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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LEST AND NOLBAGA

Reports that persons interested in Tanniland are at present being impeded by the lack of adequate facilities. Steamships for use of contact with the B.I.S. are being procured and if the U.S. are prepared to enter into such a contract that their offer should be accepted.

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Copy to the F.R.O. for info with
reference to the 20th of August
in 1907 and with the directors of
the B.I.S. & Co. approved as well
report to the proposed arrangement

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 484.

August 30th, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram No. 91 of the 24th of April last and to your despatch No. 219 of the 13th idem I have the honour to inform you that urgent representations have been received from the Administrative Offices of the Tanganyika Province and also from different firms trading at Lamu, having planting or other interests in that locality, regarding the lack of adequate facilities for transport and communication between Lamu and Mombasa. There is no doubt that the activities of persons interested in the development of the Tanganyika Province are being retarded on that account.

2. I have therefore given favourable consideration to an application by the local representatives of the British India Steam Navigation Company

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
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Company for a special concession in respect of the passages of Government Officials between East Africa and India, to be granted in return for regular monthly calls at Lamu by the British India Steamers trading between East Africa and India, which do not at the present make Lamu a port of call. The most desirable arrangement would be one which would fit in with the suggestions of my telegram referred to above, viz: that the steamers of the Zanzibar-India Service should call at Kismayu on the voyage to India and at Lamu on the voyage from India; the Aden-Zanzibar Steamers also calling at Kismayu on the Southward and at Lamu on the Northward voyages. It has, however, been represented that a more suitable arrangement from the point of view of the Shipping Company would be for the Zanzibar-Aden Steamers to call at Kismayu on the outward voyage to India and for the Aden-Zanzibar Steamers to perform a similar service in respect of Lamu with a monthly call in either direction. This arrangement, although the less desirable of the two, would be a great improvement on the existing situation and I am prepared to recommend it accordingly.

3. The present expenditure of the Administration of this Protectorate for passages of Officers to and from India is about £4,800 per annum, the fares being either 2nd class or deck,

and

and the negotiations mentioned have been on the basis of the grant of a monopoly of these passages, subject to reasonable exceptions in cases of emergency, in return for the Shipping facilities referred to. I understand that the local agents are communicating with the Directors in London and in the course of the British India Steam Navigation Company being prepared to enter into a contract on the lines suggested I would advise that the offer be accepted. It would be convenient for such contract to be for periods of one year, with automatic renewal failing three months notice by one of the parties.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.