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directed by Mr. Sec. Harcourt
to wash the receipt of
your letter ~~2/283/23~~ of the

4th of December, on the
subject of the construction
of the deep-water pier at

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you that, while ~~it is~~ ^{it is} ~~regrettable~~ ^{be much}

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to the foregoing, we shall be pleased if desired
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therewith.

We have etc.,

(sd) COCIE MATTHEWS FITZMAURICE & WILSON

7. In view of the altered circumstances and as we understand you are anxious to have a scheme for improving the Port of Kilindini before you at an early date; we have carefully considered the best course to suggest,

8. We are anxious that one of our partners should visit Kilindini and it would be possible for Mr Wilson to leave England about the 28th of next month. He would be unable to sail earlier as he will not reach England from Canada until about the 20th of that month.

9. If however you are desirous that we should send somebody to Kilindini before the end of January we would propose to so arrange with an Engineer, Mr A. Havelock Case, who was for some years a Resident Engineer of works carried out by us and has recently been engaged for us on an important enquiry in connection with Montevideo Harbour. Mr Case could probably leave England about the 27th of December.

10. We notice in the letter, dated 30th September 1912 from the Acting Manager of the Uganda Railway to the Acting Chief Secretary of the Protectorate that he states the borings and investigations which are now being made will take some months. Under these circumstances we trust that the time we propose for Mr Wilson's departure from England will be sufficiently early to meet the requirements.

11. We much regret that circumstances have made it impossible for us to carry out what we had originally proposed, but hope that one of the arrangements now suggested will meet your wishes, and preferably that which contemplates an inspection by our partner Mr Wilson.

12. Upon hearing from you with regard

Messrs Coode, Matthews, Fitzmaurice, & Wilson to Crown Agents



9 Victoria Street

S.W. 3rd December 1912

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT KILINDINI

Gentlemen,

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo on the above subject.

2. We regret that we have not been able at an earlier date to make definite proposals for a visit on our behalf to Kilindini.

3. At the interview which we had with you on the 8th ultimo we suggested that it might be possible for our partner Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice to visit Kilindini, early in the New Year, and with this object in view he cancelled an engagement with the authorities of the City of New York, U.S.A.

4. Since the interview with you above referred to, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have come to a decision on a matter with which we have been in communication with them for some time and have appointed a Committee to consider the Naval Works at Dover and Rosyth, of which Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice is Chairman.

5. The Committee referred to has to deal with work of such an important nature, some of which we have been connected with for many years, that Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice felt it was necessary to accept the Chairmanship of the Committee when offered to him.

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or, should the Secretary of State consider that someone should go out at an earlier date, they could arrange with an engineer, Mr A.Havelock Case, in whom they place confidence, to go out at the end of December.

5. The delay is much to be regretted but, having regard to the importance of the investigation, the advantage appears to us to lie decidedly with the first alternative. There are distinct advantages in one of the partners of the firm who will draw up the final scheme seeing the place and examining into the details of labour, materials, etc, obtainable on the spot, and hearing the views of the community and of the Colonial officers. Moreover, as the borings and investigations in connection with the improvement of the harbour work at Kilindini, which are at present being carried out by Mr Gailey in the Protectorate, will in all probability, as stated by the Acting General Manager, take some months to complete, it is possible that in the end little if any time may be lost by waiting for Mr Wilson to start at the end of January.

etc

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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for Crown Agents

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