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STREAM LAUNCH "MVITA".

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Previous Paper.

The proceedings of a Board convened to report on condition together with a memo. by the Port Office. In view of opinions expressed proposes to provide for a new launch in 1910-1911 Estimates.

Ack: say that the Govt will in doubt consider the matter in connection with the ^{preparation of the} estimates for year.

at me.

H. J. R.

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Provision inserted in dft. Ests. for

1910-11 & recommended to the

Treasury on Govt/100

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Nairobi,

August 2nd 1909.

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(EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 438

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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the proceedings of a Board convened to report on the condition of the Steam Launch "Mvita" together with a Memorandum by the Port Officer.

2. In view of the opinion expressed I propose, subject to Your Lordship's approval, to make provision for a new launch in the Estimates for 1910-1911.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,



H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

PROCEEDINGS OF A BOARD CONVENED AT
MOMBASA ON THE 9th JULY 1909 TO SURVEY THE
STEAM LAUNCH "MVITA".

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The Board having met proceeded to Direction Point, where the steam launch was lying high and dry at low water, and examined her internally and externally and found her to be in the following condition:-

HULL.

The Hull very much strained, and consequently must work considerably, when the launch is under way.

STEM Broken and patched.
FRAMES All more or less decayed.
STERN POST Broken and patched.
KEEL Perished.
PLANKING Quite soft and in many places perished.
BULKHEADS Both sprung badly.
GOAMINGS Completely eaten away.
DECK Perished.

The present condition of the Hull is due to her age (21 years) and the work upon which she has been engaged.

ENGINES.

With the exception of a small connection to the Air Pump, which requires repairing, the engines are in a fairly good condition.

BOILER.

With the exception of the Smoke-Box and Funnel, which require slight repairs, the Boiler is in good condition.

The Board are unanimously of opinion that the Launch

is unseaworthy, in her present condition. With the under-mentioned repairs the Board consider that she can be made serviceable for one year only.

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REPAIRS.

1. Two thwartship beams to be fixed underneath the deck and secured to Hull.
2. Strengthening Battens fastened to planking between each Frame amidships, underneath the Boiler.
3. Two fore and aft beams placed underneath the Boiler on each side of keelson and secured to the frames.

The Board recommend that provision be made in next year's Estimates for a larger and more serviceable Launch to replace the present one, which is quite unsuitable for the work she is now called upon to perform, viz: carrying the Mails round outside from Kilindini, and attending to the Buys and Beacons outside the harbours during the South West Monsoon, when a heavy sea runs at the entrance to the Harbours and therefore a considerable risk for a Launch of the size and build of the present one.

Mombasa,
July 14th 1909.

Sd/- W.WILSON Chairman
Sd/- F.M.A.BYRNES)
Sd/- H.PIDCOCK) Members

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MEMORANDUM.

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I have the honour to transmit herewith a record of the proceedings of a Board convened to survey the Steam Launch "Mvita".

This Launch has now been in use here for 21 years and during that period has been constantly called upon to undertake work, that was never intended for a Launch of her size and power, because no other launch was available.

The hull is now considerably strained and planking decayed, and the vital parts viz: stem and stern-post have had to be patched and the keel is quite rotten.

In view of the opinions of the Board that the Launch, when repaired will only be serviceable for another year, I would request you to submit this matter to His Excellency the Acting Governor and obtain his sanction for me to provide for a new launch, probable cost £5,400, in the Estimates for next year.

Nairobi,

July 15th 1909.

Sd/- E. PIDCOCK.

Port Officer.

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Mr. Fiddes.

Mr. Just.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

Lord Crewe.

Sir,

I have the honour to
ack: the receipt of your
desp N^o 438 of the 2nd of
August on the subject of
the condition of the steam
Launch "Hunts".

Sir Percy Germond
will no doubt consider the
question of making provision
for a new launch in