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Examiner - a Pat on Lake Victoria
for Railway

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(Mention)

Mr. Rees

Copy to Mr. Rees on 20/5/11
regarding that Lord Lyon's concern
that the question of selecting a
new port must stand over
for the present
and send copy of your
letter to Govt. etc.

M. Rees

No. 4933

5. June 11

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Commissioner's Office,
Ref: 29 MAY 07

Nairobi,

May 2nd 1907.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 109

(1907-1.)

My Lord,

In accordance with the instructions contained in Your Lordship's despatch No. 90 of February 21st, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a report by the Manager of the Uganda Railway respecting the deficiencies of Port Florence as a terminus and the possibility of selecting a more convenient port.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respects,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Public servant,


Acting Commissioner.

H. Principal Secretary of State

at the Colonial,

Downing Street,

London, W.S.

ENCLOSURE
in despatch No. 104 of 2nd April 1907.

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Minister's Office,
Nairobi, 29th April 1907.

Your Excellency,

To visit Port Florence as suggested in Messrs. Bantel and Robertson's letter of 27th January received under Colonial Office despatch No. 98 of 21st February 1907 involves the consideration of the question of extending the railway round the north end of the Victoria Nyanza to Sogala.

This extension will certainly be made in time and must be anticipated when new ports are being opened on the north shore of the lake.

As far as is at present known there is no suitable deep water port on the northern Gulf and even if there is it is doubtful whether it would be possible to make it the temporary terminus of the railway seeing that the whole of the Gulf is shallow and that the port would have to be situated off the direct route to Jilja.

Port Victoria is as far as it is known the most suitable site but even that is rather too far north seeing that the railway will have to pass north of Sogalay Bay.

We have already spent a considerable amount of capital on Port Florence and our present steamers

and

Sia Isidore,

The Acting Commissioner,
East Africa Protectorate,

N. A. I. N. O. I.

and although I am fully in accord with the Consulting Engineers in considering that greater efficiency can be attained by using steamers of greater draft than our present boats and that we should aim at acquiring a port with sufficient depth of water to allow this to be done, I am of the opinion that, having regard to the Capital outlay that would be required to move Port Florence and the impossibility of getting the money, it is premature to consider the matter.

4. I propose, as opportunity offers, to have the whole north shore from Port Florence to Durbely Bay carefully examined so that when the question of extension of the Railway comes up we shall be in a position to say definitely which is the best site for a deep water port if such is required on that shore.

I have the honor to be,
 Your Excellency's
 Most Obedient Servant,

W. A. F. GUMER,
 Manager,
 Railway.

C. S. P.
1911

Yours truly
5 June 1907
Gentlemen,

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MINUTE

- Mr. Bicknell
- Mr. Read
- Mr. J. J.
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. F. Hayward
- Mr. Churchill
- Mr. Earl of Elgin

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, with ref. to your letter no. 57203/9 of the 7th of February last, the accompanying copy of a despatch, with enclosure, which has been received from the Acting Consul of the C. S. P. on the subject of the proposed removal of the terminus of the Uganda Railway from Port Florence.

I am to inform you that had you been

Mr. J. J. J. J.

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