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I presume careful note is being made either here or locally of sums advanced by the Treasury te Protectorates or Celonies at a fixed rate of interest with also a fixed rate of linking Fund, and that the date at which by the operation of the Sinking Fund they will be paid off has been agreed with the Treasury.

(Sd) J.A. 22.6.12

The East Africa Department is concerned at present with four loans from imperial Funds.

- (a) The loan of £170,000 to Uganda for the construction of the Busode Railway. When the loan L. O . was promised it was stated that it was to be given on conditions as to interest and repayment to be arranged hereafter. The full loan has been is sued and used, but the Treasury have not yet raised the question of interest or sinking fund. I presume that we need not stir them up in the matter.
- (b) The loan of £250,000 granted to the East Africa Protectorate last year for the Thika Tramway the Mombasa Water Supply and the Deep-water Pier at Kilindini. The loans bear interest at the rate of 32% and there is a sinking fund of 1% per annum. £47,000 was paid over as the first instalthat ment of the loan on the 28th of December last. sum of \$2,115 has been included in the Protectorate Estimates for the current year to cover the interest and sinking fund for one year on this instalment. This sum will be paid to the Treasury on the 28th of December next. Similar arrangements will, of course be made in respect of the further instalments of the loan as they are issued. We have no specific arrange mont with the Treasury by when date the sinking fund will repay the loan, but I presume that, the rate of the sinking fund and the interest at which it will be accumulated in the hands of the Treasury has been fixed the answer as certain. We might however, now put an enquiry to them formally.
 - (s) The loan of £180 800 made to Masaland for the redemption of the spesidy lands in connexion

with the extension of the Shiré Highlands Reilway. This loan also bears interest at the rate of 3 % and a sinking fund of 1%. Provision has been made in the current year for the payment of interest and sinking fund on the first instalment of this loan, viz: 250,000. In reply to our enquiry, the Treasury have said that the sinking fund will suffice to pay hands this loan in a period of between 43 and 44 years that is I presume from the respective dates on which the instalments are issued).

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(d) The new loan of £500,000 which has just been arranged for the East Africa Protectorate and Deenda. We have offered interest at 31% and a sinking fund of 1% on this losn also. No instalments have yet been issued and/provision for interest and sinking fund will be required till next financial year.

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