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Magadi Water Supply

Confirms tel. 7 Oct. & sends proceedings at meeting 19 Aug at which matter was satisfactorily settled. Considers that much trouble might be avoided if Co. local representatives would consult for in first instance instead of complaining by tel. to London.

Sir G. Fiddes

I had better take an opportunity of inf^g the resp^y of the Co^y in the sense of para 3 Mr Symonds, the local financial manager, is going out to the Port to Shilly & is coming to see me before he leaves. He seems to be a very tactful person & I have no doubt that he will get on all right with the local authorities.

Put by!

A. J. R.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

October 31st 1913.

No. 846

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 705 of the 27th August, I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 7th instant which reads as follows:-

"Your despatch August 27th No. 705. As it has already been agreed that Magadi Company shall have full use of water subject only to requirements of Masai or of Government Station, therefore that which is not required for those uses can be taken by the Company for any purpose".

2. In this connection I have the honour to transmit a copy of the proceedings of a meeting held on the 19th August to discuss the question of the Magadi water supply from which you will observe that the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

3. I must add that most of the trouble which has arisen and much of the correspondence which has taken place regarding this and other questions raised by the Company could have been avoided if their local representative had come to see me in the first instance instead of complaining to his principals in London by telegrams which have sometimes been of a misleading nature. I have explained

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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this to Mr. Ross and trust that you will not be troubled by further complaints.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

W. Bowring
on instruction from
GOVERNOR.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 326 of 3/10/13

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Proceedings of Meeting.

A meeting was held in my office on the 19th of August to discuss the question of the Magadi Water Supply from the Ngong Hills. The following gentlemen met me:-

Mr. A.F.Church, Uganda Railway.

Mr. E.D.Browne, D.C., Ngong.

Mr. Stedman, Executive Engineer, P.W.D.

Mr. Ross, Resident Engineer, Magadi Railway.

Mr. H.L.Sikes, Engineer-in-Charge, Magadi Water Supply.

2. I explained in the first instance to Mr. Ross the nature of the correspondence which had taken place between this office and the Colonial Office, and I succeeded in convincing him that questions in which the interests of the Company were concerned would be settled with more expedition and more efficiency if dealt with direct than by reference to London. We then discussed the matter of the water supply in general terms and succeeded without difficulty in coming to a satisfactory understanding as to the supply to be conceded to the Company and the terms upon which they were to avail themselves of it.

3. The following are the terms agreed upon. (The descriptions which follow are taken from the map enclosed in this file and marked W. No.28).

- (1) The Company to have the right to tap the streams known as the Upper Streams in the Ngong Hills as demarcated in red on the plan, to collect them into the upper intake shown in red, and to conduct them generally as shown on the plan through pipes to a lower main intake to be

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placed in the vicinity of that shown on the plan.

- (2) As a supplementary reserve supply the Company to have the right to tap the streams and construct intakes on them in the vicinity of the weirs marked on the plan as C-1, F, G-1, and H, it being understood that the Keserian River at or near weir C-1 shall only be tapped in case the other three streams fail to give the required supplementary supply.
- (3) The Company will construct and thereafter maintain cattle troughs of design approved by the Government and of the following dimensions: 50 ft. x 3 ft. x 2 ft. 3 in. These troughs will be placed as follows:-
- 3 troughs below and fed by the lower main intake.
 - 1 trough below and fed from each of the following intakes - C-1, G, H, F.
- (4) The lower intake or concentration chamber to be of design approved by the Government enabling the 3 cattle troughs in its vicinity to obtain automatically the first call on all water entering the chamber.
- (5) Automatic arrangements shall be provided at each of the other 4 troughs to ensure such troughs having similarly the first call on the water flowing into the respective intakes.
- (6) The Company shall have permission to ~~is~~ fence in both banks of the streams above the intakes on which weirs F, G-1, and H are situated.

- (7) The Company agree to recognize the rights of the Masai to water their flocks on the Keserian River above the intake on this stream.
- (8) The Company agree not to tap the streams on which the following weirs are situated:-
Weirs A, B, J, L, No.15, No.16.
- (9) The Company agree to improve the present watering facilities for stock on stream No.9 by providing 2 troughs thereon.
- (10) The Company agree to erect and maintain a meter at such point at or below the lower intake as may be indicated by the Government for the purpose of enabling a check to be kept on the amount of water drawn by the Company.
- (11) Should it at any time be found necessary to provide troughs in addition to those above mentioned the Company agree to provide and maintain additional troughs not exceeding 5 in number at such places as the Government may from time to time require. In consideration of this obligation a proviso may be inserted to the effect that no water from the upper intake A, or from any of the streams supplying it, shall be requisitioned for the Masai so long as any other convenient and adequate source of supply is available.

4. In addition to the above terms which have recently been settled it should be remembered that it has been already agreed that the Company have full use of the water, subject only to the requirements of the Masai and of the Government station.

5. Please now pass this file to the Hon. Attorney General and request him to prepare draft of an agreement incorporating the above arrangements, together with any others which may have been previously decided upon but which I may have omitted to mention. I will give instructions concerning the draft after it has been submitted to me for examination.

Sd/- E.O.Belfield.

Government House.

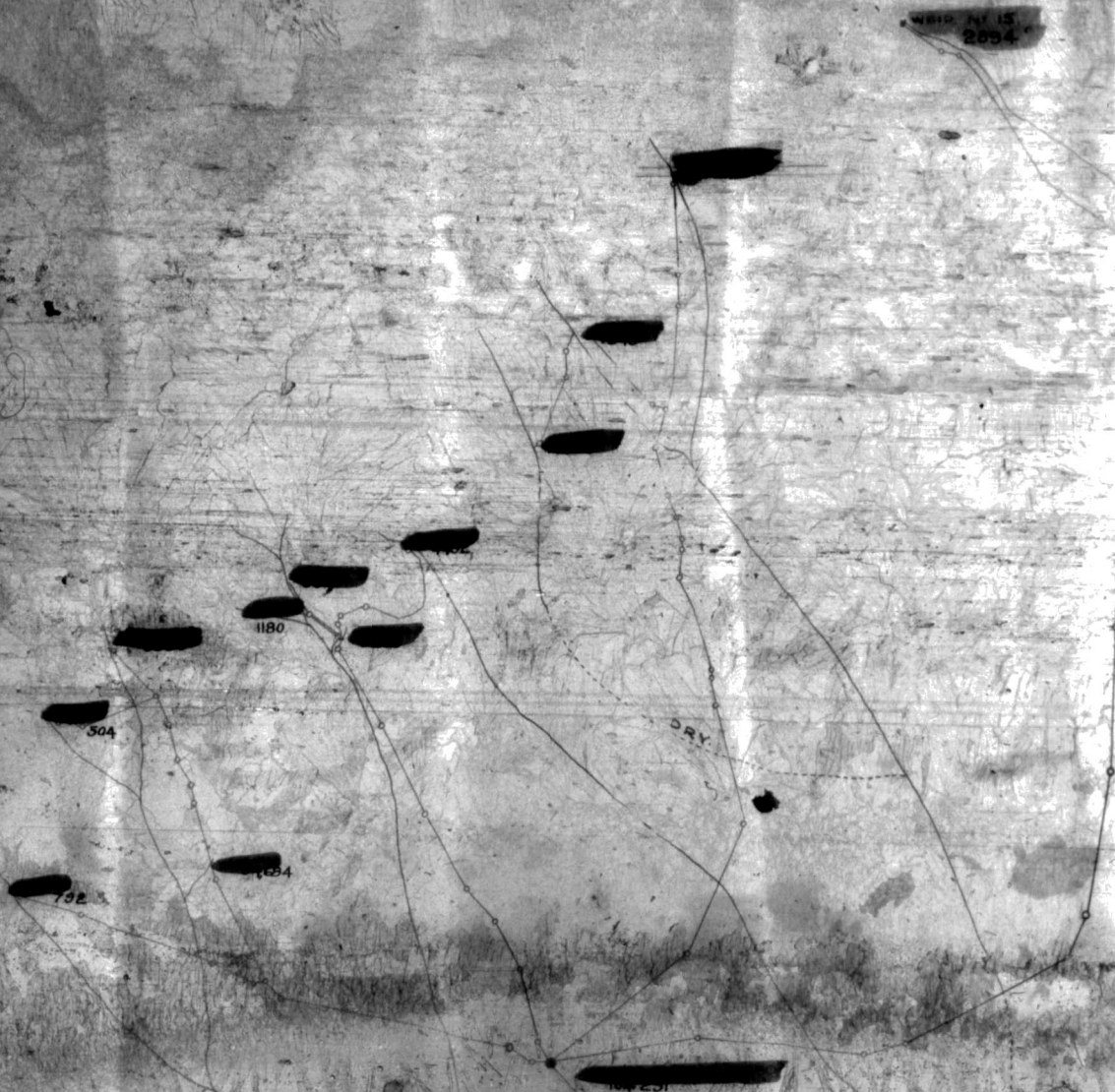
Nairobi,

August 20th, 1913.

— NGONG HILLS. —

— PLAN SHOWING SPRINGS, STREAMS & PROPOSED

— SYSTEM OF CONCENTRATION—MAGADI RAILWAY WATER SCHEME. —



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