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ward Tel.

Railway Policy

1910

10 Jan.

at previous Paper.

Inc as 4 1/2%

The tel. 28 Dec. though generous concession in fully recognizing, readily regard that full terms of Co. Act. to Dec 31/10 could not have been applied. Substant. reason again emphasizes desirability of perfectly free land, and pressure for adoption in respect of merge of S. Afr. rail railway rates

of Dist.

Speaking roughly the merge must come from points in the Railway at distance of between 300 to 400 miles from the coast. Let us say - average distance of 360 miles. The rate of 15/- a ton steeply represents a rate of $\frac{120}{360}$ lbs of T per ton mile = $\frac{1}{3}$ ton of T per ton per mile. Merge is the report for which he is at present especially anxious to secure the low rate, & we had better send copy of this tel. to the Treasury, pressing the fact that for the sake of the railway the full freedom for which we asked in the 7th of Dec. & saying that we should

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should be glad to have an answer with
regard to the proposed rate for mileage at
the earliest opportunity as there may yet
be time to bring the rate into force for the
year's crop - explain that so far as we
can judge, the proposed rate is an average
rate of about $\frac{1}{3}$ p^r for the p^r mile - + if any
of our l^{rs} to the p^r for info. etc.?

H. J. R.

14/1

I agree - would like to see it put it solely
with regard to mileage, it is the simplest
request made by the Gov. I do not see the objection
to the Treasury in this way - they have stipulated
that rates shall not be fixed below 1st without
further Dept^l & authority. The stipulation
appears to be perfectly reasonable and
has his full concurrence. But in this case, the
Gov. has given further explanation, and in this
opinion has made no objection for the article
proposed - & as in his Road Committee

R. J. 14/1

Yes, I agree & commend
the Treasury that the
Governor has some special
experience of railway
working.

[Signature]

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PARAPHRASE.

Telegram. The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
(Received Colonial Office 6.37 p.m. 10th January, 1910)

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Your telegram December 28 though generous concession is fully recognised, greatly regret that full terms of your letter 37,289 to treasury could not have been adopted. The ~~admission~~ is not substantial concession on raw products for export the principal one upon which I wish to base prosperity is maize and this is now at the prohibitive rate of 30. South Africa has built up its trade in this article on a rate of 10/- per ton irrespective of distance. I again emphasize desirability of a perfectly free hand but am quite prepared to notify any rate proposed below 10. There will be very few. Bagadi is in no way concerned. Their traffic means handling empties from Kilindini to Riu. I propose using empties originating in highlands of Kisumu. Fear that we have now lost our chance for dealing with maize this year but still press for adoption in respect of this article of South African Governments railway rates.

VIRHOARD.

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Secretary to the Treasury

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Govt

Urgent

17 Jan 1910

MINUTE.

Sir,

- Mr. Jackson 15/1
- Mr. Butler 15/1
- Mr. Fiddes
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Cox
- Sir O. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely,
- Lord Crewe.

With reference to the letter from
 their Dept. of the 5th January,
 I am directed by the Earl of
 Crewe to transmit to you,
 to be laid before the L.C.

of the Treasury, a copy of
 a telegram from the Governor
 of the U.C. on the subject of
 increased railway rates over the Uganda
 Railway.

Copy for (61) 10 Jan

Copy to Mr. Cox

Copy to Mr. for inf. LF
 of Conf 15/Jan


2. J. L. stipulated in their
 letter N^o 24622 of the 20th
 of

December that
in the absence of
further explanation
& authority, the
power to fix a
coastward rate
shall not extend
below the minimum
of $\frac{1}{2}^d$ per ton per
mile. This

stipulation appears
to Lord Crom to be
perfectly reasonable
& it has his full
concurrence. But
in the telegram now
under consideration, the
Governor has given
further explanation
so far as maize
is concerned & in
H.L.

H.L.'s opinion has been made
out a good case for
the action proposed. In
view of the experience which
Sir Percy Grimard has
had of the working of
railways, & the place
great reliance on his
judgment, I trust
that the concession now
asked for may be granted

3. So far as ^(Lord Crom) can
be ^{judged} ~~ascertained~~, the
proposed rate on this
article is approximately
 $\frac{1}{3}^d$ per ton per mile.
As this may yet be
time to bring the rate
into force for this year's
crop, Lord Crom wd be
pleas'd to be informed of
J.L.'s decision at
the earliest opportunity.


(Signed) C.P. LUCAS.