

DESPATCH.



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Governor. No.
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Bond Trading Co

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11 Jan

Sends cover with local representative
resp guaranteed bond for £2000. Recommends
reduction of bond to £500.

at Previous Paper.

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W. Read

It is necessary to call attention
to the marked paragraph of Captain
Riddell's letter. What was actually
said in the letter from this office of the
28th of Feb^r 1908 (N^o 4707/08) was, "there is
no desire to impose more onerous terms
on your Company than will be imposed on
other applicants for similar rights". This
does not bind the Govt to exact a
guarantee from these applicants as the
word intention, used by Captain
Riddell, would have done

at subsequent Paper

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Tell the Chairman of the

Company that the 3 of 3 has decided
that the amount of the guarantee may
be reduced to \$5000 & instructed the Co.
to have the bond amended accordingly

HAB

Feb 15

W. Arthur

So proceed - + copy of the
concepⁿ to the firm for wife 177?

HJR

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Better wait until the Chairman
of the company writes to us.

Pat G.

Wht. Feb 20

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Mairoba

January 11th 1909.



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AFRICA PROTECTION
1908.
(Incl. 2c)

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 588 of November 6th regarding the Boma Trading Company I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of a letter which I caused to be addressed to the Nairobi Representative of the firm and of his reply.

E. Although, as Your Lordship will perceive, the reduction of the guarantee from £2,000 to £500 is not specifically asked for by Captain Riddell on behalf of the Company, I would recommend that it be granted.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

H. Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies
Dominion Office
LONDON, S.W.

BOMA TR. CO.
number 5.1908.
BOMA TR. CO.
number 31st 1908.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE No. 1
In Department No. 72 of 1908
Governor's Office,
Nairobi,
December 21st 1908

C. O.
4566

8 FEB 1909

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th of July last on the subject of the bond for £2000 entered into by your Company as a guarantee for the behaviour of your employees, in which you ask that those who wish to trade in the districts operated in by the Boma Trading Company should be placed on the same footing as your Company as regards a guarantee, I am instructed by His Excellency to point out that it was at your Company's suggestion that this Bond was entered into and it is clear from this Office letter to your address of the 31st January last and from the Colonial Office letter of the 28th February that no monopoly of trade in the districts referred to could be considered and that His Excellency does not ask for. In the latter letter it is further expressly stated that the Secretary of State could not bind himself as to the terms upon which other persons may be allowed to enter the closed districts.

2. At the same time this Government has no intention of permitting undesirable or irresponsible persons to trade in those districts and reserves to itself the right to impose on intending individuals or Companies such conditions and such guarantees, if any, as may be necessary in view of the extent and nature of their operations.

3. I am to add that in the event of this being clearly understood by your Company, His Excellency will, provided that such a course is in accordance with your wishes, be willing

to

THE BOMA TRADING COMPANY,

Nairobi.

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to recommend to the Secretary of State that the amount
of the penal sum in the bond be reduced from \$2,000
to \$500/-.

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I have &c.,

W. J. Hanson

SECRETARY.

BOHA TRADING COMPANY

NAIROBI

December 31st 1908.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the receipt of your communication dated 9th December 1908 (M.P.65/07).

In reply following the wishes of His Excellency I hereby reaffirm on behalf of my Company that I clearly understand that no monopoly of trade along the closed districts bordering Abyssinian territory has been granted or will be granted to the Boha Trading Company.

As regards the assurance contained in paragraph 2 I have already received the assurance from His Excellency.

I note that the administration further reserve to themselves the right to permit other persons to enter the above mentioned closed districts without finding a guarantee.

I have however an assurance in writing from the Colonial Office that there is no intention of imposing more onerous conditions on the Boha Trading Company than on other Companies or Individuals.

As regards the guarantee of £2,000 the principle was accepted by His Excellency in the presence of the Right Honourable Mr. Winston Churchill and was afterwards arranged in London from the registered offices of the Company, under instructions from the Colonial Office.

As far as the Boha Trading Company are concerned no objection could be made to the reduction of the said guarantee.

THE SECRETARY TO
THE ADMINISTRATION
Nairobi.

guarantee to £500.

This letter reaffirms my previous communications as regards the points raised in your letter, and I beg that I may be informed if His Excellency recommends the reduction of the guarantee accordingly.

I have &c.,

G.H. Riddell

The [] Trading Company.Ltd.

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