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(Subject.)

Railway Estimates 1908-9

and previous Papers

(Minutes)

Mr. Reade

I see little in these estimates to which it is necessary to call attention. The surplus (net savings) is estimated at £45,000. The estimate for the current year was £91,500; but the actual ^{net} surplus are not likely to exceed £65,000.

Mr. Currie is no doubt on the safe side this time. The only thing I am

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inclined to eat out is the
£2500 for the Manager's
house.

Mr Currier is entitled to
five quarters or an allowance
of something like that or other of
fact he has a house, but
he says it is not good.

quite if he has recently moved.
Our present policy has a proposal
in the general estimates for
this year is not to go on
building houses for officers
but to let them build or
rent houses for themselves
I am inclined to reject the
idea but to say that Mr

Currier may if he makes sur-
-vivor his existing house
receiving an allowance at the
rate of its estimated annual
value, or of making his own
contribution

for his housing.

I shd. submit these estimates ³⁰⁵
to the Treasury when we send
the general estimates; it does
not mix with white sending
them separately as they are
not universal.

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These Estimates should be brought before
the Finance Committee with the Spring
Estimates for next year. Keep for the present
General Estimates.

at home.
H. J. R.
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Governor's Office, 306

Nairobi 17/12/07

December 6th 1907.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 589

(Incl 13)

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Uganda Railway Estimates for 1908-09, together with copy of the forwarding letter from the Manager.

Estimated
1908-09
No. 589
No. 127/74

Your Lordship will observe that the balance of net earnings is estimated at £.75,000. As already reported a serious deficit is anticipated in the estimate of the net earnings this year owing to the abnormal conditions which prevailed in the lower districts owing to the failure of rain. In view of these conditions, which it is hoped are merely temporary, the Manager has deemed it wise not to estimate a larger sum for net earnings than that above noted.

I may, however, say that Montagu's autumn rains have

BEING SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

have now fallen, though somewhat retarded, and that all apprehensions of even partial failure of the winter crops in the Protectorate is at rest.

4. I have already addressed Your Lordship with regard to the proposed small increases of salary for certain members of the Staff.

5. As regards fuel I hope to make such arrangements with the Forestry Department as will result in a minimum of additional cost to the Railway.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

Wm. R. Miller

No. 127
74MANAGER'S OFFICE,
NAIROBI,
November 25 1907.

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to forward herewith my estimates for the working of the Uganda Railway for the year 1908-09 showing a balance of net earnings estimated at £,75,000.

2. EARNINGS

My anticipated earnings for the current year have not been realized and as I do not see any reason to suppose that there will be any substantial recovery from the existing depression until about July or August next I have been more conservative in framing the estimates for 1908-09.

They are as follows :-

Coaching	per week	per annum
	£ 1,000	£ 52,000
Goods	" 8,808	" 171,744
Stores	" 666	" 34,200
Railway material etc.	128	" 10,600
	<u>£ 10,602</u>	<u>£ 168,544</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Having estimated for lower earnings there is of course a general reduction in anticipated expenditure and the only points which require special consideration, beyond the provisions made for promotions in the superior staff

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THE GOVERNOR,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

NAIROBI.

which were fully dealt with in my confidential letter No. 123/V4 dated 19th November '07 are

Abstract A.

A.(1), (b). The excess of Rs. 1,500 is almost all due to the provision for three tinkeepers which are absolutely necessary to satisfactorily control our native labour.

Abstract B & C.

B & C, IV. The new forest arrangements will undoubtedly raise the cost of our fuel and the provision made under this subhead vizt Rs. 10,000 may possibly be found insufficient.

Abstract D.

Requires no special remarks.

Abstract E.

E, VII. I have made a provision of Rs. 1,700 for advertising in accordance with my letter No. 102/500 dated the 1st October 1907.

Abstract F.

The increase under this abstract is on account of the new engine boat "KAYAKA". As however the lake traffic will not fully recover from the recent famine until July or August next I have made provision for running the boat for 6 months only.

Abstract G.

G, IV. I have made provision for the introduction of the Provident Fund Scheme

U.S. 1005
 Forwarded to Your Excellency with my letter
 No. 104/181 B. dated the 5th October 1907.
 G. IV. I beg again to enter a protest
 against a part of the charge of the Qua-
 rantine Station at Mansibar being debited
 to the Railway.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

As I understand that provision can not be
 made in the next years estimates for
 railway officers I have not entered anything
 for starting this work but I hope that
 it will not be much longer delayed. The
 provisions made are

(1) Woolen and other materials £1,500

At present we have only one such pit at
 Nairobi. Others are badly wanted at
 Mombasa, Malindi and Port Florence. Until
 they are provided it is impossible for the
 brake inspectors to get below the carriages
 and properly inspect the brake gear.

(2) 4 Coaching bogies £1,500. Our existing

four wheeled stock is not suitable for
 1st and 2nd class passengers and we have
 recently built a few bogies which are
 much appreciated.

We have at present only just suffi-
 cient stock to enable us to deal with our
 1st and 2nd class traffic; as it increases
 as it is certain to do in the near future
 we must provide more stock and it is in
 anticipation of this that I propose to
 purchase

purchase 4 bogie frames and an opportunity occurs build the superstructure in our shops.

- (3) Fencing \$1,000. This is to provide fencing for certain short sections of the line chiefly near Mombasa, Nairobi and Fort Florence which must be protected from trespassers and cattle.
- (4) Munyonyo Pier \$2,700. We have not yet got a pier at Munyonyo although we have them at Entebbe and Jinja. The delay is on account of the uncertainty as to the best site for it. I understand that His Excellency the Governor of Uganda has now selected a site and as a pier is absolutely essential to enable us to deal efficiently with the traffic I make this provision to cover its erection.
- (5) House for Comptroller \$2,500. This is for a house for myself. The house which was originally built for the Head of the Railway Department was, before my arrival in East Africa, taken over by the Comptroller as Government house and has since been used as such. It is a stone building which cost the Railway \$5,500 but under the orders contained in the Foreign Office despatch No. 298 dated 20th September 1908 nothing was credited to the Railway when the house was taken. The house I at present occupy is a wood and iron building; it is the oldest building on the Railway having been originally erected

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erected in Kilindini, then dismantled and re-erected at Nairobi. It will not last much longer and moreover is not at all suitable for my requirements.

I have been anxious to get a better house since I came to East Africa but as I am a Government servant for what might be considered a personal possession I have deferred doing so until now.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's,
Most obedient servant.

sd/- H. A. F. CURRIE.

MANAGER,
Uganda Railway.

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E.A.P. (No 173)

Genl J. P. B. P. P.

MINUTE

- Mr. W. H. 3 April
- Mr. Hunt 3
- Mr. J. J. 2
- Mr. Andrews 2
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. C. Lucas
- Mr. F. Hopwood 2
- Mr. Marshall
- The Earl of Elgin 2

Minutes slightly
deficient for

I do not like the policy about
... I believe it to be bad for
... as well as the African. But it
is too late to interfere in the present
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Pir. I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of
your despatch No 529
of the 6th inst. in
transmitting the
statement of the
... Railway
for the year 1905-6

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heard from many
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statements have been
approved with the
exception of the

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