

made by the High Court appointing an arbitrator and not appealed from; an award was made against the Crown and the Crown's objections dismissed by the Supreme Court; the judgment against the appellants held that their brother remedy is by action on the award and the attorney has advised my firm that he will advise the Crown not to grant the stay which is a necessary preliminary to the action.

It is an action on the award if I could be filed in view of the fact that the Crown has unsuccessfully appealed the award there is scope no doubt whatever.

I am with the utmost deliberation that the defendant my clients the amount awarded is indefensible.

I am up to date however, and am of the opinion that so considerable a sum as £1,000,000.00 may be recoverable in a well scant sum & this on His Majesty's behalf.

At least which would be made by the Attorney General in view of what is to the proper procedure for recovering what it is recovering unavoidable on the interest.

That the defendant will take of the Kenya authorities should receive the usual procedure and a copy of the award before the Crown's cause.

As a sovereign state like Britain and the Commonwealth, has been sufficiently shown to government authority to make redressions for loss to act in the same way here. - enough because it is

not a desire to possibly interfere from Government.

I consider it right to give you an indication of returning at this stage before

a final damage valuation to the credit of the

defendant £1,000,000.00 in your ledger.

16058		KENYA C.O. 19509 DATE 28th April 1925 30 APR 25
Morrison, Esq. A		The English Trading and Navigation Co Ltd. The Attorney Genl, Kenya.
RECORDED — Mr. Brereton Mr. U.S. of S. Mr. Secretary of State		This claim recognises that there is a certain sum for which, if paid forthwith in cash, it would be advantageous for them to settle. Any such proposal, however, should come from the Government.
Previous Paper D.A.R. 16058 6 May 1925 23 JUN 1925 Copy sent to Standard - 23 JUN 1925 Subsequent Paper D.A.R. 16058 1.10.2		MINUTES See Memo to 16058 So far so good, but it is difficult to suggest a price which, if accepted, will not come as a shock whatever the giving so much and, if not accepted, will put us back in our trouble. The OAG is £1000 in 16058 seems reasonable. Taking the original cost at £8000 according to 10% for depreciation over 12 years + 6% p.a. added on the unpaid amount since 1918, we get $\frac{8000}{1.10} \times 100\% = £1,570 worth £1.£1,570 should be ample, but$

am not sure if it will prove so

Send interim note and telegraph

to the "Hq." - 2dts forward

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30 APR 25

Sir,

The English Trading and Navigation Coy. Ltd.

V

The Attorney General of Kenya.

With reference to our interview the 12th inst. I beg to thank you for the opportunity of discussing the matter without prejudice and now await the decision of Mr. Secretary Amery. I have seen my clients and they seem to feel very strongly that they should not be asked to abate their legal claim against the Kenya Government - a claim which is outstanding for nearly seven years and which has involved them in considerable expense.

The value of a river steamer in August 1918 is admittedly very difficult to assess. Replacement at that date was impossible. There was no local market. Old steamers of general utility were fetching two to three times their original cost. No evidence was put in by the Crown and the question was left to the final decision of Mr Frud as an expert not as an arbitrator. No court would, even if it could revise his decision because it is impossible to say that it is wrong. All that can be said is that it is a matter of much difficulty on which different experts might arrive at different results.

The use of the prerogative by the Kenya Government to evade legal claims against it will not increase its credit in the city of London and my clients trust that once more Mr Secretary Amery will save the Kenya Government in spite of itself.

At the same time my clients are neither sentimental nor vindictive and quite recognise that there is a certain sum for which, if paid forthwith in cash, it would be advantageous for them to settle. Any such proposal must, however, come from the Government, and if made will be considered solely from a business point of view.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

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Major The Hon. Ormsby-Gore M.P.
Under-Secretary of State
For the Colonies.

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Confidential 5th May 1925
Enclosed you despatch of
14 March 326 Scrabli
as a result of discussion between
states that clients willing to
compromise if satisfactory figure
can be agreed upon. As I
concede under £1000 £1000
but if you agree will endeavour to

arang. action for £2000
going to £2500 ~~January~~ 0

Report soonest as possible
This sum would refund costs
as well as damages

Discussion has at length been
agitated always come to a standstill
I believe Attorney General's
counsel to the department I
feel bound to say that failure
to make protest against award
in due time was just Government
acting in the wrong

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Copy to Burchell - 23 JUN 1925

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SIR,

I am re-bounding the end of your
letter of the 28th April on the action
of the loss of the S.S. "Sarah," and
inform you that a further letter
will be sent to you at an early date

Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY.