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C.O.
57059
5 DEC 24

FROM: GOVERNOR CONYERSON, TEL 344

Date: 4th December 1924.

TO: ~~Mr. [unclear]~~
Mr. [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]
Asst. U.S. of S.
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Part U.S. of S.
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Secretary of State.

EASTERN TEL CO. RENEWAL OF LICENSE.

Considers Cable Co's attitude very unsatisfactory but prepared to agree to renewal of landing licence for two years without prejudice regarding Co's claim for renewal referred to in G.P.O. letter. Despatch follows.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

I should say that it would be a great nuisance if at all possible to try & get the E.T. Coy to agree to their proposal their landing licenses at all the other places are to run till ¹⁹²⁶ 1926, and they naturally expect the terms of expiration - 1922 (see 12692/22) to be renewed. Of course previous matters have been considered but then it is clearly unworkable for any sort of negotiations between G.P.O. & the E.T. Coy to be conducted if the numerous local authorities had to be consulted at every stage.

Subsequent Paper

copy to G.P.O. cons - 17 DEC 1924
copy above to En Com 7 Feb '25 - copy to [unclear] 11/12/24
NO. 44788

NO. 54657

The Board

was proposed

11/12/24

Mr. Stanley

We have had a level
controversy with the T.B.C.
and it was considered whether
we could not have the
renewal of the licence
as a weapon. It was decided
not to, but independence of
the original licence. The cost
raised in 4640/24 a
number of points which
he thought might be dealt
with in connection with the
renewal.

The object is that
negotiations have gone on for
but the C.P. is able to plan
and the Government's requirement
of renewal for 2 years
should be the basis of
negotiations with the
Cable Company. It then to
the objection that it does not

debatable before we reply
to the Governor; but a copy
of this let should go to G.P.O.
at once. ⁹⁰ on 4/9/24
We can promise in case of
the despatch when it arrives,
but say that G.P.S. wd. be
glad to know whether the P.M.G.
has any objection to offer in the
meantime. On the Governor's
suggestion that the period
of the new landing licence to
the Cay, in respect of the cable
at New Cross Island should
be limited to 2 years.

[If, as described, there is
any ~~change~~ ^{change to this} we shall
have to explain later to the
impossibility of conducting
negotiations separately in respect
of each licence - send them
a copy of 12/6/24 G.P.S. 7/12/24

Supra I regard the memo on
12/6/24 as recording a definite
understanding also it would be advised to
limit the licence for the landing in the Cay as
suggested in what printing is based upon
the use for the landing of the cable
of the same cable.

At 10
returned 14/12/24

got over the point that
the terms of removal were
originally settled in 1822

(2) that it is not certain

whether another one by
another would discharge
two more lands.

In fact (believe the
reception) he had already
divided the land when he
raised the question of
removal to the former
connection.

As proposed?

Wed. 12.11.24.

AS 15/12

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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Dated 4th December.

(Received, Colonial Office, 8.41 p.m. 4th December, 1922)

No. 344 4th December.

MO 4798

Your confidential despatch of 30th October Consider the Cable Company's attitude very unsatisfactory but am prepared to agree to renewal of landing license for period of two years on distinct understanding that this without prejudice regarding the Company's claim for renewal referred to in penultimate paragraph of General Post Office letter of 21st October. Nothing is known here of any 1922 discussion(s) on the subject. Despatch follows.

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Original
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of a telegram from the *Consulate of Mexico*

5 DEC 24

Dated 4th Dec 1924. Received in the Colonial Office at 5.41 pm on 4th Dec 24

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(Unsigned)

Sir 57059/24 Kenya

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Answer

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17 Dec 1924

In Secy

P.O.

~~Sir~~

MINUTE.

- Mr. Butt Dec 16
- Mr. Offices 16/12
- Mr.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh
- Sir C. Davis
- Sir G. Grindle
- Sir J. Masterton Smith
- Lord Arnold
- Mr. Thomas

copy to Sir

with ref to the letter from

This Office No 49788/24 of

the 31st of Oct, I am to

transmit to you, to be

laid before the P.M.F., a

copy of a tele from the

Govt of Kenya regarding

the renewal of the

Eastern African Tel. Co's landing

4 Dec
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licence at Mombasa.

2. A copy of the despatch,
to which reference is made,
referred to in the tel., will be

sent to you when it arrives,
in the meantime

but Mr Amery would be

glad to know whether the

P.M.F. has any objections

to offer in the meantime

on the ^{part} of the objection that

the period of the new landing

licence to the Company in respect

of the cable at Mombasa Island

should be limited to two years.

Jrc

(Signed) W. G. BOTTOMLEY