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Please to replace Sr. Jaba

Asks as to responsibility for estimate made in 1904 on strength of which repairs to Jaba Catery & Sibo were approved. to last 10 years. Agrees to propose temporary arrangement with some shipping firm & Co. the month he takes accordingly. Inquire as to disposal of staff of Jaba.

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Director Gen. Tel. Sp. Jaba
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June 1909.

In the reply to this letter the following
Number should be quoted.

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Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Antrobus' letter of the 12th ultimo (10724/1909) relative to the need for a steamship service to replace the East Africa Protectorates Steamship "Juba" which has been condemned as unseaworthy.

In reply, I am to request you to remind the Earl of Crewe that in the Foreign Office letter of the 19th December 1904 ("B") Their Lordships were informed that if the repairs then applied for were carried out, the "Juba" would not require anything of importance to be done to her for the next ten years. On the strength of this assurance My Lords agreed by Treasury Letter of 2nd February 1905 (1758/05) to the repairs being put in hand, at an estimated cost of £4400, which was ultimately increased to £5160. It is accordingly with regret that They now learn of the decision of the Secretary of State to sell the vessel as unseaworthy. They would be glad to be informed what are the circumstances through which the estimate of 1904 has proved so inaccurate, and whether any steps have been or are being taken to determine the responsibility for this serious miscalculation.

In the meantime My Lords are willing to consider what

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

what means can be adopted to meet the requirements of the British East Africa Protectorate in respect of a steamship service.

In the light of past experience They are indisposed to entertain the question of the purchase or construction of a vessel to replace the Juba. They share the hope, moreover, of Their predecessors that the growth of the Protectorate's trade will at no very distant date suffice to attract the necessary shipping without any need for State assistance.

In these circumstances it appears to Their Lordships that, as is proposed by Lord Crewe, a temporary arrangement should be made, if possible, with some shipping firm or firms for carrying on the service performed by the "Juba", and They accordingly agree to the invitation of the necessary tenders by the Crown Agents for the Colonies. As regards the term, They would prefer a yearly agreement, and think that in any case the period should not exceed four years.

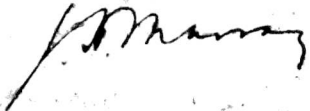
My Lords understand that the duties of the "Juba" consisted principally in the carriage of mails and Government stores and passengers and in affording the necessary means of communication between the various towns upon the coast; and They consider that the new service should be primarily adapted to meeting these administrative requirements, and that the tenders should therefore provide for the use of a vessel of the size, speed, and carrying capacity of the "Juba" or a little larger.

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They gather, however, that the coastal trade has also hitherto depended largely, in the absence of a regular Commercial service, upon the visits of the Government vessels, and if, on this ground, the Secretary of State should think it desirable to issue alternative tenders also, providing for a vessel of rather heavier type than that defined above, My Lords will offer no objection to this course, on the clear understanding that if the tenders received show a serious discrepancy in cost between the provision of the lighter and the heavier vessel Their Lordships will not be prepared to sanction the additional expenditure involved by the latter.

I am to add that My Lords will be glad to be informed in due course how it is proposed to dispose of the staff of the "Juba".

I am,
 Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,



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East Africa Protectorate.

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Crown Agents
for the Colonies.

Downing Street,
25 June, 1909.

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Mr. Butler. *unc 24*

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X Mr. Antrobus. *24 f.*

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

The Earl of Crewe.

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Copy No. 130 March 5
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Copy of 356 25 June

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to transmit to you a copy of a despatch, with its enclosures, from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, relating to the arrangements to be made to replace the Steamship "Juba" which has broken down and ~~which~~ is being disposed of as unnecessary.

Lord Crewe
2. It has been decided, in consultation with the Foreign Office, not to entertain the question of

the purchase or construction of a vessel
 to replace the "Juba", but to endeavour to
 make a temporary arrangement with some
 shipping firm or firms for carrying on the
 service hitherto performed by that vessel,
 and with this object to invite tenders
 for the performance of such a service.

3. The duties of the "Juba" consisted
 principally in the carriage of mails and
 Government stores and passengers and in
 affording the necessary means of communica-
 tion between the various towns on the coast
 of the Protectorate.

4. The new service should be primarily adapted
 to meet these administrative requirements,
 and the tenders should therefore provide
 for the use of a vessel of the size, speed,
 and carrying capacity of the "Juba" or a
 little larger. Among the enclosures in
 the Governor's despatch is a Memorandum of

particulars

*After some discussion
 a decision was made to
 invite tenders for the
 service.*

particulars which it is suggested should be
 inserted in the form of tender for a steamship
 service to replace ~~that of~~ the "Juba". In
 many respects these particulars will serve as
 a guide to you in drawing up a form of tender,
 but in other respects, such as to the accom-
 modation for deck passengers, tonnage, and
 speed, the particulars will be modified in
 the ^{representing} ~~following~~ remarks, that the vessel employed
 on the new service should be approximately
 of the size, speed, and carrying capacity of
 the "Juba".

5. Preference ~~should~~ be given to a
 yearly agreement, if such an agreement can be
 obtained, but in any case the period of the
 proposed arrangement should not exceed four
 years. It would not be necessary that the
 service should be performed by a single steamer
 exclusively engaged upon it. A reasonable
 offer to ~~run~~ ^{work} the service as part of a regular

service

service to other ports or countries, would receive equal consideration.

4.5 - The coasting trade of the Protectorate has hitherto depended largely, in the absence of a regular commercial service, upon the visits of the Government vessels, and it is therefore desirable to ~~issue~~ ^{write} alternative tenders providing for a vessel of

a rather heavier type than that referred to in the preceding paragraph, with a view to

~~the~~ affording a certain amount of ^{passenger and cargo} accommodation for ~~estimated~~ traders over and above government requirements.

In other respects the stipulations already stated would hold good.

The comparison between such tenders and those contemplated in the ^{preceding} ~~foregoing~~ paragraph, ^{of this letter would} will make it possible to decide

whether the provision of the heavier vessel is justified by the necessities of the country, ^{and the financial}

I am to enquire whether, with the

information

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The comparison between such tenders and those contemplated in the ~~foreign~~ ^{preceding} paragraph, ^{of this letter would} will make it possible to decide whether the provision of the heavier vessel is justified by the necessities of the country, ^{and the financial} ~~and the financial~~ ^{requirements of the Protectorate.} It is to be enquired whether, with the

information

information now before you, you are ~~able~~ ^{in a position} to

draw up satisfactory forms of tender for the

alternatives
~~two~~ services contemplated, and, if so, I am to

request that the forms may be submitted for

Lord Howe's consideration before tenders are

actually invited.

I am to suggest that, if the informa-

tion is not sufficiently complete, or if there

are any points on which you consider that

further discussion is necessary, you should

communicate with this Office informally with

a view to avoiding delay as far as possible.

It is ^{suggested} ~~in contemplation~~ that tenders

should be invited from Messrs Fuller, King,

& Company, the British India Steam Navigation

Company, Messrs France, Fenwick & Company,

and Messrs A. and W. Nesbitt, of 10 Fenchurch

Avenue, London, E.C., all of whom have at

one time or another shown a disposition to

consider the institution of a service of this

nature. *Tenders*

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East Africa Protectorate.

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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Officer Administering
The Government of

100 Street,
25 Dec, 1909.

The East Africa Protectorate

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Mr Butler, and Mr. B. J.

Mr. ... 24.

Mr. ...

Mr. Antrobus, 24 J.

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Mr. C. Lucas.

Mr. F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

The Earl of Crom.

Treasury Minute
on 10/12/09
by G.C. ...
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I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of Sir J.
...s' vessel, No. 130 of
the 30th March, relative to the ar-
rangements to be made to replace the
Steamship "Juba", and to transmit to
you a copy of correspondence, from
which you will see that it has been
decided not to entertain the question
of the purchase or construction of a
vessel to replace the "Juba", but to

drafts.

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your recommendations for the disposal of the staff of the "Juba". As you are aware, I have already taken steps to determine the engagement of Mr P.B. Richards, the only European member of the staff, who ~~did~~ not hold a pensionable appointment.

I have, etc.,

(sd.) CREWE.