

EAST AFR PROT.  
SEYCHELLES

NO. 37810

C.O.  
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10/35

(Subject)

Mr. Johnson  
Adm. Supplies and Equipment  
Tables for permission to go for  
no less than four days from Seychelles  
to Kilindini Harbour.

Re Johnson (10)  
H.J.R.  
24/10

Very urgent  
" " " " "

Mr. Head  
This must I think be  
given a the 24th, or when  
you have about as soon as possible  
meanwhile ask it by  
telegraph.

grd  
26/10

atmos.  
H.J.R.  
24/10

Mr. Johnson  
~~East Africa~~

? Adm. C.R.C.

P.T.O.

ADM. will see you at the  
21/12 with a view of the  
matter giving you a full  
account.

12/10/35

6 Head

This was rendered by Captain  
G. C. M. who shall shortly get them  
refit which will however not  
be with last Friday. This day  
but will slightly increase and that  
is a loss of distance or arrival  
time between the two ports because  
there is no steamer at  
Mombasa.

Perhaps you will remember  
that last Friday he did not  
arrive from Colombo until  
midday - but I think  
that it is for free - but I think  
that if we can't have some  
steamer in our opinion

6/4/1902

6 J. H.  
I am a bit anxious (you  
will excuse the pun) about  
what I propose this morning  
as I am aware that Mr. Tilney  
has a very strong objection  
to removing the cables. He  
is of the opinion that the  
cables should not be disturbed  
as they are the best and most  
reliable means of communication  
with the interior.

He is also anxious to know  
if we can't  
make arrangements

so as to  
not be  
disturbed  
but to  
be used  
with  
some  
care  
no  
danger  
and  
Put off  
alarm

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The conference with the agents  
and Capt. Allen (having rights)  
concerning the last part of the  
cable system ended on the 20th of  
January. A resolution of the Taita  
tribe refused to pay for  
the cable after a cable system  
was laid from Zanzibar to Mombasa  
(Mtwara Harbour) was considered,  
a meeting took place at the fort  
on the 8th March 1902 at which  
Sir Thomson, the Kirk of the Bishop of, and  
Sir Kellie, representing the British  
Tilney Co., were present.

Mtumbane after consulting with  
the Tilney Co. cables - quoted from  
Zanzibar to Mombasa.  
The Tilney Co. cables  
for a period of 10 years were to be  
subject to 20 hours from 10 AM  
only that it would be sensible to  
have the landing place for the cables in  
British territory, stated that the British  
Tilney Co. has for the present abandoned  
the idea of removing the cables to  
Mombasa. The Company had not entirely  
given up the idea, but were not so  
strongly in favour of it as they had been  
in reply to Mr. Thomson, he said that this  
decision was in no way the result of  
considering their views explained to him, &

the full rate and cable round the S.E. Coast  
including the C.S. off Aden & the  
S.E. Coast of India, subject to  
the terms of the ~~Company's~~ <sup>Contract</sup> referred to  
in the Company's letter of 20 Oct 63,  
Mr Hollardine at Nottingham suggests that  
the Company would satisfy its C.O.  
especially of this money by allowing the  
proposed increase for the last three

months and the 10.  
sent on this point.

Mr Kirk ~~thinks~~ <sup>wants</sup> the question of rates  
in view of the fact that the latest  
Galt of 1st Oct the rates between India  
& S Africa were higher than those in  
force last November and America.

Mr Hollardine points out that if the rates  
between S.Africa were reduced & placed  
on the same footing as those in force on the  
Australian cables — say 7d per mile for  
nation — the Company would suffer heavy loss.  
Tele. traffic depends mainly on the amount  
of traffic involved; if the traffic was large  
a relatively high tariff was no hardship.

Mr Elgin Your point is that  
in addition to the tariff rates not less  
than a premium in the traffic.

Mr Hollardine, Yes. Another point is that  
a reduction in the cable rates between  
India and S.Africa would mean like a  
reduction in those in force between Bombay  
and Aden. The present rates are 1.95 for  
all messages, terminal or in transit; between  
Bombay & Durban also 4 for 60cts.  
South of Aden all rates are based on  
1/ for nation and more than 2/ for the  
extreme.

Mr Kirk apparently the Company carries  
longer messages between Aden and Durban for  
1/6 of the sum from Bombay.

In Holland. In theory, you will not have  
Under the joint form <sup>existing</sup> existing  
between the various roads & so we have the command of alternative  
routes & messages are sent by whatever  
route is most convenient at the moment  
of the message except the E. they get 60% the  
airline 10% and the remaining 30%  
is sent among other ways.

Particular. Then the Company really gets  
whatever route between New York & Berlin  
In Holland. Yes.

In New York. The transatlantic 2 for 50  
In Holland. Yes but through you will  
get ~~the~~ joint price

In Johnson. The question of rates was  
raised at the instance of the French  
govt and I suppose that it will be  
settled between that Dept & the Company  
In Holland. Yes, the real joint transatlantic  
is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April & the trip will  
therefore have a clear month in which  
to settle the matter.

In Johnson. Then the <sup>of rates</sup> matter will finally  
have to be arranged, as far as the Company  
as we are concerned, before the  
question of the transfer to the cable  
monopoly is resolved by the Company.

In Holland. This is the question, but  
we do not like being asked about  
reductions when we apply for landing  
rights. The two things are distinct.

In Johnson. I quite see your point and am  
inclined to make arrangements. We request  
this only comes as an opportunity for  
discussing the possibility of a reduction  
and this expression in letter giving  
a formal demand until we had satisfied  
ourselves that the demands were reasonable.

P.W. 8  
Partly, George  
Alice.

Cop. of a telec. msg dated 14th Feb. 1911 from the Director-

General of Telegraphs in India to the Director in Misr.

Indo-European Telegraph Department, London S.E.

girk, London.

In consequence of reduction Europe India rate since 1st August  
rate India South Africa higher than those to places in North  
America, rates to other places in Africa, Aden, Egypt and  
Red Sea littoral also correspondingly high stop. Government  
of India is anxious to know whether rate to those places  
cannot be reduced correspond with the lower through rate  
Europe stop. If so Government of India prepared to reduce  
terminal from 35 centimes to 27½.

B.G.

~~Eastern & South African Telegraph Company Limited~~  
Electrician's Ministry Department [27/3/13]

Lunette 20th. October 1889 5,

Sir,

Under the terms of a Concession granted by the Sultan of Zanzibar in 1879, this Company has, at different periods, landed telegraph Cables at that Island communicating directly with Aden, Seychelles, Mozambique and Mombasa.

In view of the growing importance of British interests in East Africa, and with the object of increasing the efficiency of the cable service on that Coast, my Directors consider that it would be desirable to remove the landing place of the Aden, Seychelles and Mozambique cables from Zanzibar to Mombasa. The result of this change would be not only to increase the working speed of the cables, but to bring British East Africa into the Company's main line system instead of being dependent, as at present, for telegraphic communication with the outer world, on a single cable from Zanzibar.

I beg, therefore, on behalf of my Company, to request permission to land the following four cables in Kilindini Harbour, at or near the landing place of the present Zanzibar cable, or at some other

The Under Secretary of State  
for the Colonies,  
COLONIAL OFFICE, S.W.

other convenient spot that may be selected:-

One cable to Aden,

One cable to ~~Maine~~ (Seychelles).

Two cables to Mozambique.

We are at present engaged in erecting cable tanks and depot at Kilindini for the storage of spare cable, and inasmuch as the alterations enumerated will entail a very large expenditure on the Company, I would also request the assistance of your Department in procuring if found necessary on the most favourable terms additional land or buildings i.e. the neighbourhood of the landing places of the cables, to accommodate the large staff of operators that would be removed there from Zanzibar.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

  
R. H. G. de L.  
Secretary.

A. S. E.A.P.  
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(P.M.)

26/1/1885

DRAFT

Sir,

To be returned  
to Secretary

Cable Landing Rights to you for the observation of  
Committee. G.O.

MINUTE

soon as convenient, of the Cables

arrived 28/10

to read

Mr. Atkinson

Mr. Cox

Mr. Lucas

Mr. Graham

Mr. Ormanney

the Duke of Marlborough

Mr. Luttrell

MS. 30/16  
Landing Rights Committee,  
a copy of a letter from the  
Eastern and South African  
Telegraph Company enclosed  
applying for permission to  
land four cables mentioned

in Aden Harbour, East Africa,  
at or near the landing  
place of the present proposed  
cable, or at some other unlocated  
spot that may be selected,  
and also applying for

facilities for the acquisition  
on the most favourable terms  
of additional land or buildings  
in the neighbourhood of  
the landing places of the  
cattle to accommodate  
a large staff of drivers  
~~and~~  
~~and~~ would be removed there  
from Gangbar

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The Secretary to the Tables (Law & Rights) Committee

presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State

for the Colonies and begs leave to state that the letter

from the East & Central African Transport Company enclosing

for permission to remove the military value of their arm

able from Port Said to Berbera and for facilities for the

removal of 1000 at Mombasa, which was forwarded to him

with the Power from the Colonial Office of the last ultio

which has been circulated to the Committee for consideration.

The question will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

General Post Office

24 November 1905