

which to have the  
...  
Council paper drafted,  
but it cannot be  
completed until the  
information has been  
obtained.

Yours sincerely

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DOMESTIC

EAST AFR. PROT.  
UGANDA  
No. 9255

17 MAR 26

Office as Independent  
1906  
March  
previous Paper.

(Subject.)

Mail Bags from C.O. for French Packet.

Explains reason why they were  
not sent by French packets

(Illustration)

Mr Read

I had not heard of the special business before  
The distinction between ordinary official work  
and 'despatch bag' is new to me and thus is  
no reason why it should be maintained as far as  
the mail matter goes for Engl. & least matter is  
not included for despatch by these foreign ships  
but is sent direct by British packets. As you know  
we use bags only when the mail matter cannot  
be got into an envelope. There is therefore no  
reason why we should not continue to use these  
French boats when they are cheaper than other  
boats. So explain to P.O.

I think that you had  
better go + see  
at the P.O. + discuss  
it personally.  
at once  
H. J. R.  
20/3

Mr Read

I saw the Round today gets foreign mails  
through. He said that no difficulty would arise  
if we wrote P.O. officially that our mails  
from Uganda are to go by the next available

Steamer unless marked to go by British  
Packet. I attached a Draft.

The P.O. folks slipped our bag on this  
occasion when they would have posted our  
mail if in covers only. I explained to the  
Naval

Wagon 26/3

5200  
17 MAR '06  
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The Secretary to the General Post Office presents his  
compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies and  
with reference to the note from the Colonial Office dated the  
14th of March, respecting two despatch bags superscribed for  
conveyance by French Packet and addressed to the Officers  
administering the Governments of the East Africa and Uganda  
Protectorates, which were sent to the Post Office on the evening  
of the 8th instant, begs leave to state that sealed direct Mail  
for Mombasa are not made up by this Office for conveyance by  
French Packet, all correspondence intended for transmission by  
this route being sent in Mails which are opened in France.  
Ordinary official correspondence specially superscribed would  
be included in the French Mail in ordinary course; but it would  
be contrary to the usual practice to treat despatch bags in this  
manner. In these circumstances a special messenger was sent to  
the Colonial Office on the morning of the 9th instant to explain  
the circumstances and to ascertain whether it was still desired  
that the despatch bags should be sent in the French Mail, and he  
was

was informed that the inscription as to route should be ignored and the bags included in the direct British Mail to be despatched by way of Brindisi on the evening of that date. This instruction was duly carried out.

It is regretted that the difference of treatment afforded to ordinary correspondence and to formal despatch bags was not referred to in the Post Office note of the 26th of January last; but it was thought that the exceptional treatment of despatch bags was understood at the Colonial Office.

General Post Office,

16 March 1908.

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General Post Office,

16 March 1908.

Mr. Read

In accordance with standing arrangements and in conformity with the Postal Guide (h 716) as well as the attached PPO note the East Africa & Uganda Mails were sent last night to the General Post Office. About 7.30 a telephone message was <sup>recd</sup> sent to the effect that mails could not be forwarded by the supplementary lunch packet without special authority and as there was nobody here to give such authority the PPO stated their intention of sending the mail to order to await an opportunity of coming on from there. This of course means days of delay and is all the more strange as it has been the practice to send forwards by the lunch boat and no exception has been taken to the before.

We had better send a note asking what it means.

MJR 9/3

I append 3<sup>rd</sup> Pers. Note  
for <sup>your</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>reference</sup>

above

G. J. R.

10/3

14 Feb 16

DRAFT.

I shall of course  
 presents his compliments  
 to the Secy General Post office,  
 and is directed to state  
 that mails addressed to  
 the Officers ading the  
 of the East Africa and  
 beyond a Protestated were  
 made up in the Colonial  
 Office on the evening of the  
 8th March and were  
 duly forwarded to the "P.O.  
 subscribed "by French  
 Packet" being intended for  
 transmission by the sup-  
 plementary mail specified  
 on page 916 of the current  
 Postal Guide about  
 11.30  
 has a telephone message.

(MINUTE. <sup>amended</sup>)

Mr. Drayson 10

Mr. Read 10

Mr. Astrodus.

Mr. Cor.

Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Graham.

Sir M. Osmanney.

Mr. Churokill.

The Earl of Elgin.

Card 76 Rich (attn)



... from the 1910  
stating that these mails  
could not be forwarded as  
addressed without special  
authority and that failing  
such they would be sent  
on by the Friday mails  
to Aden to await transport  
to their destination

The object is directed to  
ask why this <sup>proposal</sup> course  
was adopted, <sup>and</sup> some  
days delay will be caused  
in the delivery of the mails

<sup>As</sup> ~~long~~ that mails have  
frequently been forwarded  
in the past by this route  
and that the masters  
in the Postal packet &  
the directions given in  
the Post Office note of  
which a copy is enclosed  
for reference were duly  
observed, the U.S. P.S.

is it a loss to understand  
why the mail <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~  
refused, & as some days  
delay is the <sup>result</sup> ~~result~~  
of the mail will be <sup>caused</sup> ~~caused~~  
in the present instance, he  
would be glad to be  
informed for his future  
guidance what the  
proper course to be  
followed.

*[Handwritten signature]*



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9255 CAP  
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DRAFT.

Handwritten initials and scribbles.

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Handwritten signature or initials.

D. Nichol.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Drayson
- Mr. Read
- Mr. Antrobus
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir M. Ommanney
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin.

Handwritten notes: "Mr 26/3/06"

Sir,  
With ref. to the formal correspondence between this office and the GPO noted in the margin, I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to request that in cases where mails from this Dept. to the Comms of the East Africa <sup>Legation</sup> Post are not specially superscribed to go by British packet they may be sent by the next available steamer.

GPO 26 Jan 06  
 Co. - 14/1/06  
 GPO 16

I try to add that  
the present practice is to  
send these mails to the  
APO for transmission by  
the French, German or  
Austrian Lloyd packets  
except in the case of  
Conf. & Secret matter  
<sup>not marked to be</sup>  
which is forwarded by  
British packet only

etc.

104 1885.

The Secretary to the Post Office presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and with reference to the Colonial Office Note of the 22nd instant begs leave to state that correspondence for the British East Africa Protectorate and Uganda, intended for conveyance by French and Austrian Packets, cannot be forwarded to the Post Office by the collecting Van which calls at the Colonial Office at 7 p.m. If specially handed over the counter at the General Post Office, Western Central District Office or Charing Cross Post Office, the latest times of posting would be as shown below:-

	at the G.P.O.	at the I.R.D.O.	at the Charing Cross P.O.
For French Packet by way of Marseilles.	8 p.m.	7 p.m.	7 p.m.
Do. Supplementary Mail (following morning)	10 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	9 a.m.
For Austrian Packet by way of Trieste.	8 p.m.	7 p.m.	7 p.m.

Correspondence

Correspondence intended for conveyance from Berlin by German Packet may be handed in at the Sorting Office, Western Central District Office, as late as 6 a.m. or at the General Post Office, Western Central District Office, as late as 6 a.m. or at the General Post Office as late as 8.15 a.m. on the date of despatch of the mail. At the Charing Cross Post Office, however, the correspondence could not be received later than 8 o'clock on the previous evening.

If the correspondence in question be considerable in amount, it would be of assistance to this Department if it could be sent to the General Post Office directly.

General Post Office, London.

26 January 1900.