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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the  
British Resident, Zanzibar, dated 17th  
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No. 21706/1. January 17th. I should be glad of your views  
on Imperial Shipping Committee's signed Interim  
Report on East African Shipping Service which I  
understand has been sent to you, anxious to arrive  
joint agreement and embody your views in reply to  
despatch from the Secretary of State, vide my  
letter of November 17th, 1923, No. 21291/2/13.

GOVERNOR.

THE RESIDENCY,  
ZANZIBAR.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's telegram No. 21706/1 of the 17th of January asking for my views on the Interim Report of the Imperial Shipping Committee, and referring to your despatch No. S. 2129/2/13 of the 17th of November, 1923.

2. A reply (No. 899(6700) of the 29th of December, 1923) was sent by the Acting Resident to Your Excellency's despatch but no action appears to have been taken thereon owing, I presume, to the fact that Uganda and Tanganyika Territory were not prepared to participate in the proposed Committee.

3. Should a local East African Committee be formed representing both the Governments and the public of all the East African Dependencies to deal not only with freight but with all questions connected with steamship services to and from the East Coast of Africa, I am still prepared, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, to carry out the proposals contained in the despatch of the 29th of December, 1923, referred to above.

4. From Section 12 of the Interim Report it would appear, however, that the present recommendation is that a local Association of Merchants and Planters should be formed to consult with the local Shipping Agents on the subject of freights only, and as such I am of opinion that it would not

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His Excellency,

The Governor,

Kenya Colony,

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be desirable for the Zanzibar Government who are not direct shippers, to take any part therein.

5. I have asked the Zanzibar Chamber of Commerce for their views on the Report, and they are of opinion that Zanzibar should associate itself with any Association that may be formed, but they have not informed me whether they would be prepared to send a representative to Mombasa. I am addressing them further on this point and will advise Your Excellency in due course as to their reply.

6. In this connection I may mention that while the Zanzibar Chamber of Commerce claims to be fully representative of shipping interests to European and American ports they are not representative of shippers to India. Questions of freight charges, etc., etc., to India are very important ones to the inhabitants of the Zanzibar Protectorate, and I am of opinion that if the suggested Committee be formed, there should be Indian as well as European representation thereon and that Zanzibar Indian Merchants and shippers should be invited to send a member.

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Si/- A. C. Hollis.

BRITISH RESIDENT.

No. 899 (6700).

THE RESIDENCY,  
ZANZIBAR,

29th December, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Denham's despatch No.S.21291/2/13 of the 17th of November, enclosing a copy of the recommendations of the Shipping Conference recently held at Nairobi, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that this Government concurs with the proposal to form an East African Shipping Committee but desires at present to limit its participation in the scheme to a period of twelve months after which its continued participation will be reconsidered.

2. Should the proposal materialize arrangements will be made for a representative of this Government to attend the meetings of the Committee whenever possible, and, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, a sum of £200 will be contributed from the funds of the Protectorate towards the office expenses of the Committee for the first year. The Zanzibar Chamber of Commerce have also signified their approval of the proposal referred to.

3. I may add that in my opinion the meetings of the Committee should be held at Mombasa and not at Nairobi, both for the reason that the Shipping Companies have their head-offices at the former town, and for the reason that the representation of this Protectorate, and presumably also of Tanganyika Territory would be thereby greatly facilitated.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) E. Costley-White,

ACTING BRITISH RESIDENT.

His Excellency,  
The Governor,  
Kenya Colony,  
Nairobi.