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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA

24th April, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence terminating with my telegram of the 11th April, relative to the extension of the Uasin Gishu Line into Uganda, and to enclose for your information a copy of a letter which has been received from Messrs. Griffiths and Company tendering for the construction of this extension and of the replies sent thereto.

You will no doubt take the opportunity of Mr. Felling's visit to discuss this matter fully with him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. N. THOMAS, F.C.S., M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, E. W.

GRIFFITHS & CO., Ltd.  
Nairobi,  
Kenya Colony.

8th April 1924.

To:-

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO UGANDA.

I have the honour to request you to lay the following offer to construct the above Railway on behalf of my Company before His Excellency, the Governor:-

1. My Company to undertake to construct the 180 miles (or thereabouts) for the price of £1,800,000.
2. Time for completion open to traffic two years and six months, and for completion with all station buildings three years.
3. The figures of costs of construction and materials to be at all times at the disposal of your Government and if it should appear at any time or at the end of the work that the price showed more than a reasonable commercial profit it should be left to your Consulting Engineers Messrs Mendel Palmer & Tritton, to decide what profit (if any) were payable to us, and the price should be reduced accordingly.
4. If the rolling stock for construction is supplied free of cost the above price to be reduced £400 per mile.
5. If all freight on the Uganda Railway is remitted the above price to be reduced by a further £1,000 a mile.

I have etc etc.

Sd. Griffiths & Co., Ltd.  
J.H. Galley.

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Major J.H.Galley, D.S.O.

Managing Director,

Messrs Griffiths and Company Ltd.,

P. O. Box 66,

Nairobi.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant and note the terms of the offer you are prepared to make.

I presume you will communicate the offer to the Government in due course, but as intimate in the course of our conversation I shall not be able to recommend its acceptance, because I do not regard a contract on the lines suggested as the most economical or expeditious method of construction.

In my opinion there is no need to employ a large firm- on a percentage, cost per mile, or other basis of profit- as an intermediary between the Uganda Railway administration and small contractors.

After careful consideration of local conditions I have come to the conclusion that the most expeditious and economical way of building the line would be for the Uganda Railway to organize and direct the construction through small contractors for sections of works, thus working direct through local private enterprise.

If this policy is not approved and it is decided to put out the whole of the line to contract then I shall recommend the opportunities be given to all British firms interested (including your own) to tender in open competition when the final survey plans, estimates, etc., are completed.

Sd. L.N. Pelling.

General Manager.

24th April, 1924.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th April tendering for the construction of railway extensions to Uganda, I am directed by the Governor to refer you to the letter (S.P.12) addressed to you by the Hon'ble General Manager, Uganda Railway, in this connection on the 8th April, to which Government has nothing to add.

2. The matter must now await the decision of the Secretary of State to whom a copy of your letter under reply has been forwarded.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HARRIS

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

H. GILLY, B.A.,

MANAGING DIRECTOR,

MESSRS. SMITHY &amp; CO., LTD.,

P. O. BOX 66,

KAMPALA.