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Montgomery S.C.

1905

Mr. W. F. G.

~~Engage in damaged accounts.~~

Engage method of effecting adjustment
between short & long and P.R. Revenue Accts
by mutual statement of each party to
date, and suggests that a change be made in
Revenue Accts.

(Minutes.)

Mr. J. G. Antebiels

For your convenience I shall
be glad to leave a book with you containing
a digest of existing acts.

Mr. Reed

See Mr. Antebiels

for convenience.

The object of his conference
with Mr. Bowring was to come

to an understanding of the
existing law relating to
the collection of taxes.

knowledge of the financial arrangements, and in the absence of the statement which we want to have now, it is impossible to do more than indirectly indicate what I mean. I think the auditor is going to write this up in his report, and it will be sheet as a liability on the 31st December, and it will be a liability unless he is so busy that he can't get time to do it. The Board recognises the importance of this feature of the structure of the audited statement of the Railway to account for his transactions for that year, and until it is done, it will be proposed he is to do it would not endanger this position. They know I don't like the treatment proposed, approved by all the men, but they accounted for it, and as I understand, the Board recognises that fact well, in other respects, and I am not going to propose that on any case, but the Auditor's Balance Sheet should be able to account for this figure, and the Board recognises this figure accounts for the difference between the amount of money being collected for the purpose of the railway, and the amount of money being expended.

As to par. 3 : I want the Board to consider this in accordance with our usual practice. The Board usually accepts figures and says "The total amount of money should show the total cash received less the amount of money disbursed, including all direct expenses of the Green Agents. I don't see why the Board should not take back-totals of the balance sheet, and add up the totals and say "Below the line", and then have these accountable in a separate section, and then say "above the line", and then say "below the line". I think it will be better, but I am not at present ready in theory to justify, on the basis of the present system, and not on definite or absolute, a proposal to do this. I think the Board, by reading such a resolution, would not necessarily like it, though, so I will go into consideration of this matter on this point, and you will have a chance to do this, and I concur in what is proposed.

S.C.

19-11-2

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Proposed as part of the Audit, or Audit
to what extent a continuing

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Att. 23
advised

caught Mr. Bowring

5lock Bridge for labor until we
have a permanent train line ~~but~~
company to work, building and train in center
becomes & Voucher to the Prostal make
on 1st April 1903 and pay the ~~to~~ ^{for} ~~the~~
L. & N. W. R. C. to pay so that there is
nothing wrong here.

It may be possible for the Railway
to have a separate account showing the
working expenditure after the money from
the old date 1902 - 31 March 1903 but the
understand that Capital Reserve expenditure
should stand up during the year and that
it is impossible to separate them and
consequently they are to be paid by either
the Capital Account or the Working Account

of £ 25,000 has therefore been credited
to the Account Account in Parliament
and expenditure than £ 25,000 with
allow deduction from the Total expenditure
shown in the Capital Account was of
the expenditure under the Head of Public

I agree with W. Bowring's figures -
in the way Account being kept on the
numerical lines includes a certain amount
on both sides of the
account and naturally the figures
can't be brought to agree
with the advances from the Debtors
in the Cash ~~Statement~~ of the
amount on hand without some com-
parison - The difference of £ 1470, 8/-
is due to this and may arise in
reconciling Statement that there is a
difference between the figures
in the statement & totals given by
the local figures at his disposal.

I don't think that any statement can be helpful
or even necessary if you have a
statement of any kind,
the opposite side / 558

Spoke at Cheltenham
and its suspension bank

With W. Boenig's staff
in Railway accounts ^{stop & add}

In P.D. account is essential to true
proper working - Of course only the cash
transaction can be substantiated in the

of Protective Account and therefore
it will be necessary for the Railway manager
to make a statement of the transaction
and account he made up the money
to prepare a statement ~~make up~~ of the money
he sent to my institution

In figure "Railway Acco
there should not be embodied in the
Protective Account. It is evidently from

the side of the Railway
was quiet out standing -
I am going to leave the following day
& I will stay here
and I had better do so -
at a statement connecting the figures but
this but we have lost the information
enable me to do this

S.M. 23/10/15.

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From East Africa on loan, I have endeavoured to reconcile the figures appearing, in the past three years, in the accounts of the East Africa Protectorate, under the heading "Uganda Railway", with those shown in the Revenue account of the Manager of the Railway for the same period. I am unable to do so, however, as the Manager does not keep an account of the working of the line. In this respect, I have discussed the question with Mr. Bertram of the Crown Agents and Mr. Stephenson of the Colonial Audit Branch of the Exchequer and Audit Department, but I regret to report that, owing to the system under which the Uganda Railway Revenue accounts have been hitherto prepared, I have as yet been unable to obtain the information necessary to effect an adjustment in the Protectorate's account.

I am, however, of the opinion that the adjustment could be effected provided a joint account, embracing both the Crown Agents accounts and those of the Manager of the Railway, were to be prepared from the date 1902, which the loss on working the Railway first became a charge on the funds of the East Africa Protectorate, viz.: 1st October 1902.

The chief difficulty is that, prior to April 1902, the accounts were drawn up by the Manager of the Railway by his Crown Agents.

In the Crown Agents' required form no ^{such} Bills appear as that by the Railway authorities, or to make payment for services rendered on behalf of the latter; they transferred sums of money to the East Africa General Account, presumably to the Railway sub-accounts.

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The sum so transferred were always in round figures, and mounting to £16,600 in 1902-3 and £74,400 in 1903-4. From April 1904 however they adopted a different system, whereby they transferred monthly the exact amount disbursed by them on account of the railway. For the year 1904-5 the total of these transfers amounted to £4,856-5-11. From the same date also, they rendered monthly accounts supported by vouchers of their disbursements on account of the Railway. These accounts were rendered to the Treasury of the East African Protectorate and forwarded to the Railway Accountant for action.

The Railway Accountant should in my opinion treat these accounts as those of a sub-accountant, and pass all the entries contained therein through his monthly Revenue accounts. This has, however, not been done in the past, owing, presumably, to the continuance of the system of accounts in use before the Crown Agents rendered absolute of their transactions. It would appear to be a simple matter for an amended Annual Account for 1904-5 to be prepared on these lines by the Railway authorities, but, unless fresh accounts on the same basis are prepared from October 1902 I do not think that the Revenue accounts of the Railway can be considered to be complete.

I have accordingly the honour to suggest that the Crown Agents be requested to communicate with the Manager of the Railway with a view to the compilation of such amended accounts.

In the meantime I have the honour to submit the following statement of the cost of the Railway as it appears to date in the Protectorate accounts:-

Paid

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paid to French Account in London

No.	1930-4	14400
Date	9/12/02	41800
		107461

Less

Repaid to E.A.P. by Ry Manager '04-5

30000 0 0

Balance in hands of Ryx

Ry Manager 31-3-03. 10102 3 1 10102 3 1

Balance (not sent to E.A.P.)

It is this total of £92,754-10 which I have been endeavouring to reconcile with the loss on working as shown in the Manager's accounts.

As already stated, the loss of working the line ^{Estimates} first became a charge on East African Funds in October 1902. A sum of £5000/- was provided for the purpose in the East Africa Estimates and was in due course drawn by the Crown Agents in two amounts, namely, £16,600 in January and £3400 in April 1903.

It is presumed therefore that the £5000/- was treated as a fixed contribution from the Protectorate to the Railway, more especially as no account showing the actual loss for the 6 months ended 31st March 1903 was, as far as I am aware, ever prepared.

For the year 1903-4 the Manager showed a loss of £61,100-14-3 and for the year 1904-5 a profit of £2,639-9-0.

Treating the £50,000 in 1902-3 as the loss on working the Railway as far as it concerns the East African Protectorate, we have the following statement of loss on the Railway from 1st October 1902 to 31st March 1903.

1902-3.

£60000 0 0

1903-4.

£61000-14-3

Less profit 1904-5.

£10100-14-3

2639-9-0

107461-5-3.

Thus

scale 1:100
Labeled ~~as~~ Protonium leaving a difference of 14, 15 & 16.

This sum ~~should~~ I would venture to suggest, be shown as a liability to be set off from funds in hand on 31st March 1905 in the accounts of the Proprietary for the year 1904-5.

It should also, in my opinion, be ~~done~~ for a
balancing statement, working up no costs figure to be
submitted by the ~~Government~~ ^{and} ~~the Railways~~
~~Minister~~.

It may be observed that the Revenue from the Capital
account of the accounts for the
latter would be liable to any wrong allocation
or allocation of the amounts for the
Capital account. It may be observed that the Revenue from the Capital
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Capital account.

Agree that, commencing with
the date in the system of rendering
at present the Railway have a
separate book kept
by Railways themselves, which is not embodied in the Prot-
ectorate Accounts. I would suggest that, in
future, the Railways render their accounts, in which
they shall include all sums received either from the
Colonial Agents or locally, by the Treasurer of the Protector-
ate or by Cossack by no less sum than as the
amounts of all other Contractors, the total profits
to be calculated by the Manager's detailed statement
of working model, as the Protectorate suggest. It would
be necessary to have separate calculations of expenses
accrued for the Railway, the net profit, which would
also be made in totals and reported on the next
Statement.

The Balance in the hands of the Manager would be
rested in the same way as the balances of other sub-ac-
counts, & so, as a portion of Protectorate Cash-in-hand.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servt.

treasurer,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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J. A. K. of Martinborough.

Introduction.

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January
Sir Your the favour to
inform you that
I am but under my con-
viction the letter, of
which a copy is enclosed,
addressed to this effect
by Mr. Bowering on
the subject of the
method of keeping the
accounts of the Uganda
Railway.

2. Power in Mr.
Banning's proposal
that an executive
statement go in

~~the difference between the
amount of the bill and the amount
of the railway account
respectively as the account
was on making the
bill up to the 31st~~

of March 1905.

3. It is not however
desirable to have
Mr. Bowring take
to bring the balance
until his balance sheet
is available on the 31st
March last as he has

now to do until
he intends to bring
up of the book

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Sr. Seddons.

Sr. Bar.

Mr. F. S.

Mr. Graham.

Mr. D. manney.

Mr. Duke of Marlborough.

Mr. Lyttelton.

total of £1000000
on the working of the
Railway. This should
have been paid and
except for the
rest of the amount. He
has been working
all that he can do
of him of the C. right
6. It does not off. or
necessay to include
the book. totals of
the Railway account
in the Treasurer
widely accounts
and to show the
line, as it will
impose his
part which
faced with in the
whole in the lines
of all with account

and not go details &
results, especially
treated as they are in
the history books. It
will be sufficient if
these book transactions
are acceptable in a
separate statement.

Subject to the above
proposed terms I
accept the introduction
of the new system as
from the 1st of April
next.

I am

Yours truly
C. C. Conner J. W. Jr.
to 23 T. Jan

Yours sincerely
by the best of
recommend to you
for your
guidance
proposing
many of the
offices
My
way
stop

desire to have
your suggestions as
the object for the
introduction of the new
system to the Board
of Directors