

May find themselves
 able to do so to would
 prefer to consult the
 Commr. as to the details
 of the scheme.

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(Sd) C. P. J.

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or Individual.

(Subject.)

K. A. F.

Coal for Railway

1906

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previous Paper.

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For copy of letter from Actg. Mgr. to the
 Commr. - agrees with views. Has seen the
 apts. asks they may be authorized to purchase
 up to 2,500 tons of coal provided they can obtain a
 reasonable price for delivery at Kilindini

(Minutes)

In CA. 6 Sept. 06
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Mr Lucas
 Pft. submitted. If you agreed
 to this matter with Mr. Lucas

C. P. J. J. M. J. C. P. J. or
 Gentlemen

Will refer to
 verbal conversations I had
 had with Mr. Lucas. You
 directed by H.L. to inform
 you that the officers of your
 obtaining & shipping to
 the S.M.P. not more than
 £ 2,500 tons of fuel for
 for the use of the Uganda

or subsequent Paper.

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Railway, provided it can be obtained
at a reasonable price delivered
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PHONE: 5267 GERRARD.

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ST JAMES'S SQUARE, S.W.

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Sept 5th 06

Under Secretary of State
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Commissioner.

10, W. AVE. LONDON.
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I agree with what Mr Standish says and being in town at the moment I have, with your permission, seen the Crown Agents on the matter, and they endeavor to make a satisfactory purchase.

I shall be much obliged if you will authorize the Crown Agents to purchase

to 2500 tons of coal, provided

they can secure a price

for delivery into

at Kilmartin. I have asked the Crown Agents to refer to me before finally making a bargain.

I have the honor to be

your obedient servant

W. H. Murray

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

Wm. H. Hunt

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Manager's Office,
HAI O I, 10th August 1906.

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to refer you to this office letter No. 32/51 of the 15th March last and to inform you that since writing that letter none of the circumstances affecting the question have altered for the better, on the contrary, as the our difficulty is more acute and it is almost impossible to induce men to remain on the work. Wood fuel stocks have steadily fallen until we are at very low points required to a few weeks supply. No less than three out of five contractors have thrown up their outdine and those at work do little, for so soon as they are scraped together and taken to the forest they desert. It need not in this place dilate on the detail, the disastrous fact is indispensable and it has ever to provide a reserve of coal to meet an almost total stoppage on some lengths. I now and have been for two months using coal between Kilaifi and Voi.

The 1819 tons of coal secured in June is total insufficient as a reserve. I recommend that we at first have a stock of from 4,000 to 5,000 tons and subsequently the regular small consignments of from 500 to 1,000 tons. I say small consignments because the cost of facilities at Kilaifi are such that from 100 to 300 tons per month is not too much and it is not difficult to get the coal to the station. It is a matter of course that we should have a station of 4,000 to 5,000 tons.

tons under these conditions means a heavy extra rate to meet the detention of the vessel, so that unless some other circumstances of which I am unaware should pertain the smaller quantity necessary for keeping up the stock is preferable to large consignments at long intervals.

Some little time ago we had an offer from the British India to consign at 17/8 freight on Yorkshire Coal from the Hixleton or Carlton Collieries quoted 11s. per ton. I. & C. Full, but to be shipped from Haslemere, a detail which very considerably adds to the cost and amount about 15/6 f.o.b. At the latter port, it is as high if not higher, than our usual 2/6. In this connection I may remark that at the present is particularly favourable for freight to East Africa. I hear of a steamer now coming on a 9s. freight, it must however be exceptional and although perhaps securable for the time cannot long remain in force. Once we had laid in a stock of 5,000 tons the monthly demand would be met by small consignments as indicated. I have just received a sample of 97 tons from Middlesborough too small to be of practical use in any trial, it cost landed 38/- in Kilindini but it of course did not bear the extra cost of detention amounting to 2/- in the case of the 1818 tons of s. s. "INCHMARE" which stands at 38s. So far as I can see it is altogether a question of taking advantage of the present low freight, I put these details before you for the information of the Comdants who are in a position to estimate the most advantageous course. The funds for the coal will come out of the Working Estimates but it will as usual be chargeable to Capital "Unallocated Stores" in the first instance.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. ...

In case of any objection for an opinion will be
one.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient Servant,

ed/- C. SANDIFORD.

Actg. Manager,

Uganda Railway.

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96, Gresham House,

London, E.C.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of my
letter to the Crown Agents
re the Natal coal. I
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last night. The great
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in the possibility of getting
the coal at a late date
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96, Gresham House,

London, E.C.

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be only too glad to
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as maize is from
to S.A.

Yr. sincere
Wm. Leavitt

he only too glad to see
a low rate for passage
as maize etc. from
to S.A.

of sailing

Wm Leach

Copy

B. E. a. Cyp^r d.d.
96. Gresham St. E.C. 29th Jan. 1907.

Messrs. The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
 Whitehall Court,

G. W.

Gentlemen,

Further to the conversation on the 24th instant, with Sir Ernest Blake, in course of which I suggested that a trial of Natal Locomotive coal as used by the various Government Railways in South Africa might not be without advantage to the Uganda Railway, I am glad to say that the Representatives of the Dundee Colliery have so far met my views as to offer the supply for trial shipment of 500 tons at 25/- per ton to 2240 lbs. c.i.f. Mombasa. This coal, I believe from my personal experience of South African Railways, to be entirely equal to Derbyshire or Yorkshire soft coals, with which I gather that the price also compares favorably. If a complete cargo were arranged to Mombasa no doubt a saving on freight would be relied upon thus making the cost to the Uganda Railway still further below the price at which South Yorkshire or other English coal can be

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secured even at the present low freights ruling and which freights from England are, it would appear, more likely to rise than fall in the future.

You kindly suggested cabling to Mr. Currie with a view to obtaining his concurrence in accepting the trial shipment from Natal and I venture to recommend that this may be done early in order that the arrangements which require my personal attention may be completed before my departure for East Africa in about a fortnight's time.

I have the Honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

L. H. M. M. M.

General Manager.

14, St. Mary Axe,
London, E.C. 28th Jan. 1907.

THE BRITISH EAST AFRICAN COAL CO. LTD.

To the Sec.

THE BRITISH EAST AFRICAN CORPORATION LIMITED,
96, Gresham House,
E. C.

Dear Sir,

re COAL FOR UGANDA RAILWAY.

With reference to the supply of Natal coal to the above railway, we have much pleasure in offering to supply you with—

500 tons large Natal coal from the Dundee colliery, at the price of 25/- per ton of 2240 lbs. s.i.f. Mombasa, you guaranteeing to take delivery alongside steamer at the rate of not less than 250 tons per day.

The Dundee coal is recognized to be of the highest quality obtainable in the colony, and has been in continual use by the Natal Government Railways for the past twelve years, and also by several of the leading steamship Companies with every satisfaction.

We should be glad if you could favor us with a shipment, and feel sure that you would get excellent results from our coal.

Yours faithfully,

[Sgd] BULLOCK, KING & CO.