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RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES

The copy letter from the General Manager recommending acquisition of four locos as a matter of urgency. Considers improvement Railway engine power very necessary and requests sanction to proposal. If approved asks M. of M. be approached re steel plates required for construction.

Mr. Grindle.

1. The Uganda Railway has for a long time been short of locomotives, and a large number would have been obtained by now but for the war. The loss, as this paper shows, has itself reduced the stock by four and has also imposed very hard wear on the rest.
2. The financial arrangements submitted by the General Manager see to be better. I am not certain whether the £1,000 Revenue credit 1917 is an allocation of part

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I think assume the form, as otherwise they would (as on the previous occasion) have asked for authority.

The only point remaining is whether we can ask the Ministry of Transport for the facilities necessary for the completion of the 4 locomotives which cannot be completed for the Mizami railway.

It is true that the losses occurred during the military use of the line, & if it were shown to be actually impossible to carry on without replacement we should have a good case to put to the Ministry.

As regards present circumstances, the opening part of para: 5 of the General Manager's letter is a little uningenious:--

(a) I am certain, though I cannot at the moment confirm it, that military control of the line ceased from 1.1.17. You will notice that the G.M.

has not been - 20445/16 - 8/16

2. On 1st Jan 1917 the Ministry

has the honor of writing

with reference to the

Since the base of operations was transferred
from Montaza to Damer, Salaam.

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It is fairly clear that the proposal
is made now because the expenses are
available, and although I doubt them
as much as Mr Eastwood does, I think
that, as a matter of policy in our
present relations with the Ministry,
as well as from the point of view of
national accounts, we are bound to
make sure that there is a strong case.

Submit draft telegram

W.C.S. 13/11/17
I entirely agree
G.S. 13.11.17
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AFRICA PROTECTORATE
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

September 19th, 1917.

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Sir,

From G.M. Ug. Ry.
4. 9. 17

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the General Manager of the Uganda Railway on the subject of the purchase of certain locomotives. The General Manager explains that the average number of locomotives in use for open line working is now only 56, for a length of 700 miles of railway, and he recommends that, funds to the value of £25,000 being available, four locomotives be acquired as a matter of urgency.

2. I consider that the improvement of the engine power on the Uganda Railway is very necessary, and should be glad of your sanction to purchase the four engines referred to.

3. It appears that the work of constructing the locomotives in question is severely handicapped by priority restrictions and

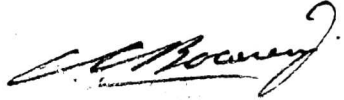
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
WALTER LONG, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

and, if you approve the purchase, I should be glad if the Ministry of Munitions could be approached with a view to allowing the delivery of the steel plates required by Messrs. Massey & Wilson and Company for the Nizam's locomotives.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

