

going to be very difficult to finance, if
Mr Jackson's attitude so far as any
criterion of the future and it is not
at all likely that she will be in a
position to find money for the provision
of a second telegraph route if we can
make the existing route reasonably
reliable. We must say this plainly
to the B.C.G. if they press the
suggestion as they no doubt will, for
they are very persistent people.

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MANCHESTER

18th September, 1911.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
LONDON, S.W.

Sir,

I have to call your attention to the fact that the cable between Mombasa and Zanzibar was broken on the 11th July last and that up to the present has not been repaired. This cable was also broken earlier in the year for a period of three or four weeks.

2. I need hardly point out how very serious it is to the commercial community to have such interruptions in the telegraph service, and to give you an example I might mention that we usually cover all purchases of cotton made in East Africa by the sale of "Futures" in order to avoid any risk in the market. This you will readily see is impossible unless we are kept in telegraphic communication with Mombasa. Further than that, it often happens that break-downs occur in the ginning factories, and it is essential that the broken parts should be sent out immediately from home. Again, in the case where an employee has had to be invalided home, it is most important that he should be replaced immediately. I merely mention the above three instances to you so that you will understand the vital importance of regular telegraphic communication.

3. In view of the general dissatisfaction and troubles that have occurred in the past and which ^{may} occur in the future owing to the interruption caused by the break-down of the submarine cable, my Council strongly urge that you

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should take into consideration the possibility of linking up Nimule, the present terminus of the Uganda Administration with Gendekero, the terminus of the telegraph lines under the Sudan Administration, - a distance of about 107 miles.

4. Apart altogether from commercial considerations, it would be a very great advantage for administrative purposes to have a duplicate service so as to provide for the probabilities of further breakdowns, and my Council trust, therefore, that this recommendation may receive your most favourable consideration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Herbert Kettle

Chairman.

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Lancaster
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25 Sept 1911

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Chairman
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- Mr. H.B. 10/17
- Mr. Butler 22/17
- Mr. Fiddes
- Sir H. Just
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Lucas
- Mr. Harcourt

I am so to ask
 the result of your letter
 of the 15th of Sept relative
 to the introduction of
 the Bill to amend the
 Law of Lunacy

2 In fact I am to
 inform you that you
 also have introduced
 Considerable amendments
 through the work done
 of the Com. on Education,
 and have called the

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the attention of the
Eastern Telegraph Co. to
the fact that ~~the~~
the Marconi has requested
the firm of the E.T.C.
to consider the question
of installing a wireless
telegraph station at
Kombasa to communicate
with that at Saurat

3. It is understood
that the cable has now
been repaired.

(Advice received
of the
Sept 22

[Handwritten signature]
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