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Memor. No.

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17 Aug.

Previous Paper.

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Railway rate for Salt

In memo. by act? Mgr of Ry showing present rates afford a considerable margin for profit & that a considerably larger quantity would be used if it could be obtained at a cheaper rate. Strongly recommends reduction of Ry rate.

W. Read

The reply from the Pt shows that the rates now in force afford a fair margin for profit, and this may be considered as a point in favour of reduction.

The recommendation for a reduction is very strong; but if we agree, there must be reduced rates for salt, not salt for this or that purpose: and the same would hold with any reduction of customs duty. The latest

bluebook is 1907-8, and there the 10% ad valorem duty brought in £752.

? reply that the railway rates for salt may be decreased as proposed on P/7340 & the customs duty removed as a tentative measure, a report to be furnished if the

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Subsequent Paper

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end of 12 months showing the
results of the relief thus afforded.

all.
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Mr. Fiddes.

This is a comparatively small
matter, but I suppose that we must
go to the Treasury?

H. J. R.

Yes.

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Nairobi.

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August 17th 1909.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 490
(Incl. 2)

My Lord,

*for
7340*

In reply to Your Lordship's despatch No. 151 of March 24th, I have the honour to transmit herewith a Memorandum by the Acting Manager of the Uganda Railway in which he states that the present freight rates afford a considerable margin for profit, together with a statement shewing the amount of salt used by some of the principal stock farmers. From the latter Your Lordship will observe that a considerably larger quantity would be used if it could be obtained at a cheaper rate.

Mr. Sandiford
May 12th
Statement

2. I venture once more most strongly to recommend the reduction asked for for Your Lordship's favourable consideration.

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

H. J. Boulton

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

INCLOSURE No. 1.

In Despatch No. 188 of 17.8.1909

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MEMORANDUM.

Our latest audited figures show that it costs us 31.85 cents per mile to haul a ten-ton wagon loaded and empty. The lowest rate suggested by me is 50 cents per mile for distances over 300 miles, there is consequently a considerable margin for profit.

(1) Regarding the estimated loss of Rs.7,000 per annum in Revenue made in my letter No.10/100 dated the 29th January 1909, this cannot long pertain if salt can be imported in sufficient quantities to keep the flocks and herds in a healthy condition thus giving increased traffic in other directions.

(2) I again urge the reduction in the hope of assisting the development of an industry on the verge of proving successful; it is scarcely second in importance to the reductions already allowed on imported stock and agricultural implements, &c.

I think the Honourable the Director of Agriculture will be best able to answer the question regarding the amount of relief which the proposed reductions would afford to an average stock raiser.

Sd/- C. Sandiford.

ACTING MANAGER.

UGANDA RAILWAY.

Nairobi,

May 12th 1909.

INCLOSURE 102

In Despatch No. 1180 of 17.8.1909

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APPROXIMATE QUANTITY OF SALT
USED BY STOCK FARMERS.

Name.	Amount of Salt used.	Remarks.
J.W.Cushney	150 lbs. per month.	Would be larger if not so excessively dear, and thinks the consumption among Lumbwa group of farmers at present runs to 1 to 1½ tons per month.
S. McCall	1200 lbs. per month	Quantity would be increased at least 800 lbs per month if it could be got at a moderate price.
Cocker & Gray	1 ton per annum	
F.W.Baillie	3 to 4000 lbs. per annum	Would no doubt use more if less expensive.
T.J.Oulton	½ cwt. per month	
Hon.J.Cole	About 2 tons per annum	
Drake & Smith	1 ton rock salt, ½ ton loose salt per annum	Would use much more but for the expense.
R.Chamberlain	About ½ ton per annum	Next year will be using about 2 to 3 tons.
E.A.Syndicate	1 ton per month	
Govt.Farm, Naivasha	2½ tons per annum	

Nairobi,
August 16th 1909.

Sd/- R.EDMONDSON.
for Ag. Director of Agriculture.

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Secretary to the Treasury

22 Sept 1909

MINUTE.

Mr. Parkinon 7/9

Mr. Read 18

Mr. Fiddes.

Mr. Just.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

Lord Crew.

the proposed exemption of salt from import duty and reduction of

Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Trade to transmit to you to be laid before the L.C. of the Treasury a copy of ~~corresp^a with the Board of Trade~~ ~~respecting the freight rate~~ ~~the Board~~ ~~for the transport of salt on the inland railway~~ into the ~~PLT~~

2. The Board is not prepared to make exceptions in favour of salt for agricultural purposes as distinct from

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from salt for any
other use, but
with I his concurrence
he would be glad,
as a tentative
measure, to
remove the duty
from imported salt
& to decrease the
rates of carriage
as proposed in
Mr. Currie's ^{letter} ~~enclosure~~
~~to Sir James Kaye~~
~~Liddin's~~ ~~copy~~
of the 31st January.
3. In the event of
H.L.'s sanctioning
this proposal,
a report would
be furnished at
the

end of twelve months
showing the results
of the relief thus
afforded -

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(Signed) G. V. FIDDES.