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17 MARCH 1908

For Individual
or Committee

(Subject.)

1908

S. M. S. General Service

Colonial

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Sir John Dadoch Foster, - to name the President of the Board of Trade, whether, in view of the large consignments of British goods now being carried in Indian ships from ports along the East African coast, he will consider the possibility of granting practical facilities more responsible line of B.M.S. vessels to perform this increasing commercial and imperial service. [Received 28 March.]

* * * Minutes, * * * General Meeting

Leaves 2/28/08
at noon
to J.L.

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Re Read.

This question has been forwarded to me now, and I understand that the B.O.T. wish us to take it up at an early General Meeting, with or without a discussion.

The Hon. Sir W. D. Bent (from Trading Co.) in his report, a few days ago, said to suggest that the C. Council might be inclined to take the matter up, but offered nothing more than his own view of the idea.

After the following discussion

The motion to submit the hon. friend's report

has engaged the attention of the govt for
some time, but the negotiations which have
been carried on with a view to establishing
an adequate service if British ~~Empire~~
steamers on suitable terms have up to
the present had no result. been
unsuccessful

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(Off a 30%
taxed by
Imperial
Govt)

No. in twelve
days arrived

4 per cent

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for. (No British line ~~can afford to~~ am-
bitious for service at a total without
and a larger subsidy than it is
worth while to pay.)

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We alredy George is very anxious
that Mr. Charles should
take this. Rely as
proposed.

Mr. Charles

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Mr.

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Hansard 24 March

Mr. G. M. ROBERTS My right hon.
friend has asked me to answer this
question in the manner in which my hon.
friend has suggested, attending
to the fact that the question which has
arisen is one which it is difficult
to answer without reference to establish-
ments which are not yet made. In
order to do justice to the question I will make
a few observations.

1. That the proposed
service would not have had under
the circumstances of giving out
of the British Government through
the Admiralty.

2. That the difficulty, and that question
is open to consideration, by
the Imperial Government in considera-