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Belfield 859

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29th Sept

Last previous Paper.

KILINDINI LANDING STAG
PURCHASE OF PONTOON

The copy letter from Acting General Manager. In circumstances has felt bound to give provisional sanction to expose. Expresses disapproval of Mr Taylor's action in the matter.

~~Mr G. Fielder~~ Mr G. Fielder See also 42144

The Gov. does not wish that this
order shall be cancelled & I think
we must let it go on. It seems
certain that the landing was in a
very bad state.

? Telegraph (w/rythm I think)

Your despatch of 18 Sept 1914 sent copy of my
sent home by post with copy of my
minutes, bearing on financial losses
of General Manager & all incidents
must be sent home through you.

W.L.S. 31.10.14

H. J. R.
2/21/14

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Next subsequent Paper.

In view of the decision
with regard to the G.M.
the proposed text: as
discussed with

along
14.11.14

The Read

I think the Govt expects a reply
abt. one of his having given sanction
to the expenditure incurred by
the General Manager of this location.
[We need not comment on the G.M.'s
action]

Wd. 6. 11. 14

at meet
to J.R.

26/11/14

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 GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
 NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 859.

September 28th, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Acting General Manager relating to the purchase of a pontoon as a Landing Stage at Kilindini and to inform you that in the circumstances I have felt bound to accede to Mr. Eastwood's request and to give provisional sanction for the expenditure involved.

2. It is only on Mr. Taylor's departure and Mr. Eastwood's assumption of office that I have been made aware of the procedure adopted in this case and I have found it necessary to place on record my strong disapproval of a course of action which in my opinion is both uncalled for and undesirable.

3. The practice of putting forward requisitions at the last moment on the plea of urgency is one which I can in no way commend. In the present

case

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

g. Genl. Manager
 24-9-14

case there would have been ample time to report the condition of the landing stage and to obtain your covering sanction before any action need have been taken here, but the General Manager has chosen to place an order and incur expenditure without authority and has delayed his report until it is too late to take any course other than that requested.

4. I have no doubt as to the propriety of the object for which the money is asked but the fact that such is the case in no way justifies Mr. Taylor in committing an absolutely needless irregularity and I can only say that he does not appear to have grasped the principles underlying the regulations laid down for the financial control of the Railway.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Henry Devereux

GOVERNOR.

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Landing Stage at Kilindini Pier

SIR,

I have the honour to request that you will place before His Excellency the necessity of a "Landing Stage for Passengers" at Kilindini Pier, and obtain his sanction to the expenditure of £1,550 for this purpose. The expenditure would be met from the appropriation of £20,000 for Improvement to Kilindini provided for in the loan of £375,000.

The steps at Kilindini Pier that are now used by passengers in connection with the steamers lying in Kilindini Harbour are old and unsafe. They have been reported on by the District Engineer in charge of the III Maintenance Division as follows :

"Landing Stage - Kilindini.

"The present structure is getting worse and

"worse and is only held in position by the

"piles and bracing of the centre gangway.

"Any attempt at mooring a pontoon to the

"steps would in certain result in the whole

"structure carrying away. The timber of the

"piles is so badly eaten that there is

"absolutely nothing to which bracing can be

"fixed to strengthen it!

TO THE HON'BLE
THE AGING CHIEF SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT
NAIROBI.

It was thought that a pontoon could be made out of barrels, as a temporary measure, but this was not workable, as owing to past experience we found that barrels are almost immediately perforated by the "terreda Navalis". We tried rafts bouyed in this manner when dredging the foundations of the present pier.

The most suitable method of landing is by a pontoon moored to the side of the wharf by two gangways. The General Manager after enquiry and full consideration of the necessities of the situation was so impressed by its importance that he ordered a pontoon and the iron work and mooring gear in connection with it, in July last.

This does not appear to have been sanctioned, and I therefore shall be greatly obliged if you will ask His Excellency to regularise the expenditure. The matter is rather urgent, as instructions ought to be cabled at once in connection with the docking. It was intended in the first place that the docking should be obtained and fixed locally, but it will be better and more economical if it is sent by the Makers at the same time as the ironwork.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/ B. EASTWOOD

Actg General Manager
Uganda Railway.

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Sir, 38

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 889 of the 28th of September, and to inform you that he approves of your having given sanction to the expenditure incurred by the General Manager of the Uganda Railway in the purchase of a pontoon as a landing stage at Kilindini.

DRAFT.

E.A.P.

No. 1035

Gov. Sir H. Belfield.

MINUTE.

Mr. Wilson 26/11/14

Mr. Cottonby 20 11 14

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

2. I observe that the expenditure
will be met from the appropriation
of \$40,000 for improvements of
the building and provided for the
year of \$375,000.

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Signed J. H. HOGGETT