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Offers to consider new arrangements when normal conditions of trade are restored. Arrangements are available to forward mail for any time ahead for reasons explained.

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The Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company Limited

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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street, S.W.

Sir,

With reference to the accompanying letter of even date intimating to you our inability to continue to maintain our East African Service in accordance with the terms of the Agreement of 12th August 1910, we now beg to state that, while the necessity of taking this step has been imposed upon us by circumstances beyond our control, we should nevertheless have much pleasure in considering with the Colonial Office or the Crown Agents the terms on which an Agreement could be arrived at, feasible, on the one hand, under the existing state of War, and, on the other hand, providing for a reasonably regular service to and from East Africa whenever more normal conditions of trade are restored.

Meanwhile, with reference to your letter of the 23rd ult., we are unable to forecast our sailing to East African Ports of call for any time ahead, as these must necessarily depend with an sufficient independence offering to cover the very serious expenses of the present situation and/or the availability of suitable steamers.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

For THE UNION-CASTLE MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED

*W. H. Walker*  
Secretary