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UASIN GISHU RAILWAY

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10th June

Refers to his confidential despatch of 29th May from which it will be seen that he does not desire to defer commencement of construction until whole line has been surveyed. Concurs with Mr Lloyd that construction should commence as soon as the fixation of the first section has been definitely settled.

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CONFIDENTIAL No. 108

10th June 1914.



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Sir,

In reply to your confidential despatch of May 15th, 1914, under cover of which you have forwarded for my observations copy of a letter from Mr George Lloyd, M.P., dated May 14th, 1914, on the subject of the survey and construction of the Uasin Gishu Railway, I have the honour to make reference to the concluding portion of paragraph 11 of my confidential despatch of May 29th, 1914, from which you will observe that I do not desire to defer the commencement of construction until the whole line has been finally surveyed.

2. The General Manager and I agree in thinking that if a loan of £1,000,000 can be raised that sum will so sufficiently cover the cost of construction and all contingencies connected therewith that it will not be necessary to delay initiation of the work until final survey has reduced the estimate to more accurate figures, and we concur with Mr Lloyd in believing that it will be mutually advantageous to the Protectorate and to the financiers that the work

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work shall commence as soon as the fixation of the first section has been definitely settled.

3. The necessity for a complete and final survey of the whole line prior to the commencement of construction would only arise if the grant of a concession for such construction was contemplated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. P. ...
 Deputy GOVERNOR.
In the presence of witnesses