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in Castle U.C.  
(Merrilee)

1910

25 Jan.

Last previous Paper

2568  
Suzer

Union Castle Steamer Service

Asks that C.A. be instructed not to insure on their claims that C. is the guarantor then against the loss of their debts from the U.C. line of that route this is forfeited through their support of the Union Castle line.

Mr. Butler.

In writing to the C.A. on <sup>CA</sup> 717 E. Africa, we said that C.O. was prepared to risk the ~~loss~~ of the rebate, so far as regards cargo destined for Mombasa by U.C. Line. ~~There is no~~ <sup>no</sup> chance of losing rebates by shipping to Chinde by U.C., ~~than the C.A.~~ <sup>than the C.A.</sup> would ~~have~~ <sup>be prepared to lose</sup> than also. (See infra Buchanan's letter per <sup>CA</sup> 717)

But that this letter to the C.A. left the office on Jan 21; Mr. Merrilee's letter is dated Jan 25. The argument put forward by the C.A. against U.C. receiving support will probably not be used again after receipt of our letter of the 25th.

Extract to C.A. 10 Feb.

Subsequent Paper

Done

? send a copy of this letter (A-A) to C.A. & refer to the 2nd para of an letter of 28<sup>th</sup> saying that they will see from that that the question of rebate must not interfere with support of U.C. - & send reply to W.C. & Mr. Innes, saying that C.A. have been instructed not to refuse support of U.C. on rebate question. [adding that it is hoped that an amicable arrangement will be worked out between them & the Brit. Union] - the letter to be written to Mr. Innes & Mr. W.C. for Ed. Selig's approval.

all  
31/1

W. Reed

Perhaps it would be an ill not to put into a letter at this stage the suggestion in brackets, but to leave it to Colonel Selig's personal mediation in accordance with the remarks on C.A.

Yes  
2.12  
JFK

otherwise proceed as proposed

WAB  
Jan. 31.

Mr. Fidler

Yes?

H. J. R.  
31/1

W. 11/2

Lord Crewe

I think a letter may well be drafted for my signature on the lines proposed if you agree.

JFK 1.2

H. J. R.

What of the  
as proposed  
at present  
in London  
to bring to  
W.C. people  
to whom they  
have better  
C. 3. II

? send a copy of this letter (A-A)  
 to CA & refer to the 2nd para of  
 an letter of 28<sup>th</sup> saying that they  
 will see from that that the question  
 of rebate must not interfere with  
 support of the U.C. - & send reply  
 to Madras Mr. Miralles saying  
 that G.A. have been instructed  
 not to refuse support of the U.C. on  
 rebate question [adding that it is  
 hoped that an amicable arrangement  
 will be worked out between them & the  
 Brit: India] - the letter to be written  
 to Mr. Miralles direct for Col. Selby's attention

W.C.P.  
 31/1

Read

Perhaps it would be as well not to  
 put into a letter at this stage the suggestion  
 in brackets, but to leave it to Colonel  
 Selby's personal mediation in accordance  
 with the minutes on C.G.

Yes  
 Yes

Otherwise proceed as proposed

W.C.P.  
 Jan 31

Mr. Fidler

Yes?

Lord Crane

H. J. R.  
 31/1

W.C.P.

I think a letter may well  
 be drafted for my signature on  
 the lines proposed from a pen  
 of W.C.P.

What of the  
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 U.C. people  
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London Street 9  
London 25th Jan., 1910

2578  
JAN 10

Dear Colonel Seely,

I have not troubled you at all during these busy election times, but my first words must express my personal regret that the country is deprived (for the time being) of the able services which you have rendered in your official position.

Our second steamer for the East Coast is about to sail, and so far we have not had support from the Crown Agents. They claim that we should guarantee them against the loss of their rebate from the British India Company if that rebate should be forfeited through their support of our Line. Now, seeing that we are incurring such heavy loss in undertaking this service, I must appeal to you to instruct the Crown Agents not to insist on this condition, for while I do not think the circumstances will arise, owing to my expectation that we shall be able to arrange amicably with the British India Company, yet it seems hard that they should say they will give us no cargo unless we have this guarantee. I would look upon the

removal of this condition as a very small part of the general promise of support which you were good enough to give us when we entered upon this service without any definite guarantee. If you are disposed to take this view, then the Crown Agents could avoid the loss of our steamer loading next month.

Yours very truly,

*J. L. Lee*

Colonel

The Right Hon. J. B. Seely,

Colonial Office, S.W.

M.D. / 2578 E. Africa.

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DRAFT.

F. J. Minnieles, Esq.

The Union Castle Mail S.S. Co. L<sup>d</sup>

107 Coleridge.

MINUTE.

Dear Mr. Minnieles

- Mr. Parkhurst 4/4
- Mr. Butler 5
- Mr. Read 5
- Mr. Fiddes.
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir O. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely 7/8
- Lord Crewe. 2/2

I beg to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, stating

that so far you have  
received no support from

the Crown Agents for the  
Colonies & they have  
already been instructed

not to insist on you  
the risk of  
guaranteeing them against  
losing rebates  
of the rebates granted by

Understand Lord Howe's  
to mean that the  
in baskets in Mr  
Kinnon's minute had better  
to write the letter of Colonel  
to Libby to see the  
Castle people soon  
with  
of 1/3

The

~~the British India~~

Steam Navigation

Company

~~Your very truly~~

should not be allowed  
to interfere with  
the shipping of cargo  
for Mombasa by your  
line on suitable  
occasions

Yours very truly,  
J. S. Seely

I think it is a  
fair compensation for  
part of the letter  
the C.A. of the 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jan<sup>y</sup> of the letter  
to them drafted on  
paper. The last two  
words are essential  
with them. Mr. Murray  
might think he is for  
a promise of all cargo  
to Mombasa. This was  
not his intention  
with regard to the  
letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>

M. O. / 2578 Africa

DRAFT.

CA

MINUTE.

- Mr. Parkin 4/2
- Mr. Pugh 5
- Mr. Pidd 5
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Col. Seely
- Lord Crewe.

Genl.

10 Feb 1910.

With ref. to the letter from this  
dept. of the 20<sup>th</sup> of Jan., has  
directed by the Earl of Crewe  
to transmit to you a  
copy of an extract from  
a letter from Mr.

Extract from Mr. Minnie's letter (see)  
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and the

Minnie's, on the subject  
of the support to be given  
to the Union Castle. I do  
to refer you to the  
2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the  
letter quoted above, from  
which you will observe

that the rest of  
longer the estates  
referred to in your

letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> ~~of~~ ~~should~~  
~~with~~

of primary interests  
not be allowed

to interfere with

support being

given to the Union

Castle Co

the matter of

shipping cargo

destined for ~~London~~  
~~to~~

Yours  
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