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(Subject.)

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Mombasa Water Supply

asks for apt to discuss apt for  
above concessions

(Minutes.)

Mr. Antreas

These people are absolutely  
men of straw & it is really a waste  
of time to see them

As to the Railway <sup>semination</sup>  
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had thought out the project

As to the Mombasa Water Supply  
(for which the High Officers  
of the Co. (Goldman Thomas  
& Co.) are also responsible in all  
that time before giving this  
monopoly into the hands of  
private individuals).

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The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Elgin & Kincardine. K.G, G.C.S.I, G.C.I.E.  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.  
Downing Street.

My Lord,

We had the honor on the 2nd of January last to apply to you for leave to build a Railway from Voi to Taveta in British East Africa. We were then referred to Col. Sadler, the High Commissioner with whom we had an interview when he asked us for further information which we obtained for him. At our last interview on the 28th ulto, he informed us that as he was leaving at once, we should in future have to deal with you regarding this matter. We should therefore feel obliged if your Lordship would kindly make an appointment to discuss the business with us as we are prepared to proceed with work at once.

We are also prepared to undertake the Water Supply for Mombasa from Lake Tsala, for which we would ask you to grant us the rights. The present Water Supply is, as you no doubt are aware, very bad and insufficient as well as detrimental to the general health of the increasing population. The two

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rights being in one hand would facilitate the Water Scheme, as the pipes having, for some considerable distance, to follow the course of the proposed Railway the grading for both could be done at the same time. We understand that the High Commissioner has already had estimates made regarding this service which show the probable cost and the probable revenue. The estimate of cost, we believe, is about £300000 but we think that the cost will be greater if allowance be made for future development and extensions.

We are prepared to proceed with the work at once, on obtaining the authority from you to do so. Of course we should require the following with the rights, viz:-

- Power to obtain water from Lake Tsalu.
- Power to lay the pipes along a route to be agreed upon.
- Power to distribute the water for irrigation and all other purposes.
- Power to charge for the above.

The following terms would also have to be inserted in the Concession, viz:-

- The amount to be paid by the Government or Corporation for the supply for Mombasa.
- The amount to be paid by the Uganda Railway.
- That all connections from the Mains be paid for at scheduled rates.
- That the land for the reservoirs be should be granted free.

That certain areas of land be granted for irrigation purposes.

And such other clauses as may be necessary to properly carry out the purposes of the Concession.

We trust that your Lordship will favorably consider the above proposals and grant us an early interview.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your obedient servants,

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22<sup>nd</sup> April 07

Gentlemen

With reference  
to your letter of the  
5<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> inst. on the  
subject of your proposal  
for a railway from  
Voi to Tharta and  
for supplying Mombasa  
with water I am dis-  
satisfied by the lack of  
evidence to point out that  
you are not yet  
in a position to furnish  
proofs of your financial  
ability as proposed in  
your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 07.

Until you have done

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