

1936

Kenya

No. 38179/19

SUBJECT

C0533/472

Kenya - Uganda Railways and Harbours

Minutes and Memoranda

Previous

Subsequent

1937

Transport
c.i. Railway

H. Comm. Transport 38

14 May 1936

2. for information copies of certain important memoranda recently circulated to the Railway Advisory Council, copies of Minutes of the Railway Advisory Council & Harbour Advisory Board from 1930 to date.

Library to take & keep the printed minutes.

As to the 3 memos.

The comments of the Rly. Research Service should be attached to the file with the K.U.R. report.

Uganda's memo and the note on the Capacity of the K.U.R. should be R'd separately - with cross reference to the Report.

Registered on SF 114 A.
38179/14/35 Kenya.

Registered on B.
38179/21/36 Kenya.

SAS.
And ack. rec'd. & thank.

J. L. W. Flood
30.6.36

Minutes taken & filed in
Library
Signed 1/7/36

None for deposit
as at 1st
negotiation as at
A.P.S.

S. Hbr. Transport - 69 (1 Ann) - 25 JUL 1936

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

3. High Comm. Tpt. Conf. ----- 28.7.36.
Transmits copies of Minutes of Meeting of the Railway
Advisory Council on 1 & 2 July and of memo. consid-
ered; requests that previous despatch be regarded as
Confidential.

Library to take & keep
a copy of the minutes etc
into that all these minutes
should be treated as
confidential; the two memos
to be registered separately

G. S. ...

1.9.36

The volumes of minutes in the Library
have now been marked Confidential and have been
transferred to the Confidential cupboard.

Copies of the printed minutes enclosed in No. 3
should now be added to them.

A memorandum on rating policy in
relation to the quota system should be placed
on 38179/21/36 and a copy of the report on the
results of working, January - May, might be
placed on the file containing the Annual Report.

J. J. ...

10.9.36.

Sir J. Campbell

You may like to see. The Railway
earnings are up by £64,000 as compared with
the first 5 months of 1935, and so you know that
was a very good year.

J. S. G. ...

11.9.

Thanks. The G.M.'s memo: on the quota system seems
to me sound, and well-reasoned. It has been generally
accepted--which is satisfactory.

The recent enormous rise in maize prices, and the
lesser rise in the price of cotton-seed, will
doubtless complicate matters. The pressure to
evacuate, irrespective of "peaks", will obviously
be much greater; the volume of the traffic will be
greater; but, as the traffic can stand more
freight, it is probable that they will be able to
work out locally a satisfactory solution--to the
benefit of the railway revenue without injury to the
trade. It all looks very hopeful, in fact. And a rise
in maize prices will be of very great benefit to
Kenya. I look for rising prices generally--slow
but steady; there are already obvious indications
of that; and it will relieve the Kenya situation
most materially. The essential difficulty is of course
whether this rise will prove ephemeral or not. The
spasmodic rises, out of step with the general rise--
are I think like to be lost; the general rise--small
but steady--will I think persist.

The 12th: September, 1936.

12/9/36

Sent as proposed

J. S. G. ...

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Library ...

1 Spare to Library

Taken
H.
23/31

Library to take 1 copy of the
minutes

C. Ross with
22/12/36
at once

5. Sec. High Comm. for Transport - Conf 14.12.36
Trs. copies of minutes of meeting held 20th - 22nd Dec,
together with copies of memoranda indicated

Taken A.
Baker
4/11/37
B
29/12/37

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minutes of the Railway Advisory
Council

Capacity of the Railway. Sec. 1937
R. on 30/11/21/36.

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Rates Reductions
R on the 1937
High. Estimate for
Rat 366.

Cotton Seed
Industry

38179/23/37 E

Export Usage
Rates. R. Separately.

Financial Results.

Memoranda we
have had this
already. Together with a
copy of 1936 minutes
1936
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Tanganyika Railway

C. Ross with
22/12/36

J. Ross
23/12

Mr J. Campbell

You will like to see these pp.

The margin letter is quite hopeless & the P.M. dealt with it
very firmly.

J.S.S. 20
11.11

Thanks. The Tanganyika Dept. might like to see the
papers as to P.T. matters.

The 1st: January, 1937.

Library for action
22/11/37

6. SEC. HIGH COMM. FOR TRANSPORT.....3 PN. (CONF).....24.12.36
Trs. copies of minutes of meeting held 30.11.36 & 1.12.36
together with copies of memoranda indicated.

Reg. action is at
H.C.C.P.

7. SEC. HIGH COMM. FOR TRANSPORT.....CONF 3 PN.....28.12.36.
Trs. copies of printed Minutes of Harbour Board
Meeting of 25.11.36.

Not. The memo on Export Usage Rate
should be registered on the
Appropriate Kenya or Colonial
pp. There are cases in 1935
Experimental Rail Car Service
might be registered
Separately.

A. J.
38179/23/37

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38179/24/37

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H.
22/12/37

Library to take the printed
minutes of the Railway Advisory
Council.

No 7.

Library to take the printed
minutes of the Harbour
Board.

C. Ross with
29/12/37

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Requaction as at A+B.

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C.D.

KENYA AND UGANDA RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS

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P. O. Box 601

High Commissioner, NAIROBI

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT

NAIROBI

KENYA

No. T/Port/B.11.

CONFIDENTIAL

28th December, 1936.

Forwarded with the compliments of the Secretary to
the High Commissioner for Transport, reference the High
Commissioner's Transport Confidential despatch dated
28th July, 1936.

2 copies of printed Minutes of Harbour
Board Meeting of 25th November, 1936.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.



Harbour Advisory Board Minutes

NOVEMBER 25, 1936

NAIROBI -
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Minutes of Meeting of Harbour Advisory Board 1936

NINETY-SECOND MEETING

Held at Mombasa, on Wednesday, 25th November, 1936,
at 9.15 a.m.

Present THE HON. MR. E. G. BALE (Chairman), LIEUT.-COL. G. C. GRIFFITHS, C.M.G., MR. W. G. NICOL, MR. H. V. GANDAR, MR. J. C. WHITE, MR. A. S. FOLKES and MR. A. DAVIES.

In attendance: BRIG.-GEN. THE HON. SIR GODFREY RHODES, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.R. (RETD.), General Manager, Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours (during discussion at Minutes Nos. 1060, 1054, 1060 and 1062); MR. L. B. FREESTON, C.B.E., Secretary to the High Commissioner for Transport and Secretary to the Governors' Conference, LIEUT.-COMMANDER N. J. STACY MARKS, R.N., R.N.R., Port Manager and MR. S. J. MERRAN, Secretary (throughout the proceedings).

1047 The Chairman welcomed the Hon. General Manager and Mr. Freeston, stating that their presence at the meeting afforded the Board much pleasure.

1048 POSITION RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The position relative to previous Minutes was noted.

1049 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th September, 1936, having been circulated, were taken as read, and confirmed subject to the following amendment:—

"Minute No. 1041 (i), the figure of £19,592 to read £19,352."

1050 FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1936. (P.M.'s D.7/3.I.)

The Board recommended that these Estimates be adopted.

1051 CARGO HANDLING CONTRACT. (P.M.'s D.1/46/12.)

Minute No. 995 refers.

The Administration having submitted proposals within the definition of Minute No. 995 (d), the appointment of the

following Sub-Committee, constituted after telegraphic and telephonic consultation with members of the Board, to examine and report on such proposals to the Board was ratified:—

The Hon. Mr. E. G. Bale (Chairman).

Mr. J. C. White.

Mr. A. Davies.

Lieut.-Col. G. C. Griffiths, C.M.G.

1052 SHIMANZI BULK OIL JETTY. (P.M.'s D.1/37.)

Minute No. 1020 refers.

A memorandum had been circulated to members explaining the arrangements which were being brought into force for the purpose of dealing with inflammable cargo at the Port of Mombasa.

After discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until members had had further opportunities of examining the proposed arrangements in detail.

1053 PILOTAGE CHARGES. (P.M.'s P.127.)

A communication had been received from a local shipping company contending that as pilotage services rendered to ships anchoring in the stream were less onerous and requiring less skill and care than in the case of a ship berthing alongside the Deep Water Quay, charges in the former case should be reduced proportionately.

It was recommended that no alteration be made to the existing Tariff charges, but that this question be brought up for consideration when the Tariff of Harbour Dues and Charges was reviewed as a whole.

1054 WAREHOUSING OF CARGO. (P.M.'s D.1/5.C.)

A comprehensive memorandum had been circulated to members setting out the anticipated tonnages of Imports and Exports which would be handled at the Port during 1937, and the proposed arrangements which were being made to deal with them.

The tonnages which it was anticipated would be handled were, Imports 250,000 tons and Exports 500,000 tons, and it was pointed out that should these figures materialize the resources of the Port would be subject to strain, and unless adequate shipping was available to move the exports serious congestion would occur. Every available foot of storage space

would be required and there could be no question of Transit Sheds being used as warehouses, for which reason there could be no justification for extending concessions and temporary warehousing charges beyond the end of the present year.

In discussion, attention was invited to the fact that maize was a controlled traffic, and that in order to have sufficient at the Coast to load chartered bottoms, it was impossible to avoid incurring storage on about 50 per cent of it.

The case of cotton seed also was cited and it was urged that for this commodity and maize existing concessions should be continued, and possibly expanded for the latter.

The Hon. General Manager stated that the Railway could supply a better service if the industry was prepared to pay for it, but that it was a question of whether maize should be subsidized at the expense of higher rated commodities.

It was then suggested that the maize industry was an essential part of the Colony's life and that as the principle of subsidy had been accepted by other transport systems, and in view of the difficulties confronting maize producers to-day it was equitable that some assistance should be afforded.

The Hon. General Manager asked the Board to say whether, in its opinion, the Administration would be justified in taking the risk of allowing the sheds to become congested by permitting the continuation of special facilities for cotton seed and maize or whether steps should be taken to provide additional accommodation.

The Port Manager explained that if maize and cotton seed were allowed concessions in the way of storage there was danger of the sheds being flooded by these commodities with the result that it might be necessary to store more valuable commodities such as coffee, tea and cotton, etc., in the open.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:—

"The Board notes the position as set out by the Administration and agrees that there is little reason to doubt that the estimated tonnage will be exceeded, and that the resources of the Port will be subject to strain; and further, is of the opinion that the Administration should examine the question of the provision of additional Warehousing or Transit Shed accommodation in the near future, and in the meantime, recommends that from the 1st January, 1937, the current concession in respect of

cotton seed should remain and that the concession for maize as at present operative should be continued but that the rent charge therefor should be varied to the rate of 50 cents per ton per week."

1055 PROVIDENT FUND VOLUNTARY DEPOSITS. (P.M.'s S.811.)

The Hon. General Manager submitted a memorandum setting out the existing rules relating to the Voluntary Provident Fund, and certain proposed amendments required to increase the scope of the Fund.

The Board recommended that action be taken to increase the scope of the Voluntary Provident Fund so as to:—

- (a) Make it applicable to all staff (pensionable and non-pensionable) excepting unskilled labour and temporary staff;
- (b) Cancel the limitations with regard to individual deposits;
- (c) Extend the number of withdrawals to twice monthly;
- (d) Withdraw the restriction with regard to age limit;
- (e) Withdraw the restriction with regard to salary minimum;

and that steps be taken to secure the necessary amendment of the State Railway Provident Fund Ordinance as proposed in the draft Bill submitted with the General Manager's memorandum No. SPG.18/2/11 of the 20th October, 1936.

1056 HARBOUR ESTIMATES, 1937. (P.M.'s D.7/3.J.)

The alterations to the 1937 Estimates were noted.

1057 PILOTAGE AND TUG OVERTIME CHARGES—S.S. "NALGORA" (P.M.'s P.206.)

The S.S. "Nalgora" arrived at Mombasa at 9.34 a.m. on 29th August, 1936, and as the berth allotted to her was occupied by the S.S. "Muanza", had to anchor in the stream.

The S.S. "Muanza" was due to sail at 5 p.m. but did not sail until 5.38 p.m. as a result of which the berthing of the S.S. "Nalgora" was not completed until after 6.30 p.m., and during overtime hours.

Charges in respect of Pilotage and Tug Services were raised in accordance with clauses 3 (c) and 12 (a) of the Harbour Tariff, and the ship's agents claim that as the delay in berthing was in no way due to the "Nalgora", overtime

KENYA AND UGANDA RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS.

P. O. Box 601.

Telegram:—HIGHCOMA. NAIROBI.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

NAIROBI,

KENYA.

No. F/O/A.5.

24th December, 1936.

CONFIDENTIAL.

The Secretary to the High Commissioner for Transport, Kenya-Uganda, presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and with reference to the High Commissioner's Transport Confidential despatch dated 28th July, has the honour to enclose two copies of the printed minutes of the Railway Advisory Council meeting held on 30th November and 1st December, 1936, together with copies of the following memoranda:-

- (a) Capacity of the Railway - Season 1937.
- (b) Export Mail Rate.
- (c) Experimental Rail Car Service.

38179/25/37
38179/24/37

MEMORANDUM FOR RAILWAY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

CAPACITY OF THE RAILWAY - SEASON, 1937.

With reference to Minute No. 1065, it is reported for the information of Council that a meeting between the General Manager and the Superintendent of the Line, Colonel Griffiths and Mr. Tilbrook, representing the maize and cotton seed industries respectively, Colonel Tucker and Mr. Folkes, representing the Railway Council, took place on Monday, the 30th November, when the following points were accepted:-

- (1) The export tonnage of cotton seed for 1937 was estimated at 130,000 tons, while it was noted that the season was opening a month earlier than usual.
- (2) The tonnage of maize for the relevant export period of 1937 was estimated at 70,000 tons, while the condition of the crop would permit no serious movement before January.
- (3) The cotton seed industry expected an increase in shipping freight rates of approximately shs. 3/50 per ton for all seed put on rail after March 31st.
- (4) The maize industry had arranged charters to secure favourable markets involving definite shipments at stated dates, the most important of which were in March and April.

2. After exhaustive discussion, it was agreed that the markets desired by both industries could be secured by the following allocations:-

		<u>MAIZE</u> Tons	<u>COTTON SEED</u> Tons
December	1936	2,250	2,000
January	1937	12,250	16,000
February	1937	9,400	16,600
March	1937	9,400	16,000
April	1937	9,700	13,300
May	1937	7,000	24,500
June	1937	12,000	20,000
July	1937	<u>8,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
		70,000	133,500

3. Much credit is due to the representatives of the two industries concerned for the spirit of accommodation shown during the discussion.

ENTEBBE.

30th November, 1936.



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Kenya and Uganda Railway Advisory Council

FORTY-NINTH MEETING

Held in Entebbe on Monday and Tuesday, November 30th and December 1st, 1936.

Present: THE HON. MR. J. E. S. MERRICK, O.B.E. (Chairman), THE HON. MR. A. DE V. WADE, O.B.E., THE HON. DR. J. D. TOTBILL, THE HON. MR. G. WALSH, C.B.E., THE HON. MR. A. S. FOLKES, LIEUT.-COL. THE HON. LORD FRANCIS SCOTT, D.S.O., THE HON. MR. E. D. REYNOLDS, C.B.E., THE HON. LIEUT.-COL. W. K. TUCKER, C.B.E.

In Attendance: THE HON. BRIGADIER-GENERAL SIR G. D. RHODES, C.B.E., D.S.O., General Manager, K.U.R. & H. (throughout the proceedings), L. B. FREESTON, -ESQ., O.B.E., Secretary to the High Commissioner for Transport (throughout the proceedings), COLONEL G. W. C. GRIFFITHS, General Manager, Kenya Farmers' Association (during preliminary discussion on Export Maize Rate), F. BROWNING, ESQ., Superintendent of the Line, K.U.R. and H. (during discussion on Minutes 1081-1091), Miss M. E. DALTON, Secretary to Council (throughout the proceedings).

Monday, 30th November, 1936.

1077 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES. (R.A.C. 2A.)

The Minutes of the last (48th) Meeting of Council, held in Nairobi on October 21st/22nd, 1936, were confirmed.

1078 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN ON MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. (R.A.C. 2A.)

Council noted the action taken on the Minutes of the last Meeting, as reported in the memorandum circulated to them.

1079 PARLIAMENTARY GRANT. (R.A.C. 3.)

Council noted the memorandum forwarded to the Secretary of State by the Government of Kenya, regarding the question of liability for the original Parliamentary Grant, which had been circulated for their information.

2. Arising out of this, Colonel Tucker read out the following words from Hansard of the 23rd April, 1914, from a speech by the then Secretary of State for the Colonies (Lewis Harcourt):—

"No repayment has been made by British East Africa in respect of these advances and no such payment is contemplated under the Acts (Uganda Railway Acts)."

1080 WORKS ESTIMATES. (R.A.C. 3A.)

Approval was accorded to the following works, the cost of each of which exceeds £750.—

Reg. No.	NATURE AND LOCALITY OF WORK	Allocation	Total of Estimate
618	Voi. Coal gentry and crane complete with bins, structures and deepwale track and trolleys.	Capital Account Expenditure Railway, Item 2 of 1937	£ 766 7 10
619	Nainia. To provide additional siding accommodation.	Capital Account Expenditure Railway, 1936	1,403 0 00
620	Port Bell Pier. Addition of new pier face in steel sheet piling approx. 250 ft. long with extruding accommodation.	Capital Account Expenditure Railway, Item V of 1937	3,600 0 00
621	Homa Bay. Reconditioning of pier.	Capital Account Expenditure Railway 1937	1,760 0 00
622	Nakuru-Kisumu. Reconditioning. Replacement of wooden poles and reconstruction Nakuru Junction-Kisumu	Repairs Railway, Item 5 of 1937 Renewals Railway, Item 6 of 1937 Bridgements Railway, Item 6 of 1937 Capital Account Expenditure Railway of 1937	2,000 0 00 3,340 840 1,940
623	Nakuru Junction. Division between Miles 425/3, etc.	Capital Account Expenditure Railway, Item 1 of 1937	6,120 0 00
624	Jinja. Renewal of existing timber pier	Defecture Railway, Item 1 of 1937 Capital Account Expenditure Railway, Item 5 of 1937	5,900 0 00 4,600 0 00