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Wireless Tel. Station at Mombasa.

Sent further letter to Cons. Lagos giving additional particulars concerning the tenders received.

Mr. Johnson

H. J. R.

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W. Kenyon

See annexed cutting as to Marconi winning a Patent case against French Co. wh. I am informed use same system in the Anglo Fr. Co. - -

Should we warn Bahamas first as to possible difficulties under the contract in Bah? or Marconi? see also Bah 35199 & Barb 40209
38639
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Mr. Johnson

You + I saw Mr. Farnall of the

Subsequent Paper
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P.O. Vodacek he gave us the
annexed statement of facts
concerning the Anglo French
Co. I gathered that the
Compagnie Generale Radio-Physique
is one of the 3 Companies referred
to in the annexed cutting.

Mr. Zambelli was not able to say
whether the Anglo-F. Co. has any
facilities for manufacturing over
here, but he seemed to think
that they simply act as agents
for the French Co. If that is
so they result of the French actions
will presumably be to make it
impossible for them to carry out
their contracts, & the Marconi Co.
will not need to sue them.
If they are manufacturing themselves
the Marconi Co. will have to sue
them here, but the result of
the French actions will probably
make it easy for them to get
an interim injunction against
the Anglo-F. Co. whenever they
want to. I gathered also that
the Marconi Co. are talking over

The French Corp plant be
codily. This may facilitate
an ultimate settlement.
be agreed that this
best thing to do now with
regard to the Bahamas

Contract was ^{1.}
ask C.A. to
write the Anglo F.
Corp calling attention
to the result of
the French actions,
stating that we are
informed that the
Compagnie Radi-Telephonique
Societe
mentioned in their
articles of assocⁿ is one
of the three French
Companies referred to
& asking them if this
is so, & if so, whether
they are ~~for~~ able to
carry out the contract

2. to the E.A.P. Reader.
I hold this up to see
we hear from the
Anglo F. Corp.
C.G. 4/1

can talk
communicate
to the
we have
taken report
C.G.

W. J. Fisher
W. J. Fisher

① As to Bahamas,

- 1. Write to C.A. as proposed & when we get reply - send copy of letter confidentially
- 1. Inform Gov. Bahamas, & Gov. Barbados how the matter stands.

(marked immediate)
Done on a Ball paper 1/13

② As to S.A.P.

1. wait as proposed. It will be seen that this Company after offering to erect a 5 KW station at Bahamas & a similar one at Barbados for £1875 have considerably raised their price for a similar station in S.A.P.

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and we had better say to C.A. that they will no doubt be the matter in mind when in the event of a reply being received from the Government of Barbados to their letter of 19 Dec (40209)

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See also 214 East x J.R. 3/1

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W. J. Fisher

See Bahamas 3452 as to subsequent action in regard to the Anglo-Trench Co. in that colony: there a contract had already been entered into and we are allowing the Co. to go on with it. Some decision must be taken as regards

S.A.P. and I feel some doubt whether it is wise to accept the Anglo-Trench Co's tender. This tender as well as ~~that of the Anglo-Trench Co.~~ will

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W. J. Fisher

I understand from Mr. Johnson that a similar question will shortly arise in connection with H-Kong + Singapore & that being so, it seems advisable to consult the J.P.O. on the subject. It will be hard on the Anglo-Trench Co. to cut them out on such scanty info.

H. J. R. 6/13

W. J. Fisher as proposed by Mr

Read. We must be careful to
 guide ourselves in this matter of the
 best technical advice, especially
 if (as I hope will not be the case) it
 leads to our leaving out the Anglo French
 Coy in favour of Marconi.

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Anglo French Wireless Company
 37 Hastings House,
 Norfolk Street
 Strand, W.C.

Capital £50,000 in £1 shares. Incorporated
 29 July 1911

Subscribers:

Henri Mesnil
 French Advocate
 11 New Court, Carey Street, W.C.
 E. P. Winterbottom
 1 New Court, Carey Street, W.C.

Articles of Association

Members not to exceed 50
 No public subscription for shares

Directors

M. Lins } 63 Boulevard Haussmann
 M. Trochon } Paris
 G. Elkin

Agreement between Anglo French Wireless
 and Compagnie Générale Radiotélégraphique
 (Société Anonyme) 63 Boulevard Haussmann
 French to own British, Colonial
 and Indian patents and
 will transfer full and

exclusive benefits of same
to Anglo-French Wireless Co
in regard to United Kingdom
and British colonies and
dependencies

As an alternative to
transfer the French Co may
confer a full and exclusive
license to the English Co

English Co takes over
or buys all necessary plant
from the French Co, and
pay for them ^{by} £10,000
fully paid $\frac{1}{2}$ shares in the
English Co

For stamp duty purposes
the English plant is valued
at £800

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MARCONI WIRELESS PATENTS.
VICTORY IN FRENCH LAW COURTS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PARIS, Dec. 31.
The Third Chamber of the Civil Tribunal of the Seine to-day gave judgment—the reading of which lasted two hours and a quarter—in the important action brought by the Marconi Company against three other French companies. It was argued that whereas in 1900 Signor Marconi took out a patent entitled "A patent for various improvements in wireless telegraphy," whose specifications described the tuning of emitting and receiving posts so as to allow of the transmitting of messages in a really practical, regular, and commercially valuable form, this patent necessarily constituted the basis of all practical systems of wireless telegraphy. This argument was developed by Maître Seligman, who formerly—and successfully, as far as the law courts went—defended the Wright brothers' patent in France.

The judgment was divided into three parts, the first being merely devoted to paying tributes to the genius of Signor Marconi. The second part examines the pleas of the defendants, who asserted priority as to principle in works of Braun, Lodge, Testa, and Ducretet. The judgment considers this not established. Thirdly, it states that the apparatus used by the three societies, in spite of certain differences insisted upon by counsel, were really imitations of the Marconi system. Consequently it proclaims the validity of the Marconi patent, and forbids the aforesaid companies to continue their infringements. It orders the confiscation and destruction, wherever they may be, of all their apparatus, and decrees that the damages be fixed by the State.

M^r Johnson

M^r Vⁱ

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE 1652 VICTORIA.

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WHITEHALL GARDENS,
LONDON, S. W.

24th December 1912

Wireless Telegraphy - East Africa
Protectorate

Sir,

In continuation of our letter of the 17th
of December, I enclose for the information of the
Secretary of State, a copy of a further letter from
Messrs. Preece Cardew & Snell, giving certain
additional particulars respecting the tenders
received for the installation of a wireless telegraph
station at Mombasa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

P. Preece

for Crown Agents

Under Secretary of State,

&c &c &c.

Colonial Office

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E. CARDEW & SNELL,
CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

SIR WILLIAM H. PREECE.

MAJOR P. GARDNER.

A. H. PREECE J. F. C. SNELL.

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J. H. WOODWARD S. S. MOORE EDE.

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8, QUEEN ANNE'S GATE,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.

20th. December 1912.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
Whitehall Gardens,
S. W.

Gentlemen.

Mombasa Wireless Station
E. 501/19.

In accordance with a request we have received from the Colonial Office, we have the honour to give herewith further particulars with respect to the tenders received for the above station.

The original tenders were as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.
The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd.....	2,817.	13.	4.
The Anglo-French Wireless Co. Ltd.....	3,182.	0.	0.
The Poulsen Syndicate..... f.o.b. and excluding masts.	2,700.	0.	0.

The plant originally specified included a motor-generator to be connected to the Electric Power Supply Company's mains, and would enable the Government to charge the battery off this supply. It was however afterwards decided, in consultation with Mr. Gosling, to omit this, as complications might probably arise with the Supply Company, and to instal, in preference, a separate dynamo to be driven by the oil engine. We also modified the switchboard offered. This reduced the total of Messrs Marconi's tender to £3,656.

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We further suggested that if it was desirable to reduce the price still lower, several of the spare parts and other small items might be omitted, thus saving a further £175. 19. 0.

We pointed out that if the Colony was in a position to erect the station with their own staff, a further sum of £447. 19. 0. would be saved, but we did not recommend this course, as it would practically relieve the Contractors of all responsibility in connection with the satisfactory working of the plant.

The Anglo-French tender might also be reduced by the replacement of one motor-generator by a dynamo and the omission of certain spare parts, but probably in this case the reduction would not exceed some £150 - £200. If the Government decided to erect themselves, a further saving of £386 would be made.

The Poulsen tender is not complete. They quote £2,700 for the station f.o.b. and excluding the masts. As the masts would certainly not cost less than £900, the freight would probably amount to £360 - allowing 10% on the f.o.b. prices - and the cost of the erecting engineer, including salary and expenses would certainly amount to some £400, The total expense would exceed £4,360, which makes this tender higher than either of the others.

We may further point out that we have lately inspected the Anglo-French station at Slough, and have no reason to suppose that this plant would not be as satisfactory as the Marconi plant. In many ways it is simpler, and probably less expensive in maintenance.

We beg

We beg to return herewith the tenders kindly sent
us yesterday.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

PREECE, CARDEW & SNELL.

Enclosures.



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Secretary

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- Mr. Downie & Co
- Mr. B. B. Womles & W. Johnson 10
- Mr. Read 10
- Sir G. Fiddes 10
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Newspaper extract. P.M.G. Dept.
 answered 6 41026
 Please forward Howell 20 Dec
 41026, dupl. herewith

Sir,

With ref. to the
~~I am de. to request~~
 letters from this Dept.
 you to inform the P.M.G.
 of the 23rd ult^o and 3rd inst.
 that his attention has
 regarding the contract
~~been drawn to a~~
 with the Anglo French
~~statement in a newspaper~~
 Wireless Co. for the erection
 extract ~~copy~~ of which a
 of a Wireless Station in
~~copy is enclosed~~ to the
 Bahamas I am directed
 expect that certain French
 by Mr Sec^y Harcourt to
~~Ces have been successful~~
 request you to inform
~~said by Messrs Macdon~~
 the P.M.G. that the
 for a broad of patent.
 same Co. has sent in
 and Harcourt is informed

that the departing Ces
 employ the same system
 as the Anglo French Co.
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