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Shipping freights

Sends memo from shipping agents resp. rates now being charged by various lines. Concludes that business must be given under the agreement to the Union Castle line.

W. Fiddes

The proviso as to the maintenance of a regular & similar service was inserted expressly to guard against a contingency of this kind

If the C.A. that their conclusion is correct?

H. J. R.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE 1822, VICTORIA.

WHITEHALL GARDENS,
LONDON, S. W.

4th April 1911

Sir,

6a With reference to your letter of the 9th March
No. 5923/11 and to previous correspondence, I have the
honour to transmit a copy of a memorandum from our Shipping
Agents respecting the rates of freight now being charged
March 1911 by the various lines trading to the East Coast of Africa.

2. The British India Company and the Ellerman-
Harrison Line do not give a regular and similar service
to East Africa as indicated in Clause 3, and we conclude
therefore that the business must be given, under the
agreement, to the Union Castle Line.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Crown Agents.

Under Secretary of State,
&c. &c. &c.
Colonial Office.

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Messrs. J. & A.B. Fresland Sole Agents.

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Letter No. S.561

13 Great St. Helen's, E.C.

March 31st 1911.

East Africa Freight Contract

We beg to inform you that when the Union Castle Company commenced loading steamers, there was an understanding between the various lines trading with East Africa that there should be no alteration in the rates of freight.

We now understand that the British India Company finding that they obtain so little cargo, are accepting considerably lower rates than have been in force lately.

This action has caused the Union Castle Co. and the Ellerman Harrision Line to follow suit to meet the competition.

Will you please inform us whether you consider that, under clause 3 of the agreement, the Union Castle Company should be approached with a view to obtaining similar reductions in rates as Merchants receive. We doubt if either the British India or Ellerman Harrision Lines could claim to be a regular and similar service to that of the Union Castle Company.

The Deutsche Oest Afrika Linie are making no reduction.

The Lines are now landing cargo at Kilindini and charging shippers 3/6 per ton extra which is a reduction of 1/3 from what was formerly charged.

(Initials) J. & A.B. F.

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12 April 1911

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The Crown Agents

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I am directed by His

Secretary to ask the receipt

of your l^r ($\frac{5}{361}$) of the

10th of April & to inform you

that in the circumstances

therein mentioned, ^{Govt} any freight

for the East African Protes must

be paid to the Union-Castle S^o

in accordance with clause 3

of the Agreement of 1910.

MINUTE.

Mr. Tennings 1/4

Mr. Read 1/2

Mr. Fiddes.

Mr. Just.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Col. Seely.

Mr. Harcourt.

J. S. W. H. H.