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20th May 1925.

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UGANDA TIDE MARINE STAFF
CONDITIONS OF LAKE VICTORIA.U.S. of N.
Mr. Shattock
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Editor of Park
Previous Paper

MINUTES

Mr. Shattock's statement
on the subject of the
condition of the lake
is very satisfactory.

On that point Mr. Shattock's statement
is largely complete - how many of the
hours a day we spent on duty
looking at everything?

Mr. Fiddig has had some time
to much overwork - and I think there is
evidence that the camp is suffering
all the time, I do not think that

Col. James (16th of May) showed
some initial affection & then
refused to give the evidence on which

Subsequent Paper

5.6312

5th May.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary,
Colony & Protectorate of Kenya,

M A T R O W

LAKE VICTORIA MARINE SERVICE

Your D/B 14623/3 of the 30th April, 1923.

1. I presume that, in using the words "His Majesty's ships" on Lake Victoria, Lieut. Colonel James intended to refer to the mercantile marine service which exists for the purpose of carrying passengers and cargo from port to port on Lake Victoria.

2. It is necessary to lay stress on the fact that the Lake Victoria marine service is a ~~new~~ ~~old~~ ~~old~~ service, and not a section of His Majesty's NAVY. The service is probably, with the general public, the most unpopular public utility service in East Africa, and this is due largely to the attitude adopted towards the customsmen by this Administration, by reason of the officers in the Marine service.

3. The sooner we realize that the best type of Officer in the service is the Officer with solid experience in navigation and cargo work in the mercantile marine, the better, and I fear that public opinion of our Marine services on the Lakes will continue until men retired from the Royal Navy are not appointed unless they have had the necessary mercantile experience.

4. I am asked to report on the question of whether the Officers employed on the vessels on Lake Victoria are kept on duty for abnormally long hours. In my opinion, the Officers in our marine service are extremely well paid - paid far more than is actually necessary in comparison with salaries in the Mercantile Marine service - and are very far from over-worked.

5. I attach a statement in connection with the three principal steamers on Lake Victoria. This statement shows the number of hours in port, the number of hours steaming, and the number of hours at anchorage per week. The steamers are small and the carrying capacity limited, and if there is any doubt on the point of whether the Officers can be over-worked under the conditions shown, I suggest that some Mercantile Marine service be consulted. In the case of the "Clement Hill", I have always felt that the boat does not do enough work. The officers are not usually up board for three days per week, while the steaming time is only 16 hours per week.

6. In regard to the number of Officers employed, I

think two Officers for each steamer were quite sufficient until quite recently, but the traffic increased enormously. At the present time we have three tramps on each of the round trip steamers and three on the Clement Hill. Despite when it is possible to work in a second weekly trip with the "Clement Hill" to clear cotton, when, if practicable so arrange we have four officers on the spot.

7. There has admittedly been a shortage of Officers in recent months, but this may have been due entirely to the time taken to send out Officers requisitioned for by me.

8. Of our Officers requisitioned on the 9th May, 1925, three did not arrive until October, 1924, and one has not arrived yet. One Officer requisitioned for in October, 1924, arrived at the end of March last, while three Officers requisitioned for in November, 1924, and two in January, 1925, have not arrived yet.

9. It will be appreciated that it is very difficult for me to foresee what staff will be required a year ahead, unless we are to risk serious over-staffing.

C. I. G.

GENERAL MANAGER,
UGANDA RAILWAY

W. B. Murray

The Mexican Commission is composed

of the following:

Mr. (M. Chaves) Con. General both
Regions Federico Zaldivar
Colonel Comandante las Historias Sec.

For the M.

Captain General Mr. Alvarado Diaz
Capt. de Brigada Coronel Diaz

It was the desire of the M. to first

see Mr. Winter Collier as above by telephone
and in his presence to suggest that
one telegram P.O. to find out the date
and location of Mexican party
subject to anything no longer

141. 1. Subsequent to
your tel. 21 May 210 P.D.
regarding additional staff see para. 3

letter (3) herewith enclosed with my last
letter (1) bearing enclosed with my last
letter (4) dated April 30th I have consulted with
and shall be ready at 7 AM will telegraph
definite recommendations as to any
changes required in connection with Mexican
in order that changes may be appropriate
Mexican Staff in offices one colonia

para. dictum concern there

With care I send copy (D.M.O.)

Giving the names of all the Mexican
personnel as set out above, and
(possibly) as above copy of the affidavit
herewith

for the purpose indicated in the
and like present object.

Very

Mr. B. Morris

The Malian Commission is composed
as follows -

Mr. Col (Engineer) Capt Giovanni Rizzo
Major Federico Zamora
Martial Councillor Capt. Antonio Scotti

Admiral

Captain of Cavalry Adm. de Clavijo
Capt. P. Rodriguez Coroneo Esteban

It is requested to add to staff

Mr. Winterton - available by telegraph
of the French 3rd Sapeurs that
are members P.O. to find in Gao
in connection of their posts.

Subject to anything he says

161. Tabalane Comm

Your tel 21 May 210/10

regards additional staff see para. 3
letter to me may enclosed with my despatch
11 April 3460 have consulted our
and shall be glad if you will telegraph
refined recommendations as to what
staff necessary in addition to those given
in order that me may be apprached

Malian staff two officers one colonel

please did not concern him

With Comd send a pt 170100

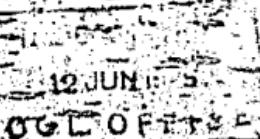
giving the names of all the Malian
personnel as set out above and
(if possible) a close copy of the aff to
himself

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and the presence of the

Colleagues

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The Director of Military Operations and

Intelligence presents his compliments to the Under

Secretary of State for the Colonies and begs to

acknowledge the receipt of his letter, with its

enclosures, of 8th June, 1925.

G.O.

As per
Enclosure

7th June 1925

1st P.M. 12/6

AMER

War Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

11th June, 1925.

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Brooklyn 25 fm



1. Mr. Dore
2. Mr. Griswold
3. Mr. Marion Smith
4. Mr. Ormsby Gore
5. Mr. Avery

DRAFT

27 May

(A) H. S.P. L B.M.
Tutorium C.A.G. D.S.O. R.P.

Dear General Secretary

an Office

We have received from

The A.G. Govt. of Kerala

Telegram which reads as follows

"Refugee camp at Tukk

No. 16. It is now found

impossible to supply a

topographer locally,

with that additional

topographer be sent with

Clifford

Rec'd 23-5-25

I am to take care

have Clifford in our
correspondence, but he does not
it will be known to you

You will remember that
in our letter to the Treasury

(Point 6) we said that

it was considered necessary

at the present stages, that a

second P. & T. Officer should

be appointed, but that it is the

cost of a small addition

not being imposed for technical

work, we would approach

the Treasury again

9. It therefore becomes

necessary before any

question of either pay or of

choosing or even sounding

any extra person

a man can be considered

to put the matter to the

Treasury, and get their

advice to go ahead.

We should, however, be

very glad to have at this

para 3

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Mr. Simcock
Sir J. Shand-Taylor
Sir G. Davis
Sir A. Ormrod
Sir J. Anderson Smith
Mr. Ormsby-Gore
Mr. Astor

DRAFT

Stage one, there may be
many more cases before
necessity for sending out
the second telegrapher

The mention of the name
Clifford in the C. I. seems to

indicate that he is world
also like to be known and

P. & T. Officer, we should be

glad to have your observations

followed by you

correspondence, in which case

little guidance can be given

at this stage.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) W. O. BOTTOMLEY

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Commission will be composed

as follows:

Act. General of Engineers Law

Giovanni Dotta

Major Federico Lammarco

Colonial counselor Law

Confucio Scaria

Captain of Engineering Services

Bonacina (Secretary)

Captain Bergamini Cesario

Gen. Giulio Bertacchi

The Commission of Study

Group to discuss Case 8

After first concurrence

with the Gov. Governor of Kenya

the increase to

as the subject of addition to

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To the Indian Section P.M.

Concerning an article

related to formation

Army

9 June 1923

Redline
sheet (Sultan Hamud to Makindu road) sent to us in 49248/24, and from that sheet I have indicated by a thin line the course of the boundary of the Game Reserve cutting off at Makindu the 40,000 acres mentioned in paragraph 6 of 32016/23 to be outside the Game Reserve.

All this land (200,000 acres) is entirely separate from the land proposed to be reserved for Indians. Those proposals have not yet been accepted by the Indians or the Government of India, and it was decided on 32016/23 that the 200,000 acre scheme could not be considered until a area for Indians had been decided upon.

The Indian scheme is certainly hampering me and the local Indians will apparently have nothing to do with it. We do not yet know 129924 whether the Government of India will send an expert to inspect. But I am inclined to agree with the O.A.G. that by this time we can, at all events, begin to consider the Indian scheme. Since it seems certain that any objection to the Indian area will depend on its getting water, and that, therefore, this still more preferred area will not be acceptable either as a fluctuating or permanent area.

As regards the Wild Fauna Society, please see their letters 42126/23 and 29895/24. In the original proposals, the Acting Governor said that the land which could have to be taken away from the Game Reserve could be made up elsewhere, but the present despatch shows that there are not yet any clear ideas on this subject. I think, it necessary to make such a substitution if not, we shall certainly have criticism.

Subject to this substitution being possible, the only question is whether this scheme is really worth while. The proposals are in the Public Notice enclosed in 32016/23, and they involve finding people

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who are prepared to do the preliminary work of irrigating for water. That involves, even if water is available, considerable capital burden on developing companies and the consequent necessity for cultivating high value crops, which involves the use of a considerable amount of labour. The whole question seems to me to be one of whether, in present conditions, we can justify in inviting people to subscribe capital for schemes which must lead to demands for the supply of labour at a time when our labour problem is far from satisfactory. My view of that problem (or what it is worth) is that there will always be a considerable surplus of labour for work outside the native reserves, however successful we are in developing cultivation within the reserves but I think that we have no grounds for assuming that this available surplus will, within the next few generations be more than adequate for the cultivable land already alienated, and that very soon shall be forced by the facts of the case to limit future alienations to those fat plots which could be conveniently combined with permanent farms which have already been cultivated.

I shall that a broadly considered despatch on this question of alienation in relation to the labour supply in the near future is badly needed from the local Government. It is probably one of the first points which Sir D. Grieres will take up, but in any case, I think that this despatch should be answered by a request that the general problem may be considered and reported by the new Governor on his arrival.

to C. Johnson
6/3/25
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KENYA

N.S.O.

CONFIDENTIAL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

NAIROBI

KENYA

21st May, 1925

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Sir,

RECD

I have the honour to refer to Kenya despatch Confidential No. 332 of 28th May, 1923, and the Secretary of State's despatch, Confidential, of 15th August, 1923, in regard to proposals for the development of reservoir lands lying between Sultan Hamud and Marindu.

Consideration of these proposals was deferred by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire pending the submission by this Government of a scheme for the reservation of land for Indians in the Lowlands. Such a scheme was prepared and forwarded to you with three despatches, Confidential, Nos. of 29th March, 1924, and No. 219 of September 11th, 1924, but no further communication in reply to these offers have been received from the East African Indian National Congress nor, so far as I am aware, has it made any attempt to inspect the land in question. An inspection by an officer of the Government of India had not eventuated in the second enclosure to Mr. Thomas's Confidential despatch of 20th November, 1924.

Enquiries are again being made locally in regard to water-boring proposals and there are indications that serious efforts will be made to develop these waterless areas. I am anxious that an early attempt should be

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S. L. L.C.M.S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.1

be made to test the possibilities of this and I would ask that approval be now given to proceed with the scheme submitted in the despatch under reference. I trust you will agree that the lack of interest shown by the Indian Congress in the original proposals devised for them over a year ago does not warrant the further postponement of the possibility of developing a large tract of hitherto barren land and I would recall the fact that participation in the present scheme is open to Europeans and Asiatics alike and that nine applications from Asiatics were received when the scheme was published in 1923.

The objections raised by the Society for the protection of Fauna and forwarded with their covering despatch of 5th September, 1923, have received due consideration though actual modifications of the areas in question have not been discussed pending approval to the reopening of the scheme. Those details will be submitted for your approval at a later date if the introduction of the scheme under review is sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

ANTHONY COOPER

13.7.

Bottamley is. 14.7.

Mrs. Strachey.

Shuckburgh.

Davis.

Brindley.

Merton Smith.

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DRAFT.

July 1925.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge

confidential.

the receipt of your confidential despatch

of 69 of the 21st of May regarding the pro-

posed scheme to develop the waterless land to the

south of the Uganda Railway, lying between

Sultan Hamud and Mafindu.

While there is no doubt no reason
why the scheme should be further delayed in

connexion with the question of Indian settle-
ment, it seems to me that it raises at

once amongst other considerations, the

important question of the necessary supply

of labour. I am of opinion therefore, that

the

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the general problem of the relation of further
alienations of land to the supply of labour
should first be considered, and that the
point should be brought before Sir Edward
Grigg on his arrival in the Colony with a
view to his enquiring into the matter and
furnishing me with his recommendations.

I have, etc.,

SIR J. S. AMERY

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amongst others contains the important
question of the necessary supply of

I am of opinion that force
abreast and ~~to all other~~ shall

that -
therefore for the general problem

the number of persons necessary for
can assist for the cause & first
time to the capture of New Haven & first
rebel by S. Second. So far

as I understand my view is that

we are not to go before the rebels
should be captured before we can get
away from them.

Cutter said the single best way

and he and I had given out
as well his recommended actions