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No. 624

July 1st, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 398 of April 28th, 1914, and to the question put in the House of Commons by Sir William Pyles on April 22nd on the subject of accommodation for labourers travelling on the Uganda Railway, I have the honour to report the action which has been taken.

2. Some three months ago I conferred with the General Manager and the Chief Mechanical Engineer regarding the style of vehicle which would be most suitable for this class of traffic, and pointed out to the General Manager that, even if it were impracticable on account of paucity of material to fully meet requirements at an early date, it would be well to complete one carriage as soon as possible both in order that the public may realise that steps are being taken to improve the means of transport and that we may

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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may be in a position to judge by practical experiment of the sufficiency of the accommodation provided.

3. I ascertained that it would be possible to proceed at once with the construction of one vehicle. A design was accordingly elaborated, in consultation with the Chief Sanitary Officer, of which I enclose a print. I also enclose an extract from a letter by the General Manager describing the improvements which are being introduced. The construction of this carriage is now being carried out with all possible despatch, and, if it is found to be suitable for this special purpose, additional stock of a similar description will be put in hand as soon as the necessary material is received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Alanoag Beyjed

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In Despatch No. 626 of July 1st 1914

Extract from letter No. C12/15 of 5th June 1914

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From the Hon. General Manager, Uganda Railway.

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The proposed new Coach for 3rd Class will comfortably provide seating accommodation for 89 passengers. There is latrine accommodation at the centre a very necessary addition for long distance traffic. Three doors are put in at each side so that there will be no crowding in getting the passengers in and out of the coach. Ample top window ventilation and lighting arrangements are being allowed for, and the latrines will be constructed so as to be aseptic as also ample supply of water for use of passengers and for cleansing purposes. It must be recollected that this is a hill railway and we have to make the most of the space at our disposal and in the proposed design, I think, this is achieved.

I must also point out that the present 4 wheel-
ed 3rd class carriages are being improved as much
as possible and we have a large number of these
improved carriages now running.
