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Report & estimate have been rec'd & survey carried out, but line will not be necessary if proposed line from Nakuru through basin to Lake Victoria is made. Will not furnish report to G.O. unless desired. *press figures*

We do not want the figures at present, & no doubt that the *the estimate* of G.O. & survey of *the line* would *be* fault with the estimate of £2250 mile.

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NO. 247

March 16th 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I have received from the Director of Public Works a report and estimate prepared by Mr. H. M. Birch, Executive Engineer, relating to the construction of a line of railway from Kisumu to Mumias in the Province of Nyanza. The survey of this line was in hand at the time of my arrival in the Protectorate, and has been carried out in anticipation of a decision being arrived at in favour of the establishment of railway communication between these two points.

2. As you are now aware, I have recently advised in favour of a line from Nakuru through the Uasin Gishu Plateau, and have stated that in the event of this route being adopted I see no necessity at the present time for a railway between

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
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between Mumias and Kisumu. This view is confirmed by observations made during my recent tour in the North Kavirondo country. The existing road between these two stations can, without much difficulty, be converted into a metalled road to carry motor traffic at all times of the year, and in my opinion nothing further is now needed to serve this part of the province. With the advent of the railway into the North Kavirondo country, all produce to be exported from the district, which now has to go down to railhead at Kisumu, will be entrained via Eldoret, and that which will be carried by road to Kisumu will be only that smaller proportion which is destined for local consumption.

3. I do not therefore propose to trouble you at present with the report, estimates, and plans furnished by the Director unless you desire that they should be sent to you. It will perhaps be sufficient to state that the length of the surveyed line is 59 miles, including sidings, and that the estimate of cost is £192,000, including rolling stock and permanent buildings for the staff.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

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GOVERNOR.