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PRIORITY CERTIFICATE

Reports Lambert's statements incorrect. All indents for repair and maintenance existing plant have been recommended for priority. States procedure with regard to other equipment etc. Reference to Eastwood's claim to deal with M.M. only not understood.

Last previous Paper:
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Not Lambert - 2
* Copy of above to M. G. (no 4 Oct 17)
20 Jan 1918 Copy of above sent to M. G. (no 5 Oct 17)
Tel to G. G. (no 17) MO 51076-17
Original in file for G. G. (no 17)

Mr. Butler.

Inclosed draft to Messrs Lambert.
As regards A, I think that, in sending a copy of the tel. draft to the Board of Directors, we might say that we see nothing in our tel. no 46377 ["essential requirements"] to support the proposition that any extension of existing privileges was contemplated. That, with the S. A. S.

ext subsequent

but that if Mr. Churchill comes
he would telegraph that any
cases presenting special features
may be referred to the Ministry
with a full explanation of the
circs which in the opinion of
the C^o appear to justify a
recommendation of priority?

As regards Mr. Eastwood's
bearing, it will be best if I
explained privately to her
Borrowing exactly what we have
heard from the firm?

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H. J. K.
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Downing Street,

14 August, 1918.

Dear Downing,

I have just received your letter of May 13th about Lambert's complaint about the Priority Committee. Your previous letter, as you suspect, did not turn up.

I was glad to have your vindication of Eastwood, but I expected nothing else and our letter of last October was sent simply that you should know exactly what we had heard.

On re-reading that letter I am a little afraid lest the reference to 'the ^{gentlemanly} handsome conduct of the Colonial Offices' may have given you the impression that we were taking the easy course of emphasising our own benevolence and laying the blame on the local authorities. There is nothing in that of course. We simply pressed the Ministry of Munitions as far as we could in the interests of East Africa but we never tried to hide behind the local Priority Committee.

I am dictating this just before going on leave.

Northey has not yet arrived here and I am afraid that I may

miss

B. DOWNING, ESQ. G.M.G.

him while I am away.

Yours sincerely,

Ans

4/6/1

May 13th 1898

Dear Motherly,

Let's hope been told

that a homebound board

mail which left here on

January 12th has been lost
at sea.

From the schedule of

disbursements which went with it

it appears that a present

letter from me to you

forwarded about of the

contents of the C. O. copy.

I think it is very likely that

my copy to you of letter
I had in Eastwood's the

Privacy Committee

kept no copy, but your

letter is enclosed and the
enclosing Mayfair letter

Mr. Morgan, member
of the N. J. S. and a
member of the Committee
competely ignorant of
eligibility that Secretary
behaves as if he had
been impugned.

Fundamentally local agents
has been fighting hard
against the local friends
committee from the start
and has been working
they get to the point
I found it necessary to
make a very clear state-
ment to each of the
opening of the recent
session of the Legislative
Council.

However, Secretary

will no doubt in all
to form your own
opinion as to his attitude
This the other side
their own copy
For our own copy
Secretary

Downing Street,

3 October, 1917.

Dear Bowring,

We have your telegram of the 25th of September about Lamberts, Limited, and we shall reply to it as soon as we hear from the Ministry of Munitions.

In the meantime we think it desirable that you should know exactly what the firm have told us about the local Priority Committee. On September the 6th, they sent us a copy of a telegram which they had received from their local House reading as follows:-

"Ascertain immediately and telegraph us, as there must be some mistake about Priorities. These cannot be recommended unless for the purpose of War. There is evidently some misunderstanding as Mr. Eastwood's instructions admit of no discretion in case of necessity. This puts us in a very awkward position and will cause a complete stoppage. If not adjusted apply for further instructions to us to be forwarded by cable."

Later they sent to us officially, and also unofficially to Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, an extract from a letter which they had received. This is what they say:-

"We

U.S. the N. A. people

"We have received a letter from them this week in which they state that the treatment they receive at the hands of the Priority Committee in East Africa is very bad. They go on to state 'the Chairman has taken powers unto himself which do not exist, his arguments are appalling, and would not bear fruit anywhere except in his present position. The Colonial Office, so far as we can understand from you are acting like gentlemen, and trying to help us and the Country generally, but Mr. Eastwood does nothing but sneer at your efforts and those of the Colonial Office. He informs us that he deals with the Ministry of Munitions and the Colonial Office have nothing whatever to do with the matter.'

It seems from this that Mr. Eastwood reads his instructions in a very arbitrary manner."

This information goes against anything that we here should expect of Mr. Eastwood and we cannot help thinking that there has been complete misunderstanding between the local Lamberts and the Committee.

But you will certainly have heard if there has been any complaint about Eastwood's bearing towards applications and we should be glad to hear from you that there is ^{not} no

fire behind the smoke

Your sincerely

nothing

W. C.

LONDON

27 Dec 17

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TELEGRAM:

From the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Dated 26th September) 465

(Received Colonial Office 12.30 a.m., 27th September 1917).

No. 548. September 26th. Referring to your telegram of 21st September Lambert's statements incorrect. All indents for repair and maintenance of existing plant have been recommended for priority. No priority has been recommended for initial equipment or additions to existing equipment on estates or for providing reserve stock to be held by firms for purposes of other than maintaining existing equipment. This procedure is (it) understood to be in accordance with policy of Munitions Ministry as explained by Crown Agents' circular letter of December 28th last year paragraph No.2. In addition regard has been had to different Confidential Memoranda issued by Ministry Munitions. Am I to now understand that priority may be recommended for new equipment of estates now arriving at stage where new plant is essential for their development. I should welcome such a concession see my despatch of 30th August No.503 but have hitherto interpreted instructions as prohibiting recommendation of priority in such especially in view of Munitions Ministry letter of March 24th enclosed in your despatch of 2nd April No.265. Reference to Eastwood's claim to deal with Munitions Ministry only not understood. Am satisfied that his committee always have given full consideration to the interests of the inventors and have been

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TELEGRAM

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ISSUED FROM CHIEF CABLE STATION, ELECTRIC HOUSE, TORONTO

REPLIES SHOULD BE ORDERED

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Despatch code should be of 21 characters maximum

Priority of messages should be indicated by the following code



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TELEGRAM

ISSUED FROM CHIEF CLERK STATION, ELECTRA HOUSE, 480, 4th ST.

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1204
Sept. 1917

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DRAFT

James Lamberts Ltd
55 Southwick St.
S. E.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bostwick 24/1/17
- Mr. Bentley
- Mr. Grindle
- Mr. Lambert
- Mr. Beard
- Mr. Fiddes
- Mr. Steel-Maitland
- Mr. Long

for counsel
6. minute.

Further action

City will be required

Gentlemen,

With ref. to the letter from the Staff of Staff 4th and previous copies, I am re. Prof. Dr. that he has received a tel. from the OAG of the SAC for which it appears that there is no foundation for the statement that the local Priority Committee refuse to recommend any applications for material other than that required for our purposes. As having

copy of my letter to SAC 15/1/17

states that all
 orders for the repair
 and maintenance
 of existing plant have
 been recommended for
 priority, though no
 priority has been
 recommended for critical
 equipment of factories or
 additions to their
 existing equipment, or
 for providing reserve
 stock to be held by
 firms for purposes other
 than maintaining
 equipment.

2. W. Bowring adds
 that he is unable to
 understand the statement
 that the Chairman
 of the Priority Committee
 claims to deal with
 the priority of
 equipment, slow and

he is satisfied that
 the Committee have
 always given full attention
 to requests put up by
 local industries and have
 kept him informed as to
 local conditions.

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C. D.
R. 1007
D. 3

Downing Street, 0

4 October, 1917.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 22nd of September (45277), I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to transmit to you, to

be laid before the Minister of Munitions, the accompanying copy of further correspondence relating to the applications of Messrs. Lamberts, Limited, for priority in respect of orders sent home by their local House in the East Africa Protectorate.

2. Mr. Long cannot see that the reference in his telegram to the Officer Administering the Government of the Protectorate of the 21st of September to the supply of the essential requirements of the Protectorate should have named

Mr. Bottomley as seeing that an extension

DRAFT.

SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS

MINUTE.

Mr. Bottomley 3.10.17

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Read.

Mr. G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel Maitland.

Mr. Long.

From C.A.G. 28 Sept.

To Messrs. Lamberts
2 October

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C.D.

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He has no intention of asking Mr. Churchill

for the extra equipment required

and the plantations should be treated on

the same footing as material required

for maintenance, but he would propose,

if Mr. Churchill agrees, to inform Mr. Bowring

by telegram that any cases presenting special

features may be referred to the Ministry

with a full explanation of the circumstances

which, in the opinion of the local Priority

Committee, appear to justify a recommendation

of priority, in the case of material other

than that required for maintenance.

I am etc.,