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Wireless Tel. Station at Mombasa.

Attach.
previous Paper.

Sends letter from Prot. enclosing report on
Wireless Tel. Stations in Kenya. Inquires
whether any further steps have been taken as
regards establishment of a station at Mombasa for
local communication.

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Mr Johnson

In your name please

As to the position with regard to the
Mombasa station, see Mac/9241.

~~Mr. R...~~ ^{H.S.B.} for G. Fielder 4/4

See also 10823 & 11431

If I had seen ~~923~~ 9241 before,
I should have pointed out that
~~Nairobi~~ Nairobi (East Mombasa)
has been suggested as the
alternative to a den for the high power
Imp. Wireless Station & that the
adoption of Nairobi would
not interfere with, or render

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find that
the Mombasa
Co. Ltd.
is going to
Mombasa

Subsequent Paper

10823

less desirable, the erection of
the proposed low power station at
Mombasa -

? Send to ^{PM's} ~~PM's~~ ^{conclusion} copy of 9241
& ask whether the above ~~is not the~~
correct statement of the position

Jan 16/4

The primary object of the low power
station at Mombasa was to provide quick
commⁿ with the Italian wireless stations
near the Anglo-Italian frontier with our
posts along the Jubba River. I understood
that the Italians have a low power
station at "Gumbo" near Kismayo & a
high power station at Mogadiscio some
130 miles further up the coast, & that
there is commⁿ between the two places.

It appears however that a high-power station
at ~~Siaka~~ Nairobi would in any case be
unable to communicate with the low power
station at Gumbo & that, owing to
the comparatively short distance of ^{500 miles}
between Nairobi + Mogadiscio, ^{commⁿ} it could only
be maintained at just inconvenience between
the two latter places, as the power would
have to be brought down to make commⁿ
between places separated by a few hundred miles.
Proceed as proposed?

(This was on S. of
with 11431)
I now discuss the
and the main part of

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON.

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28 March 1912.

Sir,

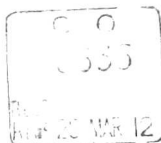
With reference to the proposal which was under consideration in 1909 to establish wireless telegraphic communication between British and Italian East Africa (see Cables (Landing Rights) Committee Report No. 120), I am directed to send to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a letter which the Postmaster General has received from the Postmaster General of British East Africa enclosing a report on the wireless telegraph stations in Benadir. The Postmaster General would be interested to learn whether any further steps have been taken with a view to the establishment of a station at Mombasa for local communication.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. Fratt

C O P Y.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

NAIROBI.

18th February 1912.

3005/11.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter from the Italian Commissario Regionale at Giumbo to the British Commissioner of the Province of Jubaland embodying information which I had asked that the latter would be so good as to obtain regarding the Wireless Telegraph Stations in the Italian Colony of the Benadir.

2. The information conveyed may possibly be of interest in view of the projected British Wireless Station at Mombasa, which it is intended should communicate with the Italian Wireless Station at Giumbo. The position of the latter is indicated by a rough marginal sketch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

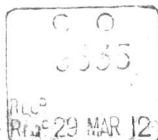
(Sd) J. Gosling

POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Secretary,
General Post Office,
London.

to I.M.

*Sketch of
Giumbo
(Ital)
Kismayu
(British)
Indian
Ocean*

C O P Y.

Giumbo, 5 Février, du 1918.

Monsieur le Commissaire,

en répondant à Vos lettres au sujet de notre service radio-télégraphique entre la Somalie italienne et l'Italie, j'ai l'honneur de Vous communiquer ce que suit:

1). Le tarif par mot de Giumbo (et, également, d'une quelconque des stations R.T. de la Somalie italienne) est de francs 2,60.

2). Les dépêches arrivent ordinairement en Italie le jour suivant à leur présentation au bureau de Giumbo.

En attendant que la Station de Massaua soit en condition de pouvoir communiquer directement par radio-télégraphie avec Coltano, la transmission de Massaua en Italie se fait a present via Kassala, Halfa, Alexandrie, Malta: ou bien via Kassala, Suakin, Suez. Pour le moment, la Station de Massaua est en condition de pouvoir recevoir directement de Coltano les dépêches radio-télégraphiques.

3). Le personnel de toutes les Stations R.T. de la Somalie italienne et de la Colonie Eritree est militaire, et appartient aux Semarhoristes de la Royale Marine de guerre. Il est aux ordres d'un Lieutenant de Vaisseau, qui demeure à Mogadiscio.

Provincial Commissioner,
for Jubaland,
Kismayu.

Le

se aux
es No. 811
0 Decembre
No. 10 du
vrier
12.

Le montage de la station de grande puissance de Mogadiscio et de toutes les autres stations de la Somalie a été exécuté entièrement par le personnel de la Royale Marine. Le personnel de la station de Mogadiscio se compose de 12 militaires de Marine, qui sont chargés de tous les travaux techniques, de la conduite et de la maintenance des appareils et des machines, de la maintenance des tours, etc.

4). Les conditions du sol et atmosphériques de Mogadiscio étaient les plus mauvaises qu'on puisse craindre. Mais on est réussi à vaincre toutes les difficultés, en manière de pouvoir communiquer avec Massua toutes les heures de jour et de la nuit, dans toutes les conditions atmosphériques, même les plus défavorables.

5). On peut transmettre jusqu'à No. 500 mots en 25 minutes.

6). La station de Mogadiscio dispose de 110 Kilowats.

7). Elle est activée par un moteur Diesel du 180H.

8). Le système des fils aériens est suspendu à 8 tours de l'hauteur de metres 70.

En modification de ma lettre No. 2053 du 19 decembre 1911, j'ai l'honneur et le plaisir de Vous informer que, dans le but d'obliger le Gouvernement de British-East Africa, la Station R.T. de Giumbo a été autorisée à accepter les telegrammes directement pour l'Etranger.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Commissaire, les assurances de ma considération la plus distinguée

(Sd) E. Baccari.
Commissario Regionale.

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Ans'd 15875

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The Secretary
G.P.C.

14 April 12

Sir

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Mr. Johnson 22

X Mr. Read 22 f 3

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

In reply to

your letter 87243 of the
28th mar, I am etc to
~~request~~ you forward, for
the info of the P.M.S.,
copies of corres as noted
in the margin, from
which it will be seen
that the question of
establishing ^{and} a low power
Wireless station at
Mombasa, has been
postponed, pending the
decision of the question
whether

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whether a high power station should be erected in British E. Africa as part of the Imperial Wireless Chain.

2. If ~~nairobi~~ ^{Diopoli} is ultimately selected as the site for a $\$1$ high power station, Mr. Starcourt presumes that such a station would not interfere with the suggested low power station at Mombasa, ~~and that~~ ^{and that} ~~the erection of the latter station would still be required for local communication with the places mentioned in the enclosed despatch from the Acting Governor.~~

3. I am to enquire whether the P.M.S. concurs in these views.