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LOW POWER WIRELESS STATION AT MOMBASA

Question of site of high power station is still under consideration. Promises further letter as to this. In any case the high power station should not interfere with the working of the low power station. Concurs in view that the higher power station could not conveniently be used for local communication.

W. JohnsonH. J. R24/INot Rec'd by G. F. Miles

In answer sent by Mr. Hartnett, a Rep'r  
of the Govt. of Col.

1. Sent to Mees. copy of the letter  
on letter no 9635 & from him to appear  
friendly with the new wireless station.

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Subsequent Paper

Recd 10/054. P. O.31/05/3

Colonial Office,

Bowing Street, S.W.1.

May. 10th 1912.

Mr. Johnson,

Empire Wireless.

I have had a talk with Sir Percy Girouard on the assumption that the Aden Station is abandoned and that, therefore, an intermediate Station between Egypt and the Protectorate will be necessary in the East African Protectorate. He expressed a very strong opinion, in which I agree, that it should be placed at Nairobi rather than at Mombasa, (a) because Nairobi is the Capital and centre of the Protectorate, (b) because it can be more efficiently protected there than at Mombasa in the event of war, (c) because arrangements are being made for a low-



13 May 1912.

My dear Harcourt,

-power station at Mombasa for ship to shore purposes and for communication with Zanzibar and Dar-Es-Salaam in the South and the Italian Station on the border of Somaliland in the North.

Please bear this in mind when the matter comes again before the Cable Landing Rights Committee.

I have written this to the Post Master General.



This is to acknowledge your letter of the 10th about the Wireless station in the East Africa Protectorate, I shall of course give the mos' careful consideration to what you say.

Yours sincerely,



Right Honble.  
Lewis Harcourt, M.P.

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Address reply to—"The Secretary, General Post Office."  
quoting Registered No. 87243/12.

## GENERAL POST-OFFICE, LONDON.

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REGD 25 MAY 12

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th ultim<sup>o</sup> 9635/12, I am directed to explain for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Postmaster General has refrained from offering any observations with regard to the provision of a low power wireless telegraph station at Mombasa until the Cables (Landing Rights) Committee should have furnished a report as to the sites for the imperial stations. As the Secretary of State is aware the Committee has now recommended that one of those stations should be placed in the East Africa Protectorate. The question of the site of this station will be further considered by this Department in conjunction with the Marconi Company in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee and with due regard to the various considerations involved; and a further letter will be sent to you on the subject; but in any case <sup>the</sup> high power station should not interfere with the working of the low power station, seeing that the representative of the Admiralty on the Committee expressed the view that a separating distance of 30 miles would be sufficient to prevent interference, while Mr. Marconi said that the stations might safely be placed even within half a mile of each other.

The Postmaster General concurs in the view that the high

power

Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE.

power station could not conveniently be used for local communication with the several places mentioned in the report from the Acting Governor.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*P. J. Frazer*  
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With reference to your

The Committee to the  
Treasury

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Mr. Hob. 31.5

Mr. Miller 31/8/3

Mr. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

25th of March relative  
to his proposed establishment  
of a low power wireless

station at Burnham

I am etc to transmit

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me. of the Treasury.

the accompanying copy of

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remembered that  
provision for the work is  
included in the  
Estimates of the E.A.P.  
for the current  
financial year

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