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(Subject.)

Montana water supply.

Enquirer decision as to his proposals.

(Minutes.)

Reply that no decision has yet been reached but that a report on the matter from the Gen is expected by next mail when the matter will be reconsidered.

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(Remember that his letter dated 10/14 was read here 14/11 if such was the case is usually appear. Also the Register is unpaid for past 4 days automatically)

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C/o Beesley Son & Nichols, M.M.F.C.E.

11, Victoria Street,
Westminster S.W.

July 2nd, 1908.

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The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London S.W.

1911/09

Sir,

MOMBASA WATER SUPPLY.

I have the honour to refer to my letter of the 21st. March on the above matter and to ask if H.M. Government is yet in a position to agree to the proposals set out in the letter above referred to.

I take the liberty of pointing out that the delay in carrying out such a scheme is detrimental to the general progress of the Protectorate inasmuch as it is notorious that considerable sickness is caused amongst Europeans and natives which is due to the bad condition of the Water Supply at Mombasa.

This, in its turn increases the cost of working Mombasa as a port and forwarding centre, which again indirectly affects the working of the Railway. Moreover ships cannot water at Mombasa as they should, and thus make Zanzibar their regular depot for victualling instead of Mombasa. I therefore trust that in the interests of all parties anxious to see the development of this country going ahead H.M. Government will see the advisability of allowing the scheme proposed in my letters of March 21st. 1907 and 1908 to proceed on the lines suggested.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

James Gibbs

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Yours

18 July 1908

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Cromer to ack. the receipt of your letter of the 2nd of July and to inform you that no decision has yet been reached on your proposals with regard to the Mombasa water supply, but that a report on the matter from the Governor is expected by next mail, when the matter will be considered.

Your letter of the 2nd of July does not appear to have been received here till the 14th of July.

Yours

A. L. Antrobus

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M. Pitts Esq

MINUTE:

- Mr. Darnley 16 July
- Mr. Ellis
- Mr. J. H. S.
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. C. Lucas.
- Mr. F. Hopwood.
- Mr. Selby.
- Mr. Earl of Cromer.

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