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Railways under military administration
Financial arrangements

Submit proposal for visit of Capt. C.A.A. Jewell
to E. Africa to collect info re: financial
arrangements affecting the various railways
in which mil auths are interested. Request C.O. obtain

Mr. Robinson Mr. A. Read
Mr. Bottomley

I sh^d be inclined to reply as follows:

That it w^{ld} appear from the
enclosed despatch that the position as
regards the railways within the
jurisdiction of the S.O.C. in E. Egypt
and Sudan in S.E.A. ~~appears to~~
have little in common the cardinal
factor in S.E.A. being that the
railways there have ^{heretofore} been under the
control of the military authorities &
that it is ~~now~~ proposed that they
sh^d be taken over by the civil administration
~~proposed~~ if practicable

Copy of reply to Mr. Jewell
via rail 401 of 10 June 18

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in order to release the military
 personnel employed upon them. Any
 list in these cases, the list of
 points for investigation should be
 applicable in the case of S.E.A. [and
 add that if they will draw up a
 list of questions which Capt. Row will
 investigate if he proceeds to S.E.A.
 we propose to consult the admin of
 S.E.A. & talk as to his views upon
 the proposed visit.]

We will say that we assume that
 the railway is ^{not} meant to refer to the
 [railways in S.E.A. & not to the]
 Uganda Railway which has given us
 a long time ceased by the military
 authorities.

20/3/18

As to the Voi-Taveta 24/3/18
 the railway is certainly included in
 the list since about the beginning of
 the year, the military use of it (cf.
 2nd ed of enclosure) is going to give
 us much trouble.

As above, and send copy of
 copy to G.O.A. & E.A. & A.
 24/3/18

Let me
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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.
121/Rlys/389(M.R.2.A)



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War Office,
London, S.W.

27th May, 1918.

Sir,

I am commended by the Army Council to inform you that in order to have in a readily available form a statement of the financial arrangements affecting the various railways in which the Military Authorities in Egypt are interested, an officer-Captain C.M.A.Tew, R.E., - is being sent to Egypt to collect this information on the spot.

A copy of a letter on the subject, giving details of several points on which a complete record is desired, which has been despatched to the General Officer, Commanding in Chief in Egypt, is enclosed for your information.

(2) The Council consider that after Capt. Tew has completed his enquiries in Egypt he might profitably proceed to East Africa in order to collect similar information there, but before communicating with the local Military Authorities, I am to enquire if Mr. Long desires to comment upon the course proposed.

(3) I am to state that as Indian resources have been drawn upon to a considerable extent for the equipment of railways under Military Administration, a similar letter is being addressed to the India Office.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. H. Curzon
The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

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7th May 1918.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acquaint you that it is desired to have in a complete and readily available form a statement of the financial arrangements affecting the various Railways and Light Railways in which the Military Authorities are interested.

It is thought that so far as Egypt is concerned it would be most convenient to the Military Authorities were an Officer, sent from this Office, to collect on the spot this information (some of which has it is realised already been before the Department) in co-operation with the Military and Civil Railway Administration.

Captain C.E.A. Few, R.E., is accordingly being sent out and I am to request that your Director of Railways and Financial Adviser will give him all assistance and that you will introduce him to the Civil Administration in Egypt.

Among the points which a complete record is desired are:-

- (a) Arrangements between the Army and the Local Administration for the supply of and accounting for stores
- (b) Records kept with a view to the recovery of residual value of railway works carried out by or for the Army at Imperial expense whether situated in Egypt or East of the Suez Canal.
- (c) Negotiations and arrangements for railway rates and fares charged to the Army with any material information bearing on the question.

Yours faithfully,
The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
British Forces in Egypt.

(a) Particulars of any other, unusual, or special, affecting railways and light railways, made in consequence, pending relations between Imperial and Local Governments.

Captain New has been furnished with a copy of this letter with instructions to report to your Director of Railways on arrival.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) E. B. CUBITT.

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10 June, 1918.

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Mr. Grayley 5 June
Mr. Robinson

etc. to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
27th of May, No. 121/Rep/

339 (M.R. 2A), and to request you to
inform the A.C. that it
would appear from the
desp to the C. of C. in C, Egypt
of which a copy is enclosed
therein, that the position as
regards the railways within his
jurisdiction has little in
common with that in regard
to the desps in E.C.A. where
the cardinal factor in that
of railways in the matter
of railways is that they have
been under the control of the
military authorities through
the operations of that it is

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