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THIKA TRAMWAY

This copy letter from Acting Director of P.W. showing final estimate of expense necessary for construction. Total sum required £62,770 or £2,770 in excess of the amount originally provided under Loan. Asks if any excess can be charged to portion of loan of £250,000 previously allocated to other loan works.

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Mr. B. Stanley Sir G. Fields

The original Est. for the Thika Tramway was £60000 included in the £2500000 loan. Govt 310/13 herewith (with out docket) shows how the P.W. Est. estimated the exp<sup>n</sup> in detail for the current year. The approved total has been exceeded by £2770, so far as figures are now available.

It is exceedingly difficult to estimate with accuracy the cost of such an undertaking

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Then there are so many uncertain  
factors of labor cost  
of material.

In meeting the extra cost,  
I wd take the necessary sum  
from the loan funds allotted  
to the Pub. Water supply at  
Mombasa - preferably the  
fund, as we shall doubtless  
have to cope with hitherto  
unforeseen generally and larger  
cost than originally contemplated.

It is fortunate now that the  
P. W. Loan Ord. 1912 did not  
contain a schedule, as Mr Butler  
suggested in his comments on  
my draft. So far as the  
loan goes, we can without any  
difficulty re-allocate the loan  
funds as we wish.

This is a case in which,  
I think, the Treasury must  
still be consulted on an  
Ent. financial matter.

? copy to Treasury for comment -  
may that subject to Th.  
concurrence P.W. propose  
to direct £2770 (or such  
sum as may ultimately prove  
necessary for the completion of  
the Treasury in excess of the  
£6000 allotted) from  
the sum originally allotted  
out of the same loan of £222  
£25000 for the deep water  
pier at K. Mombasa.

Ally

<sup>20/7/13</sup>  
I think we had better consult Treasury &  
propose they have shown signs of taking  
an interest in the disposal of the £200,000  
provisioned for the pier.

[Nothing has as yet been done  
to the Mombasa line. It was expected to  
be done in July.]

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August 23rd 1913.

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Sir,

*for  
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Mr. Tanner  
Jul 26th

With reference to my despatch No. 742 of the 22nd of October 1912, I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a letter from the Acting Director of Public Works showing the final estimate of the expenditure necessary for the completion of the Thika Tramway.

2. It will be seen that the total sum required is £62,770, of which £1,467 is attributable to certain additional work required by the Manager of the Uganda Railway for services not originally provided, or £2,770 in excess of the amount originally provided under the loan. Having regard to the local difficulties of labour, together with the extension of the line by half a mile, and the other reasons given by the Acting Director of Public Works, I am of opinion that the loss of £1,303 on the actual construction is a matter for congratulation.

3. It is anticipated that these figures will eventually prove comparatively accurate, but until the work is actually completed, the exact amount cannot necessarily be ascertained. I have thought

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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it advisable however to inform you of this probable excess in expenditure and to ask whether it can be found possible to charge any such excess to a portion of the £250,000 loan previously allocated to other Loan Works but which it is found impossible to expend at present.

I have the honour to be,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*J. H. Murray*  
GOVERNOR.

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INCLOSURE  
No. 13 of 23/8

U.G. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
HEAD OFFICE,  
NAIROBI.

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July 26 1913

Thika Tramway. Estimate to complete.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the final estimate for completion of this line, the total amount being £22,770.

1. Of the £22,770 which are in excess of the amount originally allotted for the work £1,467 are for additional work now asked for by the Hon'ble Manager Uganda Railway and that officer states that such additional work, in the form of sidings &c at Thika Station, are necessary to bring the Thika Branch into conformity with the main line. Various improvements have been made in siding accommodation on the main line since the Tramway was started necessitating similar work on the Tramway.

*Handwritten note:* K. 10/11/13

*Handwritten note:* some of the extra work done since

2. The estimated net excess of £1,303 over the amount allowed is more than accounted for by the following:-

- Shortage of labour at certain periods and increase in rates of wages.
- High rates of wages to Supervisors obtained from India.

THE HON'BLE CHIEF SECRETARY,  
THRU THE HON'BLE THE TREASURER,  
NAIROBI.



Insufficient supply of trucks.  
Inefficiency of the one locomotive available.

Delay in return of permanent way material loaned to Uganda Railway for Busoga and Nagadi lines.

Delay in obtaining materials from Mombasa owing to congestion of traffic on main line.

Length of line  $31\frac{1}{2}$  miles instead of 31 as originally estimated. Value of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile at rate of original estimate works out at £268.

4. The original estimate was prepared at a time when a preliminary reconnaissance only was available and grades up to 4 per cent were provided for. There are now no grades in the line exceeding 3 per cent subsequent instructions having been received to that effect; also it was eventually decided to substitute steel sleepers for wooden representing an increased expenditure on this particular item of £7300.

5. I have instructed the Resident Engineer to proceed with the improvements asked for by the Hon'ble Manager as he informs me they are essential and that if necessary the cost must be met from the funds for improvements in the main line. Such procedure does not appear desirable seeing that the Tika Branch is not yet completed and I trust that it will be possible to increase the amount of the loan to the figure given in my first paragraph.

6. Considering the incessant difficulties which have been experienced which could not be foreseen, I

consider that the small amount now estimated in excess of the original amount is extremely creditable to the engineer in charge.

Encl. 1.

*etc*  
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/-W.H. Tanner,

Ag: Director of Public Works.

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INDIA TRAMWAY.

Estimate for completion of the

SUMMARY.

	Rs.	Cts.
1. Administration.	48,280	66
2. Survey.	533	62
3. Land.		---
4. Earthwork.	145,536	60
5. Bridges.	79,893	25
6. Fencing.		---
7. Gradient & Mile Posts.		---
8. Telegraph.		---
9. Permanent Way.	857,016	55
10. Stations, Buildings, Ac.	12,809	46
11. Tools & Plant.	17,492	57
	<u>Rs. 962,531</u>	<u>78</u>
Credits.	<u>19,772</u>	<u>51</u>
Net Total.	Rs. 942,809	51

or

₹. 62,770.



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Ans'd 39903

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The Sec. of the Treasury

25 Sept 1913.

Si,

• MINUTE.

- Mr. Bell 2/29/13
- Mr. Ballowley 24/9/13
- Sir G. Poles.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

I am directed by the Sec. Harcourt  
 to you, for the reason of  
 the Z.C. of the Treasury,  
 a copy of a disp. from  
 the Gov. of the East  
 together with a letter  
 from the Acting Director  
 of Public Works relating  
 to the cost of the  
 construction of the New  
 Thika Railway.

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2. For the construction of this  
Drainage a sum of  
£60,000 was allocated  
in the loan of £250,000  
for Public Works in the  
East, but this sum  
will not quite suffice  
to cover the cost. In view  
therefore to the exigencies,  
with the purpose to ~~direct~~  
the sum of £2770 (or such  
further sum as may be  
found necessary) for the  
completion of the Drainage  
in excess of the sum  
originally allotted  $\frac{2}{3}$  from  
that portion of the same  
loan ~~allotted~~ for the

the construction of a deep  
water pier at Kilmuir

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