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It is to be understood that a copy of the  
minutes of a copy of the agreement  
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This draft agreement was handed to (A. Seely) for a deputation of Directors for Seely's understanding, spoke to him about it & there is no objection to draft in terms of principle before doing so it should be submitted to the Finance Dept. with a request that they will obtain expert advice upon it - very confidentially - to see whether from a shipping point of view we require any claims or provisions for our protection. The Finance Dept. also to be good enough to permit the draft to make any suggestion.

This is forming the basis to be incorporated into the draft.

J.S.K.  
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The enclosed Agreement provides for a direct service via the Suez Canal between the United Kingdom and East Africa.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved it and is anxious that it should be signed this week. In principle the Department - including Mr. Clarke - have always been anxious in the interests of Zanzibar for the establishment of such a service and the details have been arranged in consultation with the Crown Agents of the Colonies and the Post Office to see that the route to Zanzibar to be included in the Agreement without consulting Mr. Clarke.

We could not wait for communication from him so we consulted him by telegraph as to details.

The Colonial Office think that the bargain is a very good one and although we have a number of assisted passages and freight we are getting for that without realizing what all other shipping companies who have been consulted have estimated as requiring a subsidy of £60,000 or £70,000.

W.L.

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I agree B.G.

A G R E E M E N T for the establishment of a  
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the United Kingdom and East Africa.

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It is hereby agreed between His Majesty's Govern-  
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ship Company, Limited, of the other part, that - in view  
of the fact that it is desirable in the public interest  
to establish a direct service of British Steamers between  
the United Kingdom and Mombasa and Zanzibar, Chinde and  
Beira, via the Suez Canal, and in view of the fact that  
the dues charged for the passage of steamers through the  
Suez Canal create very great difficulties in the way of  
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a service of steamers to be established by the Union-Castle  
Company, in the following manner and under the following  
conditions:-

1. That the Union-Castle Company will establish  
and maintain a service of steamers to sail once in four  
weeks from a port or ports of the United Kingdom via the  
Suez Canal to British East Africa and on to Chinde and Beira,

and to return by the same route to the United Kingdom.

2. That in order to carry out the undertaking to support this service of steamers His Majesty's Government will give the conveyance of all their Government passengers and emigrants to and from the British Protectorates named in this Agreement to the steamers of the Union-Castle Company at tariff rates. In the event of urgency they will be at liberty to send one or two officials by other steamers, but this power is only to be used to a limited extent, and not to the prejudice of the Union-Castle Company's steamers.

3. His Majesty's Government agree to give to the Union-Castle Company's steamers all the freight for the Protectorates covered by this Agreement shipped by them or on their behalf at the following rates:- ordinary cargo at present tariff rates; for cement, sleepers and small parcels of rails, 20/-; for full cargoes of rails, not less than 1,000 tons, 15/-; and for railway construction material, rolling stock, etc., 22/5.

(Packages not to exceed 40 cwt. in weight or 30 feet in length).

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