting.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

FOR AND ON
BEHALF OF EAST AFRICAN ESTATES LIMITED.

G. J. Gordon Stewart
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Assistant Secretary.

Attorney

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DOWNING STREET

5 May, 1918.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of

Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt

of your letter of the 28th of April in which you protest against the demolition of the Voi-Taveta Railway.

2. I am to observe that this

Railway was constructed by the Military Authorities during the War in East Africa for use in the advance on German East Africa. Negotiations for substituting an area in the interior of the East Africa Protectorate (now Kenya Colony)

for a portion of your concession in the Coast district were however proceeding previous to the war; and the Agreement of the 31st of May 1915 which provided

for such substitutions, was made at a time when there was no accurate map of the country showing that a line from Voi to Taveta of the Voi-Taveta Railway was

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East African Estates Ltd.

MINUTE.

Mr. Whittaker

Mr. *Parkinson* 2/5

Mr. *Bottomley* 3/5

Mr. Davis

Sir G. Grindle

Sir H. Read

Sir J. Masterton Smith

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Duke of Devonshire

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten notes: 2/5, 3/5, copy to you]

of correspondence to
A.S. Kenya for inf. l.f.

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3. The Secretary of State has no information as to the reasons for the selection of a particular area of 100,000 acres out of the area described in the Second part of the First Schedule to the Agreement, but in any event, there has not been, so far as he is aware, any question of a guarantee that the Railway ^{if constructed,} would be maintained for the period of the lease of the Company's ^e estate in the Taveta ^{District.} ~~area.~~

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(Signed) H. J. READ

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