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New Vessels for Lake Victoria

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Memorandum Paper

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Gives detailed explanation of the position & urges that the question of allowing the whole amount out of surplus balances may be favourably considered

Mr. Fiddes,

See also C.A./38812.

It now appears from the figures by the Crown Agents that the cost of the new vessels and the oil fuel installation, as compared with the Government's estimates, works out as follows:-

	Original estimate.	Present estimate.
Oil fuel installation	25,000	27,500
Oil fuel steamer	120,000	121,000
Steamer fuel	88,000	80,280
Total	233,000	228,780

The Crown Agents are not yet able to give the figures for freight and insurance for their own commission and the Naval Architect's fees, but the estimates quoted above do include the cost of re-erection in the Protectorate.

I submit a draft to the Crown Agents asking them to supply

supply the outstanding figures as soon as possible but it is quite evident, that the total amount will exceed by more than £10,000 the amount of which the Treasury have approved. (The work in connection with the oil fuel installation is going ahead, and it is desirable that it should, as it seems likely to be the only item which we can make sure of saving from the wreck.) The Crown Agents admit that so far they have only called for tenders from a selected firm in each case. They themselves seem rather startled by the amount of the excesses over the estimate, and they are now proposing to ut... which must take place in... a view to seeing whether some reduction... secured. This would be necessary... could ask the Treasury to approve of an... in excess of £33,000, and, as we are also... duty of providing funds, the delay of three... weeks need not be grudged.

The position as to the cost of the... unsatisfactory, but the position as to the provision of funds, as disclosed in this telegram, is not only unsatisfactory but also at present unintelligible. The Governor could, of course, find the £20,000 from balances... the money could be spent within the time, but, as... it is not likely that more than £3,000 or £4,000, namely the cost in this country of the oil fuel installation, can be expended before 1st March next. The Governor is quite unable to provide the balance of the £20,000 and the £13,000 which he has in any case to find next year on the ordinary estimates for 1912-13. He asks, in effect, to be allowed to take the

whole amount out of balances this year and next year on the strength of the general financial position of the Protectorate.

His figures, however, require elucidation. As I have recently explained on another paper, the available balance of the 31st March next... after taking the money required for... the service of the current year... deducting the £20,000...

... steamers this year... bit... matters... £10,000... will... £13,000... available... in connection with the... indicate net saving... We can, therefore... these... his telegram... was expecting... estimate of the net railway revenue, but... know... expected.

He then plunges further into the... and talks about the estimated surplus balance as on the 31st March 1913. At this point the mystery deepens. It will be seen from the figures which he

action. One is to throw over the question of the
 steamers until we have got the Estimates for 1912-13
 and can satisfy ourselves as to the position, with
 the possibility that the Governor will then be
 found right and that we cannot get the steamers on
 the terms of which the Treasury have approved. The
 other course is to get the revised estimates of cost
 Crown Agents and then throw ourselves

on the Treasury, and ask for a loan
 of their absolute necessity
 and of the responsibility of admitting the Protec-
 tion to agree to the increased resources
 which these considerable sales denote.

I generally strongly incline to the latter course.

I do not think that we could possibly take it
 on the position which we at present have from the
 Treasury and answer any of the numerous

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Telegram.

The Governor of the West Africa Protectorate
to the Secretary of State for the Colonies

(Received Colonial Office 2.42 p.m. 23rd November, 1911)

No. 260 Your telegram 22nd November situation is not
favourable :- Crown Agents report that Consulting Engineers consider
it impossible to spend more than small portion of the £20,000
this year. Under those circumstances Treasury apparently recommends
that out of any balance of £20,000 together with the £15,000 for tax
and oil fuel being provided on ordinary estimates next financial
year. You will see that as regards the £20,000 it will be
expended but unable to witness you will sanction having being placed
to credit of Public Accounts and the amount of £15,000 for
tax and oil fuel. I strongly object but would be most desirous of
ordinary expenditure. As fully aware of importance of work now
but urgent need of development and the serious effect retrenching
ordinary expenditure. In view of the present financial situation
I would urge that question of allowing whole amount of the
balance be favourably considered otherwise tax and oil fuel
must be abandoned (by) an increased revenue lost. Surplus
balance March 31st 1912 after providing for £20,000 would be
£164,800 revised. Estimated surplus balance March 31st 1913
after deducting £15,000 and reducing grant-in-aid by £50,000
is £152,000. Under circumstances I hope funds can be placed at
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Clerk's Name and Date

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March 31

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1912 PROSTARMOS PINCHINGLY TOUCHPIECE 164800 POUNDS

March 31

~~SILVERGRAN~~ ESTIMATED SURPLUS BALANCE MANURING 1915

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DRAFT (NELE...)

No. 260-100
that surplus ^{income} will be increased

Nairobi.

MINUTE:

Mr. Harter. 28th Novr.

(during ^{present} financial year by

^{income} about £74,000. If so

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understand that you ... to

keep in contact with subject

to deduct of £25,000 for steamers

and yet reduce grant in aid for that

year by £250,000. If so indicate

briefly how this is possible.

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In case
(This sounds rather like
an examination paper
But it can't be helped)
Har B.

2 drafts)

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Downing Street,

1 Dec
November, 1911.

CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter

W/Uganda Fly. 1053 of the 24th of

November, I am directed by Mr.

Secretary Harcourt to inform you

that he will be glad to be furnished

as soon as possible with the

outstanding figures as to the freight

on the oil fuel installation, the

cargo steamer, and the steam tug

required for the Uganda Railway

Steamer Service, and also with an

estimate of the amount of your

commission and of the Naval Architects'

fees, and of all other charges, in

not already specified

connection

MINUTE.

Mr. Butler. 28th Novr.

Mr. (37852)

Mr. Fiddes. *[Signature]*

Sir H. Just

Sir J. Anderson
Ennonth.

Lord ...

M. Harcourt.

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connection with these ^{articles} ~~articles~~. You will understand that what is required is a statement of all the expenses to be incurred in ~~in each item of the programme~~ ^{in each item of the programme} ~~connection with these vessels~~ in addition to those mentioned in your letter under reference and its enclosures, in order that Mr. Harcourt may ^{have before him} ~~be in a position~~ to obtain an ~~an~~ inclusive total of the expenditures proposed.

~~I am, Sir,~~

2. It is understood from the last part of your letter ~~that~~ you have already called for competitive tenders for the cargo steamer and the steaming. Mr. Harcourt approves of your having done so, and will be glad so far as possible with regard to a date as possible with regard to estimates of the cost of these ~~vessels~~ based on the ^{best} competitive tenders received. ~~It is understood~~

that no tender was accepted without specific instructions from this office.

I am
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