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FROM
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DATE
28TH DECEMBER 1921

FOR CIRCULATION :-
Mr.
Mr.
Mr.
Mr. Grindle
Sir H. Lambert
Sir H. Road
Sir G. Kiddes
Mr. Wood
Mr. Churchill

SUBJECT
QUARANTINE FACILITIES
TO SERVE KILINDINI & MOMBASA HARBOURS
Reports that owing to need for economy decided no expenditure should be incurred on provision of facilities at Kipevu and that present arrangements for utilising Z'bar station should be continued. It is hoped to construct the Kipevu station eventually. States arrangements made to obviate sending ships to Z'bar.

Previous Paper

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W. B. Sturges
We did not promise a further comm. on 24/20/21 to the B.N.S. Co - a road be provided to get right unless they write again: probably their agent in S. of. will know explanation of position.

The arrangement in para 5 was well received, but it does not sound like a scheme that will work well in practice.

I have, however, that we had asked you what the new scheme (para 6) is - as well as not want to see us doing

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Subsequent Paper

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in putting the case in
Kanga unnecessary.
x we may be able to
get useful advice on
the scheme from
M. J. H.

ask Governor
accordingly.

J.C.H.
31.1.22

Yes. Quanta is a
matter on which we must
take care to be fully informed.

J.C.H.
31.1.22

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KENYA
No. 1813.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

28th December, 1921.

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 1565 of 15th October enclosing correspondence with the British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, on the subject of the provision of quarantine facilities at Kipevu to serve the harbours at Kilindini and Mombasa, I have the honour to inform you that a beginning was made with the carrying out of a scheme estimated in 1918 to cost Rs. 731,050 by the erection of some buildings on the Kipevu site.

2. A sum of £11,600 was provided in the 1921 Estimates for expenditure upon the scheme (Head XXIX item 1) but it was later found that in order adequately to equip the station, some £40,000 would be required.

3. On this account and in view of the urgent need for economy I decided that no expenditure should be incurred and that the present arrangement for utilizing the Zanzibar Quarantine Station should be continued. For this privilege this Government has paid to the Zanzibar Government £1,375 during the nine months of 1921, and the latter administration has concurred in the continuance of the arrangement.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

4. There is however no intention of definitely relinquishing the provision of a Quarantine Station at Kipevu, which is considered to be the only suitable site, and when funds are available the work will be taken in hand. No provision has been made for this in 1922.

5. For some years past the only disease for which it has been necessary to quarantine ships has been small-pox. An endeavour to reduce the inconvenience and expense incurred by Shipping Companies in sending to Zanzibar ships which are placed in quarantine for small-pox, has been made by allowing the discharging and loading of cargo at Mombasa either by using the ships' crew to work the cargo or, where extra help is necessary, by using a registered gang of shore coolies who have previously been successfully vaccinated, the Shipping Companies making every endeavour to ensure that the members of gang so employed report to the Health Officer for a specified number of days after completion of unloading.

6. The latter arrangement has not however been entirely successful and an improvement is being attempted by the Medical Department. Should this prove a failure the privilege will be withdrawn although infected ships will still be at liberty to work cargo with their own crews.

7. If this again should be found impracticable, all that remains is for the ships to proceed to Zanzibar, which it may be observed is only 12 hours' steaming distant from Mombasa.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your humble, obedient servant,

Edmond Halliday

GOVERNOR.

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Gov. Northey.

[Signature] 2nd Dec. 1922

Sir

I have the honour to ack. the

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Mr. Seel 1.2.22

Mr. Parkinson *[Signature]*

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Sir H. Lambert.

Sir H. Reed.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Wood.

Mr. Churchill.

receipt of your despatch No. 1873.

of the 22nd of December 1921,

regarding the provision of quarantine
KIPERV.

facilities at Kisumu to serve the

harbours at Kilindini and

Mombasa.

2. I observe from para. 6 of

your despatch that the Medical

Dept. is attempting to improve

provisional
The arrangement by which shipping
Companies are allowed to ^{make} use of registered
^{thoroughly vaccinated}
gangs of shore coolies to assist in discharging
and loading cargo at Bombay, in order
to reduce the inconvenience and expense
involved in sending to Hongkong ships

which are placed in quarantine for
smallpox, and I should be glad to receive
particulars of the ^{new arrangements} ~~scheme~~ which
the Medical Dept. has in contemplation,
~~and it is possible that I may be able~~
~~to obtain useful notices upon it from~~
~~the Commissioner of Health~~

Signed; WINSTON S. CHURCHILL