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October /O 1912.

Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you herewith for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Agent and Consul General at Zanzibar respecting the delay caused to Zanzibar Government carge ing to the necessity of shipping by the Union Castle Line.

Sir E. Grey would be glad to learn whether any similar cases have occurred in connexion with cargoes shipped to the other East African Protectorates which are parties to the agreement with the Union Castle Line, and also whether Mr. Harcourt considers that it would be possible to make a claim on the Company for expenses incurred in this and similar cases.

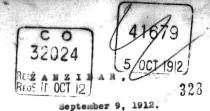
Sir,

Your most obscient, humble Servant,

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der Secretary of State, Colonial Office.



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sir,

I have had repeatedly to complain of the service given us by the Union Castle Steamship Company ever since the fatal day when we were handed over to their tender mercies: and at this moment no less than three points in connexion with their proceedings have been submitted to you in regard to which I am still awaiting your decision:

- et cetera abroad to send them at great expense
 and inconvenience to the nearest port where they
 can be shipped by the Union Castle.
- 2. whether for the present we cannot be allowed to ship goods from England by any line that offers instead of as at present being obliged

The Right Honourable,

Sir Edward Grey, Bart, K.G.,

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obliged to wait for months and months until the Union Castle Line are so obliging as to accept our consignments.

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whether in view of the fact that the Union Castle have announced that for the future all their boats will wait for six days at Hombasa they should not at any rate be obliged to pay for the passage of our officials on to Zanzawa when an occasion for their proceeding on their journey before the expiry of the six days may present itself.

I sincerely trust that you will decide these points in our favour.

I have now a further complaint to make of the Company.

The Zanzibar Government had a certain amount of goods consigned to them by the S.S. "GAIKA" - though not I understand nearly as much as there ought to have been, many articles having been shut out by the Company.

We were presently informed that the "Gaiks" would stop at Hombasa for no less than three weeks and that

when she did leave that port she did not intend to call here at all in consequence of the outbreak of cholers.

It was as you can easily imagine quite irritating enough to hear that we should have to wait three weeks longer than would have been necessary had the goods been shipped by any other line for such small proportion of the things ordered as the S.S. "Gaika" had taken on board:- but it was really intolerable to be told that the ship was not going to touch at Zanzibar at all until she passed on her return journey when there was no reason whatever why she should not have put herself into voluntary quarantine in the port in the same way as has been done by ships of all other lines.

H.H.S. "BARAWA" to fetch away as many things as we could at a cost of One thousand and six hundred rupees - this being the usual rate of Four hundred rupees a day - but on presenting the bill for this service to the agents here of the Union Castle they declined to pay it. I would ask you to endeavour to recover

In these circumstances we decided to send up

Rs.1,600.

Rs. 400.

some at any rate of this account from the Company,
the expense being one which was caused to us entirely
by their own incompetence.

I may add that while the "Gaika" was in process
of unloading at Mombasa our new motor car which was
among the cargo was so much damaged as to be rendered
quite useless and the wreck of it is now being returned to England. I sincerely trust that we may be
able to recover damages; but even if we do, the
delivery of the car will be immensely delayed to the
great detriment of the public service.

The appearance on this coast of a direct line

of British steamers was welcomed here with great

enthusiasm - but the enthusiasm with which its

withdrawal would be hailed would be infinitely greater,

seeing that ever since it began to run our passangers

have been very much worse of than they were in old

days while the delay we experience in obtaining the

goods we order is such as to make it all but impossible

to carry on the public service.

I presume it is hopeless to be asked to be released from this fatal bargain until the Union

will not compare too favourably with that offered

by the Deutsche Ost-Afrika Linie. But that is

undoubtedly the solution of our difficulty which

would be most pleasing to us here; while a similar

release would I believe rejoice the hearts of the

British Central Africa people who suffer equally

with ourselves.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

(Signed) EDIT 'RL C....

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