

DESPATCH

EAST AFR. PROT.
NO. 2025

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(Subject.)

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Railway Rates
for carriage of stock

Last previous Paper

Urges that on every ground the Treas^r may
be asked to sanction the reduction of rates for bullocks
cows horses, mares ponies + mules ~~may be reduced to~~
50 cents to 31 cents per vehicle mile

(Minutes.)

Mr Ellis

? And the corresp. on 30656
+ this paper to Treasury for
favourable comment ref. to
24713 + prev. corresp.

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

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December 25th 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 617.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 427 of the 29th August last on the subject of the rates for the carriage of stock on the Uganda Railway.

2. I do not suggest that all the animals specified in Section 56 (f) of the Railway Tariff should be allowed the reduction proposed i.e. 51 cents per vehicle mile in place of 50 cents. I urge the reduction in the case of imported stock; it has already been conditionally allowed in the case of imported sheep with, I anticipate, much benefit to the future wool industry of the Protectorate, and this concession should be extended to imported cattle, horses ponies and mules. It means very little indeed to the Railway whereas it will have a very good effect amongst settlers and tend to encourage them to import animals for breeding purposes which are much required in East Africa.

3. The Manager of the Railway and the Director of Agriculture urge this reduction on imported stock. The latter writes

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

London, E.C.

... and say
that if you be in the interests of the Government
to carry all imports of good stock at low rates.
Breeding animals for ~~the country~~ for grading up are very
much wanted.

It might have been suggested to the Treasury if it
was pointed out that in the other Colony
inducements are held out to importers of good stock.
The Transvaal Government went so far as to pay the
Inter Colonial Railway Council half the cost of railage
for two years on breeding stock brought into the
country. Over 100,000 head were imported by farmers
under these conditions. To-day the export of wool
is considerable for the carriage of which the Govern-
ment (which has now taken over the management of the
Railways) is reaping a handsome revenue.*

I have now before me a letter in which it is
suggested that the Government should import stallions
and mares and start a stud farm for the sale of the
produce to Settlers, as is being done with stock in
the case of the Government Farm at Naivasha.

I am holding that, although we propose to import one
or two stallions to assist in improving the breed of
horses, the institution of a stud farm must, certainly
at present, be matter for private enterprise. And it
may be noted that several of the settlers are now in
possession of good blood mares. I allude to this to
show the demand there is in the Province for horses
and mares. In the case of imported bulls and mares

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the need is wider and greater.

S. I have been a great deal amongst the Western
settlers on their farms lately and found real and
honest work being done, they deserve the concession
asked for which will cost us little and materially aid
in the development of the country. On every ground I
venture to ask Your Lordship to urge on the Lords of
the Treasury that the rates for imported stock such as
Pigs, cows, horses, mares, ponies ^{and mules} ~~and mules~~ to 51 cents
per vehicle mile, as has already been allowed in the
case of sheep. The rates for other animals, not coming
under the head of stock, remaining for the present
as they are.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

John Bull

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Sec.
Treasury.

Sir,
I am so to transmit to you, to be laid before the L. of the Treasury, under the title of the L.A.P. on the subject of the rates for the carriage of stock on the Usanda Railway.

In your letter of the 11th July, 1908, you conveyed their Lordships' approval of a reduction in the rates for the carriage of imported sheep. The Govt. now recognizes that a similar reduction should be granted in the case of the importation of cattle, horses, ponies and pigs. The Govt. now thinks that the importation of animals for breeding purposes should be encouraged, and he hopes that their Lordships will accept the Government's proposals.

(Signed) R. L. ANDREWS

MINUTE.

Mr. Ellis 11/23/10
Mr. Just
Mr. Andrews
Mr. Cox
Mr. Lucas
Mr. E. Hopwood
Col. Sully
The Earl of Creve

for 29th July
for 25th Aug.
for 23rd Dec.
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DRAFT

The Sec.
the Gov.

... to transmit to you, to be laid before the L.C. of the Treasury, copies of corresp. with the Gov. of the U.A.P. on the subject of the rates for the carriage of stock in the Uganda Territory.

In your letter of the 11th July, no. 111008, you conveyed their Lordships' request for a reduction of the rates for the carriage of imported sheep. The Gov. has recommended that a similar reduction should be granted in the case of the importation of cattle, horses, ponies and mules. Your Lordships think that the importation of animals for breeding purposes should be encouraged, and he hopes that their Lordships will accept the Governor's proposals.

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MINUTE.

- 23/1
- Mr. Ellis 23/1/08
- Mr. Judd
- Mr. Grotobus
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. C. Lucas
- Mr. H. Hopwood
- Mr. Solly
- Mr. East of Crewe

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS

27th July
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