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H. M. S. KENYA

Previous		M. Heary	2/11
		Mr. A. A. Thomas	2/11
		297	2/12
		309	5/12
		Mr. Parkin	5/12
Subsequent		297	19/12
		309	29/12
		Mr. Parkin	21/12
		M. Cream	21
		Mr. Cortley White	23
		297	29/12
		R309	29/12
		Mr. Parkin	
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	297	24/3/38	
	309	24/3	
	Mr. Parkin	25	
	M. Cream	25/3	
	Mr. Parkin	25	
	297	3/4	
	309	14/4	
	Mr. Parkin	-	
	R. 297	25/4	
	297	27/11	
	R298 (Pres)	17/5	
	297	28/10	
	309	31	
	Mr. Parkin	1/11	
	M. Dave	1/11	

FILE A.

(1097) - W/ 2546109 5.000 10/87
R.P.O. C. 202/772

Gov Dep Kenya 148 15.3.38
Request to be informed as early as possible of the date of launching the "H. M. S. Kenya" in order that arrangements may be made for Kenya Govt to be represented and also for a suitable presentation to be made to the ship's ward room & company.

Somewhat similar information was
sent from the Admiralty last year
(see 010 (a) on Fiji 85-028/18/37)
by the P. S.
Perhaps the Cons, wd be good
enough to write to the Admⁿ again.

Discontinued
24.3.

J.P. Raven
25/3

Copy of letter to R^d Markham

attached.

J. Long
25/3/38

2. L. Markham cons. 25/4
25 March 38

ully

3. H. Y. Markham (5/6) 8.4.38
Confirms that one of the new cruisers is to be named "Kenya" & states that the Contractors are being informed of Kenya Govt's desire to be represented at launching ceremony - Dedication Agreement usually completed when gifts of plate are made & each sponsor

4. To Markham (5/6) (3 listed) 11.4.38

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NOTED PRECEDENTS

Draft submitted herewith.

? Note to b. u. in Feb 1939 if nothing

Noted
11/2/39 is in before then.

Cl. White 14/4

Receipts to
200 (5)

To: Kenya 226. (4/Orig. form in 3). 23 APR 1938
(1 returned.)

6. Mr Paskin
Request that the question of the launching of the "Kenya" by the
Duchess of Gloucester be taken up with officials concerned.
7. To Sir R Brooke-Popham 1/2 (back) 26/10/58

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I attach a letter from Sir Robert Brooke-Popham making the suggestion that the Duchess of Gloucester should perform the ^{launching} naming ceremony of H.M.S. "Kenya" next year. An interim reply has been sent to this letter and perhaps the Department will now take the matter up in the proper quarters?

J. Creasy
26.10.'58

The most convenient way is probably to put the suggestion 1/2 - further to (a) if Mr Creasy has no objection.
WPI a 1/2 d.

Onwards M.
31. x
A.R. Thomas
1/2

WPI
1.11

To E.A. Seal (10) - con - 2. 11. 58.
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B.U. No reply received to No 8.
J Jackson. 29/10
3/12

? wait a fortnight.
Clothing while 3/12

WPI
[Signature]

J.J. Paskin
1/2

6. Sir R. Brooke Popham to
Request that the operation of the launching of the "Kenya" by the
Duchess of Gloucester be taken up with officials concerned.
7. To Sir R. Brooke - Popham % (Wacht) 26/10/38

Mr Paskin

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J. Creary
26.10.'38

The most convenient way is probably to put the suggestion 3/0 - further to (4) : of Mr Creary has no objection.
W.P. att'd.

Thames & M.
31. x

A.R. Thomas
1/11

W.P.
1.11

To E.A. Seal (10) - was - 2. 11. 38.

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B.M. No reply received to No 8
J Jackson 297
2/12

? wait a fortnight.
Clocking while 2/12

Noted after

J.J. Paskin
2/12

B. U. vide minute of 5/12.

J Jackson. 29/1

19/12

? was revised (short draft)

Clarke White 29/12

J. Passer 2/12

I have written

St. 21/12.

Put by Clarke White 29/12
atav

9/10 E.A. Seal s/o (second) cons. 21.12.38.

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10 E.A. Seal s/o

23.12.38

Reports that the Duchess of Gloucester has agreed to perform the launching ceremony in August.

11/10 E.A. Seal s/o in road 28.12.38.

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Draft submitted Clarke White 29/12

12 To Sub. Brooke Pippen (10)

found - 2-1-59



G. O.

Mr. C. G. White 29/12
Mr. Parkin 29
Mr. Freeston 29
You may care to see J.P.P.

future Secretary of State's sig.

X ~~Mr. Moore~~
Mr. Creighton 29/12
Sir G. Tomkinson.

- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh
- Perm. U.S. of S.
- Parly. U.S. of S.
- *Secretary of State.

2 Jan 1939

DRAFT Annex

For Chief Marshal
Sir Robert Brooke-Popham
G.C.V.O., K.C.B. (etc)

(6)

You will remember that on the 18th of October last you wrote suggesting that the Duchess of Gloucester might be asked to perform the launching ceremony of the new cruiser H.M.S. KENYA.

You will be glad to hear that the Duchess has consented to do so, and that the proposal has been approved by the King.

It is probable that the launch will take place on one of the four days

X H. see last section
A.P. Admin. of Law
no objection to this
A.P.P. 29/12

FURTHER ACTION.

August 15th - 18th, 1938. I understand

that there will be no objection to your
letting people in Kenya know.

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MacDONALD



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23rd December, 1938.

Dear Creasy,

9. In reply to your letter of the 21st December, I ought to have written you before to let you know that the Duchess of Gloucester has consented to perform the launching ceremony of H.M.S. KENYA, and that the proposal has been approved by the King.

It is probable that the launch will take place on one of the four days, August 15th to 18th.

Yours sincerely,

G.H. Creasy, Esq., O.B.E.

1. Put up reply
2. Take up with authorities
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, M.M.
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

18th October, 1938.

Dear MacDonald,

You may remember that one of the 8,000 ton Fiji class cruisers is to be named the "Kenya". The latest information I had was that the "Kenya" was to be launched about April, 1939. I would like to see the connection emphasized and suggest that someone who is a representative of or has close connections with Kenya should carry out the launching ceremony. The first and obvious person is the Duchess of Gloucester. I haven't said anything to her about it, but if you agree with this proposal would you be so good as to take it up with the officials concerned?

2. As you will see in the papers, the Duke and Duchess came to Nairobi and stayed at Government House from the 6th to the 11th October. The visit was a very successful one and they received a warm welcome wherever they appeared. The Duke and I played in the same polo team and won a tournament. This was quite satisfactory because it wasn't a ~~weak~~ ^{packed} team - in fact the experts were prophesying we should be beaten by 2 goals in the final - but combination did it, and we won by 5 to love.

Yours sincerely,

THE RT. HON. MALCOLM MacDONALD, P.C., M.P.,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

R Brooks-Popham

C. O.

Mr. Coker White 14/4
Mr. Parkin 18/4 f.

23 April 1938

Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.



Handwritten initials 'SL'

Sir

I have etc. to ack. the receipt

DRAFT.

Kenya.
No. 225.
Gov.

inform you that
an Adm. Commission
you admirals
have

(1)

of your dep. No 148 of the
15th of March, and Co confirmed
the report which appeared in
the Press that one of the new
8,000-ton (F11) class) cruisers
is to be named KENYA.

2. The vessel is due to be
laid down at the Yard of Alex.
Stephen & Sons Ltd., Govan, in
the current month and will,
it is expected, be launched
about April 1939 with a view
to completion some time in
1940.

It has been noted
in the Admiralty that your
Govt will desire to be
represented at the launching
ceremony and steps both by
Cabinet ^{and then to} to make the
necessary arrangements when

Form of Dedication Agreement
sent to (3) in original
(? no need to retain a copy in file)

FURTHER ACTION.

The invitations will
be issued by the
Contractors

When the time comes.

3. As regard the suggested
presentations to the ship, it may
be convenient for you to know
when considering what form they
should take that the presentation
of a piece of plate to one of His

on behalf of the Colony

^{I am informed that a gift}
Majesty's ships is usually covered
by a dedication Agreement, a
specimen form of which is enclosed.

Such agreements are made in duplicate
and both copies are signed by the donors
and by the First Lord of the Admiralty.

One copy is returned to the donors
and the other is forwarded to the
Commanding Officer of the ship for
retention on board.

Yours etc.

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE



8th April, 1938.

Dear Creasy,

With reference to your letter of the 21st March, I write to confirm that one of the new 8,000 ton (FIJI class) cruisers is to be named KENYA. She is due to be laid down at the Yard of Alex. Stephen & Sons Ltd., Govan, in the current month and will, it is expected, be launched about April 1939 with a view to completion sometime in 1940.

I note that the Government of Kenya will desire to be represented at the launching ceremony and as the invitations will be issued by the Contractors as part of the normal procedure we are taking steps to inform them of the Governor's message in this connection and asking them to make suitable arrangements when the time comes in consultation with the Colonial Office.

As regards the suggested presentations to be made on behalf of the Colony, it will, as you

G.H. Creasy, Esq., O.B.E.

Orig from to Kenya

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assume, be in order that a gift of plate should be covered by a Dedication Agreement, a specimen form of which is enclosed.

Such agreements are made in duplicate and both copies are signed by the donors and by the First Lord of the Admiralty. One copy is returned to the donors and the other is forwarded to the Commanding Officer of the Ship for retention on board.

Yours sincerely,

H. Markham

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25th March, 1958.

Dear Markham,

We have had a despatch from the Governor of Kenya referring to reports in the Press that one of the new 8,000-ton cruisers is to be named after the Colony. The Governor goes on to say that in that event the Government of Kenya would wish to arrange to be represented at the launching ceremony and to associate itself with the ship by making suitable presentations on behalf of the Colony to the ward room and the ship's company.

I should be grateful if you would let me know whether it is in fact the case that one of the cruisers is to be named "H.M.S. Kenya", and if so, when she is likely to be launched and completed. In replying to the Governor it would, I imagine, be as well to warn him that the presentation of a piece of plate to one of His Majesty's ships is usually covered by a dedication agreement, and

perhaps

H. V. Markham, Esq., M.C.

perhaps a copy of the usual form of agreement could be supplied for transmission to Kenya. A similar question arose last year in connection with the presentation of a piece of plate to H.M.S. Fiji, and your official letter M.7091/87 of the 14th of December last refers to this.

Yours sincerely,

KENYA
No. 148



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

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END

15 March, 1958.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that it is understood from reports in the Press that one of the 8,000-ton cruisers included in the 1957 Naval programme will be named after this Colony.

In this event this Government would wish to arrange to be represented at the launching ceremony and to associate itself with the ship by making suitable presentations on behalf of the Colony to the ward room and the ship's company.

I shall be glad, therefore, if I may be informed, as early as possible before the event, of the date of launching in order that appropriate arrangements may be made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Carwarden

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

W. ORMSBY GORE, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.