

DESPATCH

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Governor. No.
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(Subject.)

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Wireless Installation at Mombasa

Last previous Paper.

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The previous memo by P. M. J. re. Estimated cost of land line from Mombasa to Kisumu in Lower East Africa.

To go to P. M. J. on 20/10/08
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Mr. Johnson. (Minutes.)

I do not think that any action is required on this, but you will like to see what the P. M. J. says. Put by?

H. J. K.
22/10

Mr. Reed

I think copy of the encl. to this despatch should go to Treasury in continuation of the previous letter which has, I suppose, now gone, as it refers to the information we previously had regarding probable revenue & to some extent explains the low estimates for working at any rate.

Subsequent Paper.

20/10/08

The staff

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at me

H. J. R.

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Mombasa

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Dear Mr Bottomly

You may be interested to know something of the Jangshas / Pemba wireless installation — I have just returned from Jangshas where I was given opportunity of examining the wireless telegraphic and of going into the different questions affecting the proposed installation in East Africa. I was much impressed by the simplicity of the electrical part of the installation which

has in my opinion, so far
advanced in the stage of preparation
telegraphically as to be able to
with a cable in favourable
circumstances.

The Zanzibar people have
nothing with independent of
and there but Indian telegraph
is a man who left my office
here on the score of taking
is not good enough to
on a really busy wire and
has to work an oil engine
and dynamo - a telegraph
is not necessarily a machine
On the whole the Zanzibar
plant has been very successful

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despite the fact that the
contractors' expert employees
has been only inadequately
satisfactory, and they have
been handicapped by this wireless
intelligence being their only
physical service, which means
that they are without the
killed-mechanics and resources
which we have ready to our
hands at Northern in connection
with our extensive inland
telegraph system. I think we
shall do even better here,
especially as I am hoping
to get some of our Indian
operators trained at Zanzibar
by the time the installation
arrives.

The receipt for the

enquiries on the financial side
 bring to my mind the story
 the pensioned seaman, who like
 most sailors ashore wanted
 help a home. His means were
 not run to it unless he had
 a wagonette and took 'trips'
 should to help pay the cost
 But he had many sisters
 cousins and aunts to whom
 he passed himself, none of
 compelled to lend the time
 for nothing, and their demer-
 it was such that the resources
 for him were not sufficient
 to maintain the home. He
 was ment short of food
 and became a 'copper' and
 what even 'coppers' were
 not able to help. Now
 our wishes may be to
 make the circle of

Departmental side comes and
 aunts, and has to fashion
 its arrangements to meet the
 requirements of ~~the~~ Executive
 officials, instead of those of
 the trading clients (the public)
 it will certainly have to
 go short of 'date'. Give
 it a fair chance and
 it should pay very well
 as it can to a very great
 extent be worked ~~by~~ out
 existing staff, both at
 Bombay, and ~~also~~ at

Governor's Office,
Nairobi.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

September 25th 1908.

No. 481
(Incl. 1)

37850
17 OCT 08

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 401 of the 19th ultimo and my telegram No. 195 of to-day's date, I have the honour to transmit a further Memorandum by the Postmaster General on the subject of the wireless installation at Mombasa.

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Mr. Gosling
Sept. 22nd

2. From this Your Lordship will see that £5,000 is the estimated cost both of the land line from Guimbo to Kisumu and of the wireless installation at Mombasa, and not £4,200 as through a misunderstanding I informed Your Lordship in paragraph 3 of my despatch No. 161 of the 14th of April last.

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3. Mr. Gosling, Your Lordship will observe, is of opinion that his estimate for upkeep is sufficient, and his estimate for increased receipts seems reasonable.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

H.E. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, E.W.

Kisumu - the Italian show
work the Guimbo end of the
land line and so far
the Junghe's traffic is covered
we have already to transport
that to and from the
Company, according to our
smallest share of the cost
then we should obtain in
a wireless installation.

Your sincerely
D. B. Hooley

INCLOSURE

Despatch No. 47 of Sept. 25 1905.

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With regard to the estimated cost of the Wireless Telegraphy between Mombasa and the Land Line Guimbo to Kisumu, the estimate of the Secretary's despatch No. 107 is stated to be £2,800 and £3,900 respectively.

In para 7 of the Viscount General's despatch of April last, however, the estimate of £3,000 is that of the total cost, and includes the sum of £1,200 for the wireless installation at Mombasa as well as the Guimbo Kisumu Land Line.

3. The cost of the land line together with the provision of accommodation for a telegraphist at Guimbo will not exceed £300, and it will be seen therefore that ample margin has been allowed to meet the probability of the wireless installation at Mombasa being required to be of greater power than that provided at Zanzibar.

The amount estimated for working expenses (£250) is a consider ample. The up-keep expenses in connection with wireless telegraphy are very small, and with the exception of a telegraphist for the Guimbo end of the land line, no material increase in the present staff at either Kisumu or Mombasa will be necessary.

With regard to the estimated receipts, it is reasonable to suppose, apart altogether from the revenue derived from traffic with Jubaland and Italian Somaliland, that a large proportion of the £1,200 now paid annually to Cable Company for telegraph traffic between East Africa and Zanzibar will accrue to this Department. In this connection

It should be borne in mind, together with a proposed reduction in tariff, that practically all the outgoing traffic for Zanzibar now dealt with by the Cable Company is first collected by our own Telegraph Offices and in the event of an alternative route being provided we are in no way bound (except by sender's request in individual cases) to continue the present circulation. It is thought that this provides a sufficient basis for the revenue estimated.

Sd/- S. B. Gosling

In the absence of Postmaster
General.

General Post Office,

Zanzibar.

22nd September 1908.

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Secy
Treasury

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MINUTE. v/10

- Mr. Noall 3/11
- Mr. Ellis
- Mr. Jung
- Mr. Abernethy
- Mr. Coe
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Col. Seely
- Mr. Bart of Craven

Ans 3/10/10

I am directed by the
 of Council to transmit to you
 to be laid before the Lords
 Comons of the Treasury, with
 reference to the pt from the
 office of the 23rd of October,
 the accompanying copy of a
 memorandum which has been
 recd. from the Gov of the East

sent 3/5/10

on the subject of the wireless
 telegraphy installation at
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