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10th August

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LOAN OF £375,000  
TWO 50 TON LIGHTERS FOR L.VICTORIA

Sends letter from Railway Manager and requests sanction to necessary re-allocation from sum provided for dredger and hopper. States as to Manager's action in effecting purchase on so large a scale in absence of sanctioned provision.

Mr. 574 20 Sept

Mr. Read

I think the Govt. does well to enquire how Taylor had already committed himself to this expenditure when he sent in the letter enclosed in 16052. I.e. his allocation of £10,000 for the dredger & hopper in that letter, meant that nearly £1,000 of the money was required for these two lighters & the balance is not sufficient for a dredger & hopper. Clearly Mr Taylor submits his figures under reservations which he divulges when the accounts come in.

The dredger money must be either added to a sum that dredger may be bought, or allocated to other purposes. As he is not sure in the first it is not much use asking what he has a view.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 742.

August 10th, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter with enclosure from the General Manager of the Uganda Railway on the subject of the purchase of two 50-ton lighters for the Lake Victoria Nyanza and to request your sanction to the necessary re-allocation from the sum of £10,000 inserted for a dredger and hopper in the Schedule of Works to be carried out under the £375,000 loan enclosed in my despatch No. 241 of the 8th of April 1913.

Genl. Manager  
2-7-14

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2. Although I should in any case have supported the General Manager's proposal, I consider that his action in effecting a telegraphic purchase on so large a scale in the absence of sanctioned provision and without reference

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

reference to myself was entirely out of order, and that the fact that expedition was deemed desirable was no sufficient reason for omitting that reference.

3. I have recently seen these targes at Kisumu and consider that we have done well to secure them at the price.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Alonso B. B. B.*

GOVERNOR.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 1122 of 10<sup>th</sup> 1914No. P/20/21  
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Nairobi,

July 2nd, 1914.

50-ton Lighters for Lake Victoria.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the Secretary of State's sanction may be asked to the purchase of two 50-ton lighters at a cost of £295 each delivered F.A.S. London.

2. In October last I received a communication, copy enclosed, from the Crown Agents suggesting the purchase of two lighters which were ready for despatch and which were extremely cheap. These small lighters I at once saw would be most useful for the Hoseini and the Mackinnon to work in the Gulf Ports and also invaluable for bringing in fuel and as lighters were most urgently wanted I telegraphed for them accordingly.

3. The lighters are now being erected and their total cost including freight and erection amount to £275. This sum with His Excellency's concurrence I suggest should be met from the £375,000 loan out of which £45,800 was set aside

The Hon. The Chief Secretary  
to the Government,  
Nairobi.

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aside for Lake Ports improvements and I suggest that some portion of the sum allotted for the dredger and hopper be allotted to the purchase of these lighters. The dredger and hopper are wanted but the funds at our disposal are inadequate to purchase one.

4. The Table of the £375,000 loan will require revising and I will address you further on this matter.

I have etc.

sd. F. E. TAYLOR

General Manager,  
Uganda Railway.

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Whitehall Gardens,  
London.

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102.W/U.R.2285 of 3rd October 1913.

Requisition No. 2285.

Sir,

With reference to our telegrams of the 12th and 22nd September on the subject of the cost of lighters I enclose for your information a copy of an offer which has been received from the Remie Forrestt Shipbuilding Engineering and Dry Dock Company Limited for the supply of two 50-ton lighters for the sum of 1295 each delivered F.A.S.London.

We understand that they were built for another purchaser and then taken into stock by the builders in connection with some change of arrangements.

2. These vessels have been built to the specification which accompanies the firm's letter and are now complete in every way except that the joints have been left unriveted to permit of dismantling for shipment. In the event of the offer being accepted it would therefore be possible to ship the two vessels immediately in pieces for re-erection.

3. If it is desired to purchase the lighters, it would be desirable to inform us by telegraph. We should of course have them inspected before purchasing.

I am etc.  
sd. P.Ezechiel,  
for Crown Agents.

The Manager, U.Rly.,  
Nairobi.



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25 September 1914

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 742 of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Augt. and to inform you that I approve of the re-allocation of the sum of £10,000 provided for a dredger and hopper <sup>which is</sup> necessitated by the purchase of two 50-ton lighters for the Lake Victoria ~~system~~

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(SIGNED) L. H. BARTLET.

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