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existing route via the cables. Any prolonged interruption will therefore be a serious matter.

3. Secondly it should not be forgotten that the adoption of wireless telegraphy has been under consideration for some years not merely in connection with the projected installation at Mombasa, but also with a view to establishing communication between other parts of East Africa and Uganda. The telegraph staff, both engineering and operative, have interested themselves in the matter and several officers have undergone a course of training in England, some of them as a result of applications transmitted through the Colonial Office, and others by private arrangement. Several members of the staff have consequently obtained a practical acquaintance with wireless telegraphy.

4. An additional Assistant Telegraph Engineer is being recruited from the British Post Office and it is assumed that the officer selected will have some practical experience of wireless telegraphy.

5. In these circumstances it is thought that, if a Contractor's Engineer is sent out to erect the wireless station at Mombasa, and the terms of the contract with the suppliers provide for this Engineer to remain for three months after the station has actually commenced working, and during that three ^{months} give suitable instruction to members of the existing Telegraph Engineering Staff of the Protectorate, this arrangement

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should meet our normal requirements. All ordinary maintenance and repairs thereafter should be within the competence of the local staff, so instructed, and in the event of any special problem arising it might be possible to call in Mr. Canwarden as Consulting Engineer.

6. These ~~two~~ years could in my opinion secure a much more ~~efficient~~ maintenance and quality of work than would be possible otherwise. I depend, for these activities, upon a ~~strong~~ staff of Engineers normally engaged in ~~the~~ maintenance of the telegraph in East Africa and Uganda. It would be undesirable to have to rely upon the services of a single Technical Engineer, even if he were stationed in the country.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant

ACTING GOVERNOR