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1915  
1 July  
Last previous Paper.  
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Arrangements for military traffic on  
Uganda Railway  
States result of conference with Gov.  
& Treasurer as to proposed increase of  
Staff.

To Read.

This is quite reasonable, I think.  
If there is an excess in railway  
revenue we apply it to the expenditure.  
If there is no excess, or not adequate,  
the expenditure, or the balance of it,  
falls to a special head of "Common  
charges", to be adjudicated on later.

Shall I tell Lord Penny that we  
agree to this (sending copy), explaining  
the financial proposal as above, & that  
we are informing the Govt accordingly, but  
that we presume they will also tell to  
Gen. Tyte?

along with Oct. 8/15  
P. 9715 H. J. R. 9/7/15

To Gov. tel. 10 July  
To Gov. Finance 15 July  
To Gov. tel. 16 July  
To H. J. R. 16 July  
To Colby 16 July  
To 5 Oct. 16 - Penny 16/10/16

Next subsequent Paper.

1877 Feb. Dir. J. Anderson.

I attach letter from Mr. Cleveland, of  
the Finance Bureau. I do not know  
whether their interest in the matter is  
holding up the authority to General Tiffin.

I do not agree with his last para. - it  
appears to assume that if there had been  
no operations in S. Africa we should have  
required more than our present reduced  
sailing staff. Perhaps we should, but  
not necessarily. This part of his letter,  
however, is a digression from his main  
argument, that the W.O. liability does  
not extend beyond payment for services  
rendered, & I doubt if we can dispute  
this argument.

Our proposal was intended to give  
delay and did not commit the W.O. in any  
way - as they would have a free hand to  
argue their own liability when the time came  
for discussing the common charges account  
(supposing this is my opinion to carry to that  
account). Unless we or our side are  
to hold the matter up, till we can get a  
promise of relief from the Treasury  
we had better give way altogether?

I could not leave - to save time  
if my view is correct.

Wm. 15/7/15

H. J. D. 15/7/15

\* Yes probably the staff as  
resumed is a excess of the  
numbers necessary to deal  
with the public traffic

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Mr. Bottley.

~~we do not~~

I presume our position is  
that and you will demand  
we could get along ~~without~~  
with the staff behind normal  
peace establishment.

as my ad. on to off. but  
if you see no objection

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PARAPHRASE

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I agree that it is most necessary that the additional staff be engaged at once.

I consider that as the military pay for all railway services rendered the cost of additional staff should be met by the railway, but I am of opinion, as budget provision will not suffice, that in first instance it should be supplemented from resultant railway revenue and that War Office account should provide balance: any sums so furnished being so marked that, should you so direct, they can be discharged later from Protectorate funds.

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NEWFIELD.

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Office.

HELVIELD.

9.7.18

Dear Lord Percy  
 a copy of  
 Senston's reply we  
 have received from the Governor  
 of the West Africa Protectorate  
 your telegram about  
 additional Railway Staff—  
 (General Tighe's telegram 465/9  
 of July 2<sup>nd</sup>).

The financial suggestion  
 seems that if there is a surplus  
 Railway revenue above the annual  
 estimate for this year it will be  
 applied

nothing to be submitted to  
included

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Yours truly  
W.C.

applied to this new expenditure.  
If there is no surplus, or if  
it is insufficient to cover the  
cost of the additional staff, <sup>the increased</sup> ~~the~~ part of  
new expenditure, or ~~the~~ part of it  
will be charged to a special  
head of the <sup>common</sup> charges,  
account to be determined deal  
with later.

The Governor's proposal  
has been approved & we are  
telegraphing to him accordingly  
but we assume that you  
will also telegraph to  
General Tytler & give him <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~

Copy  
31252 sent

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Copy sent 10.48 a.m.  
Ejm 5/11/15

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July 10<sup>th</sup> Your telegram  
of July 7<sup>th</sup> 251 additional  
reading staff. Your  
proposals are approved  
War Office have been  
informed and will co-ordinate  
communication with G.O.C.

RAFT.

Governor

Nairobi

MINUTE.

Read 9/11/15  
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G. Fiddes.

H. Just.

I. Anderson  
J. Hamilton  
K. Harcourt





65/6896. (F.1.)

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14th July, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

Referring to your letter of the 9th July to Lord Percy, about the extra staff of the Uganda Railway, we note that the cost of this extra staff will be charged against the Railway, but beyond that we do not follow the financial proposal.

I imagine that both the expenditure and the revenue of the Railway will be affected in all sorts of ways by the war, but I do not quite understand why the War Office should have any special interest financially in this particular item of extra staff. As long as we pay the rates laid down for carriage of our men and stores (and, as pointed out in our letter No. 0165/6819 (F.1.) of 14th May last, the rates are extremely high) it does not appear that we have any further concern with the outcome of the working of the railway.

I can quite understand that, if the Railway expenditure is more or the revenue less than estimated in

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the Budget, the Protectorate may hereafter ask the Imperial Government to help, but is not this a matter between you and the Treasury, outside War Office interests?

I gather, however, from the Governor's telegram of 7th July that the present staff of the Railway is much below the normal peace establishment, and I do not see how, in any case, there could be any question of recovering from Imperial funds the cost of such additional staff as may be required merely to complete the normal peace establishment.

Yours sincerely,

*E. S. Woodland*

July 1915

Dear Mr Croland,  
Additional Guards Regiment

Quarto for my ref.

Your letter 2105/8896 7(c) of 14 July

DRAFT.

B. Croland

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Mr. Bottomley 15/7/15

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Sr J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

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as to Imperial, or distinct  
from W.O., ~~as~~ contribution  
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present be regarded as  
a Protectorate charge. We  
are telegraphing to the Governor  
~~that~~  
accordingly.

But do you go beyond  
the purely W.O. standpoint  
in your letter, and ~~we~~  
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the statement of this position as  
as accepting the argument  
in the last para. of your  
letter.

Yours sincerely

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as accepting the argument  
in the last para. of your  
letter.

Yours sincerely

Downing Street,

15th July, 1915.

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Dear Mr. Croeland,

Additional Uganda Railway Staff.

Your letter O165/6896 F (1) of 14th July.

Our proposal was intended to put the matter on a footing which would enable an immediate decision to be taken without necessarily committing the War Office to any of the expense; you would have a free hand to disclaim liability afterwards. General Tigue's proposals as regards finance appeared likely to lead to delay and we took the first opportunity of getting away from them.

It has been decided to accept your view that the War Office is not concerned beyond its payment for services and as we must not hold the matter up for a settlement as to Imperial, as distinct from War Office, contribution the expense will

will for the present be regarded as a Protectorate charge. We are telegraphing to the Governor accordingly.

But you go beyond the purely War Office standpoint in your letter, and we must not be regarded as accepting the statement of the position or the argument in the last paragraph of your letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) W.C. BOTTOMLEY.

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Governor  
Raisbi

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- Mr. Kottonley 15/7/15
- Mr. Read 15
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Matland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

July 16<sup>th</sup> by telegram of  
10 July railway staff

in defence to our office  
objection whose balance  
not covered by resultant  
railway revenue must for  
the present be regarded as  
a protective charge to be  
met from our expenses  
account.

Bonar Law