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6TH DECEMBER 1921

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SUBJECT

RAILWAY UNALLOCATED STORES ACCOUNT

Requests sanction to limit imposed on stock being raised to £450,000.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Oswald
- Sir E. Lambert
- Sir H. Road
- Mr. Masterson Smith
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

Previous Paper

MINUTES

Sir E. Stephenson

Mr. Bottinley

See also minute on 35277.

A good deal of water has flowed under the bridges since this despatch was written, and I should be inclined now, in replying to this despatch, to refer to the despatch proposed on 35277, and say that for the reasons there given the Secretary of State would be loth to agree to the increase here proposed, especially having regard to the recent great fall in the price of rolling stock, rails, etc. While of course it is neither desirable nor economical to have to order our stores in a hurry, or to have the execution of a work delayed, owing to the stock of stores being insufficient, on the other hand, it is not undesirable, especially at the present time of fluctuating prices, to look

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up in stores more than is absolutely
necessary. It is desirable, there-
fore, that the Governor should
reconsider the matter in the light of
the above remarks, and that he should give
his detailed reasons for such limit
e, after further consideration, he
may recommend to be imposed.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

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8th December, 1921.

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Sir,

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With reference to my predecessor's despatch No. 465 of May 11th, 1914, regarding the method of financing the Unallocated Stores Account of the Uganda Railway, I have the honour to request that the limit imposed on the stocks held be revised.

2. For some years past the figure below which stock has been kept has been £150,000 the authority for which has now been lost to view but in view of the increase in prices ranging from 100% to 150% in prices and because of the rolling stock, buildings, rails ~~and fittings~~ generally together with replacements required for the general expansion of the Railway the General Manager considers that the limit should be raised to £450,000.

3. I concur with his opinion and trust that you will accord your sanction to this increase.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

for GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WINSTON CHURCHILL, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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- Mr. H. Read
- Mr. J. Masterton Smith.
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill.

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No 1733 of the 8th of December, in
which ~~it was~~ requested that the
limit imposed on the stocks
held by the Uganda Railway
might be raised.
I would refer ~~you~~
to my despatch No
of the 1304th of September, on the
subject of the similar limit
in the case of stocks held by
the P.W.D. I should be
glad, for the reasons ~~given~~ ^{stated}
in that despatch, to agree to
the increase ~~which~~ ^{proposed}
~~proposed~~, especially having
regard to the recent great fall.

to the price of rolling stock,
nearly etc. while of course it
is neither desirable, nor economical
to reduce the stock of stores to
such an extent, that orders
for urgent work would have
to be placed without proper
consent, or that the execution
of work would be delayed, I
do not consider that it would
be ~~undoubtedly~~ ~~undoubtedly~~ especially at
the present time of fluctuating
prices, to lock up in stores
on charge a greater sum of
money than is absolutely
necessary.

I shall therefore be
glad if you will reconsider
the matter in the light of the
foregoing reasons, and submit
to a detailed reasons for
such limit as appears further
consonant with your recommendation
to be imposed.

Signed ... S. CALDWELL