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Steamer Service
by Messageries Maritimes

Send letter from Co. granting 15% rebate on passages taken by their Steamers to India & asking in view of Concessions now granted that when normal conditions are re-established, first passengers may still be allowed to travel by Co's Steamers especially when they subject preference to ship.

Mr Bottomley ~~has~~ has Mr. D. J. D. D.

We must wait and see. We might well come to an agreement for all passages with the M.M. when normal conditions are re-established but we do not wish to commit ourselves.

ackn. recd and ask SA to inform the Govt that the Govt. is satisfied in that they will restore the 15% rebate immediately as soon as passage taken by or for Govt. officials in the case of Govt. passengers travelling 1st class in this line and say that Mr. H. is available at present to discuss what arrangements may be desirable to make for the organization of Govt. passengers to

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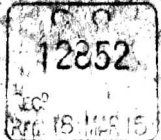
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE REFERRED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS "CROWN LONDON"
TELEPHONE 7750 VICTORIA (6 LINES)



WHITEHALL GARDENS,

LONDON, S.W.

17th March 1915.

Sir,

With reference to our letter of the 10th
of March, I have the honour to state that we wrote
to the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes asking if
the rebate of 15% allowed on the passages taken for
officials of the East African Protectorates would be
granted on the passages taken by their steamer of the
4th of March, and I enclose a copy of their reply for
your information.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Crown Agents.

Under Secretary of State,

&c. &c. &c.

Colonial Office.

COMPAGNIE des MESSAGERIES MARITIMES TO CROWN AGENTS.

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London

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Gentlemen,

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, I beg to confirm the fact that, although we are now the only regular service running to the British East African Protectorates, my Company agreed to again grant to British Officials travelling First Class the same reduction of 15%, the benefit of which had been suspended, in common with other concessions, at the outbreak of War.

I shall be further pleased to allow this favour retrospectively to the passengers who sailed from Marseilles on the 4th March by "OCEANIE".

Of course, we have noted that your Department could not bind themselves to give us all their passengers, from which I conclude that, as soon as it suits the British Government and the Steamer Company to re-establish their Service to British East Africa, you will, as in the recent past, give again the preference to the English Line for all your passengers.

May I express the hope that, when that time arrives, your Department will remember that our Company maintained this useful service in difficult times, and that Government passengers may still be allowed to travel by our Mail Steamers, especially when they express a preference therefor?

Yours faithfully,
E. Ham, &c.

(S.S.D.)

Agent General.

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