

EAST AFR. PROT.

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No. 21610

REC'D
JAN 23 1905

Governor. No.
East 309

(Subject.)

1905

Boring for Water

24 May

Two copies of despatch from the manager reporting boring at Mackinnon Rd St. has reached a depth of 300 feet without striking water & that plant is being transferred to Bambusa Encloses urgent request for another set of diamonds states that estimate of cost will probably be exceeded but extra exp. can be met from [unclear]

Last previous Paper.

Comm
11635

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

This is very expensive 240749 m. to [unclear] but you must get work. I am not sure they ought not to have some better advice as to how water is likely to be found.

We better send on the indent to C. G. for comment but I am inclined to telegraph

Stewart Nairobi

D. G. [unclear]

forward to go. despatch

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Copy to [unclear] 13000 C.A.
Copy to [unclear] 32671
Copy to [unclear] 36910
[unclear] 20000 36910

Next subject Paper

Ca

32671

Sardachate geologist

Do you think this
Provision mandates
should be sent out to

advise Blest

before meeting

further bringings

Lytherton

(We might get a man from
India)

MM 26/6

Mr Reed

It appears from the previous
t.p. that all you have arranged
that Sir W. Johnston, Mr P. C. Elliot,
Mr Currie & the Consulting Engineers
are all in favour of a geologist
being sent out to advise as to the
places where bringings were to
be made. The P.O. are connected

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No to the Treasury (16 June 04)
but on such a half-hearted
way that the Treasury
had no difficulty in agreeing
the suggestion.

There was a geologist provided
for in the Estimates of 1902.3
& 1903.4, but the officer
selected, Mr. Walker died
before he had time to do much
and the provision was dropped
without disruption in 1904.5.

It seems clear that there is
need of expert advice - e.g. Mr
Currie in his report of 23 Nov 04
speaks of a very hard conglomerate
resembling granite which is
as if a red soil a very soft
shale resembling sand.

Mr Green who is an expert in
these matters suggests we should refer
the matter to the Geological

Survey. MM 28/6

Report CP
1769

Yes
H. J. R.

T.O.

I think that we had better leave what
the C.A. & the Consulting Engineers have to
say.

Said app. of 10999, 8ft. x 11855, & this
step + 8 ft. more to the C.A. & say that
W. Lifferton is reluctant to sanction the
expenditure of further money unless he can
be assured by a competent report that
there is a reasonable probability of finding
water in the new locality - & ask them
to consider, in consultation with Messrs. Rendel &
Robertson, whether it is advisable to send
out a trained Geologist & if so, what
arrangements should be made for his
& add that the Geological Survey of the
country may be able to assist them in
the matter?

H. J. R.
29/6

Adv. July 6
at 10/11

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Commissioner of the Crown Lands

Kenya

Mo. 10/11

May 24th 1906

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 307

Sir,

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No. 104
No. 864
No. 100

With reference to my despatch No. 17 of January 15th
addressed to the Marquess of Lansdowne and to other
correspondence, I have the honour to transmit to you
herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from
the Manager reporting that as the boring at Mackinnon
Road Station has reached a depth of three hundred feet
without penetrating the rock or striking water he is now
transferring the plant to Samburu.

2. I have further the honour to enclose a requisition
for another set of diamonds, and I venture to invite
your attention to Mr. Currie's request that this matter
be treated as urgent, and that the stones be forwarded

with

H. Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
LONDON.

with the least possible delay.

3. You will observe that Mr. Currie fears that the estimate sanctioned in Foreign despatch No. 20 of January 13th last

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Office

will not suffice to cover the cost of the fresh boring,

but any further expenditure can be met from last year's unexpended balance or from savings.

4. As the discovery of water in the Taru plain is a matter of vital importance to the Railway, I have the honour to recommend this matter for your favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. C. Currie

With the least possible delay.

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Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Currie

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Manager's Office

NATIONAL 23 JUN 1906

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with my letter No. 46/261P. dated 9th March last, I have the honor to report that the boring at Mackinnon Road has reached a depth of 500 feet without striking water.

As the stratum at this depth is still the same highly indurated rock I have decided to abandon this hole and am now transferring the plant to Samburu Station. This boring has, I am sorry to say, cost us about £1,200 in diamonds only.

I have in hand the 24 diamonds received on last indent No. 888. These with the worn pieces of previous stones will I trust suffice to go to a considerable depth at Samburu but rather than have the work stopped for want of diamonds, as was the case in February last, I enclose an indent for a further set.

I fear that the estimate of £4,571-4-0 sanctioned in Foreign Office despatch No. 80 dated 18th January 1906 will scarcely cover the cost of these diamonds and of boring at Samburu.

On the 1st April last there was an unexpended balance of £2,140 from which has to be deducted the cost of the last set of diamonds viz £418 and the value of those now indented for viz £418 leaving only £1,304 for labour or sufficient for some 3 months work only.

L. R. COMMISSIONER,
East Africa Protectorate,
KAIRO.

Number of Pages

SIR D. STEWART

No. 207

Reference our despatch No. 17 of January 1906

Inclosures two.

Reprinted

by bag

Special Mining Plans

Explosive report of the
Mining Staff to
refer to the same

I trust we shall be able to go a considerable length
in this time but if further funds are required I shall
later on submit my proposals for providing them.
I beg to request that the amount for diamonds
now sanctioned may be treated as urgent and the orders
sent out with the least possible delay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

sd/- M. A. F. CURRIE.

Manager,

Uganda Railway.

(A).

UGANDA RAILWAY.

Original 553

No. 864

Date 23 May 1905

Order on the Crown Agents for the Colonies for SPARE DIAMOND TOOL
DIAMOND DRILLING PLATE

Department WORKS (Class C.)

C. H. M. S.

THE MANAGER,

Uganda Railway,

MOMBASA.

Address:—
(to be short as possible.)

Port of Consignment } KILINDINI.

To be insured to
(or not to be insured)

Date by which shipment should be made (if a particular date is necessary for special reasons) as early as possible.

Estimated total cost (in sterling) exclusive of freight, etc. £ 418-0-0

Special Account (if any) to which chargeable "Unallocated Stores"

IN O.I.E.D. Steamers description
No. 107 of May 24th 1905.

Inclosure No. 1

H. N. Commissioner

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Quantity	Description of Articles	Estimated Cost in England.			Remarks or references to specifications (if any) on separate sheets.
		Rate.	Total.	d.	
1	No. 24 Spare diamonds for diamond drilling plant, weighing 38 carats, as supplied by Messrs Schram, Barker & Co. in March last.	£11/-	418 0 0	0 0	The stones to be rugged and not split.
Total estimated cost of the Indent		£.	418 0 0		

Indenting Officer.

W. G. ...

Manager.
Uganda Railway.

No. **864.**

Date **23rd May 1906**

Indent on the *Crown Agents for the Colonies* for **SPARE DIAMONDS for
DIAMOND DRILLING PLANT.**

Department **WORKS (Class D.)**

<p>O. H. M. S.</p> <p>THE MANAGER,</p> <p><i>Uganda Railway,</i></p> <p>KILINDINI. MOMBASA.</p>
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Address:—
(to be short as possible.)

Part of Consignment

To be insured to
(or not to be insured).

Date by which shipment should be made *(if a particular date is necessary for special reasons)* **as early as possible.**

Estimated total cost *(in sterling) exclusive of freight, etc.* **£ 418-0-0**

Special Account *(if any) to which chargeable* **"Unallocated Stores".**

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Indent No. 253

Item No.	Quantity	Description of Article	Estimated Cost in England	Remarks or refer- ence to specifica- tion of special nature of article or particulars of order
1	No. 24	Spare diamonds for diamond drilling plant, weighing 36 carats, as supplied by Messrs Schram, Marker & Co. in March last.	£11/- 418 0 0 per carat.	The stones to be nug- get formed and not split.
Total estimated cost of the Indent ...			£. 418 0 0	

Indenting Officer.

W. L. ...

Manager.

Uganda Railway.

UGANDA RAILWAY

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No. 864

Date 25 May 1906

Indemnity on the Crown Agents, for the Colonies for SPARK DIAMONDS for
DIAMOND DRILLING PLANT

Department WORKS (Class D).

O. H. M. S.

THE MANAGER,
Uganda Railway,
KILINDINI. MOMBASA.

Address:—
(to be short as possible.)

Port of Consignment

To be insured to
(or not to be insured).

Date by which shipment should be made (if a particular date is necessary for special reasons) as early as possible.

Estimated total cost (in sterling) exclusive of freight, etc. £ 418-0-0

Special Account (if any) to which chargeable "Unallocated Stores".

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Indent No. 844

Quantity	Description of articles	Estimated Cost in England			Remarks as to whether to specify time or special price (if any) for separate items.
		Rate	Total		
		£	s.	d.	
1	No. 24 Spare diamonds for diamond drilling plant, weighing 38 carats, as supplied by Messrs Schran, Harker & Co. in March last.	£11/-	418 0	0	The stones to be nugget formed and not split.
Total estimated cost of the Indent		£	418 0	0	

Indenting Officer.

W. L. Currie

Manager.

Uganda Railway.

ENCLOSURE NO. 2
IN SIR D. STEWART'S DISPATCH
NO. 101 OF MAY 24TH 1905.

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Inclosure No. 2

to Sir D. Stewart's despatch

No. 211 of May 24th 1905.

Comm. S.M.

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11 July 1905

DRAFT.

Crown Agents

Gentlemen, Ind.

I am directed

by Mr. Secy. by letter
to transmit to you
the accompanying
copy of concept with
the Comm^{rs} of the East
Africa Protectorate
on the subject of the
boring operations
which have been
carried out at the
Mackinnon Road
Station on the Uganda
Railway with the
object of finding
water for the railway

Ans^d 32671

Ans^d Comm. 469 20 Oct 36910

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bottomley 8/7
- Mr. Read 8
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Ommanney
- The Duke of Marlborough.
- Mr. Lyttelton.

Comm = Tel. 5 Apr (10999)

To Comm = Tel. 14 April (11655)

Comm = no. 307 24 May (26610)
1st enclosure

Mr. G. H. Weston is
reluctant to sanction
the expenditure of
further money on the
new borings, which
are in contemplation
unless he can be
assured by a
competent expert that
there is a reasonable
probability of finding
water in the new
locality, and I am
to request you to
consider, in consultation
with Messrs. Fendel
and Robertson, whether
it is advisable that
to send out a trained
Geologist, and, if so,
what arrangements
should, in your opinion,
be made (see p. 101).
I am glad that this

Secretary of the Geological Survey of this country
may be able to assist
you in the matter.

L.
R. H. A.