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RAILWAY FUEL SIDINGS

March

It has become necessary to re-open question again and Manager proposes to construct a siding at Mile 366 at a cost of £7,500. Requests Treasury be asked to waive former objection to providing Funds out of Capital to be recouped by an annual charge out of Revenue. Recommends the proposal as perfectly sound financially.

previous Paper.

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W. Butler,

I don't think Treasury will give way - but ? copy to Treas. say that S.S. wd. be glad if they wd. reconsider their previous decision in view of the strongly expressed opinion of the Governor - say that it wd. appear that, in the event of Zb. adhering to their decision, heavy expenditure from Revenue in the future will be entailed from the necessity of importing coal, emphasising the argt. in par. 5.

To Gen Secy. 2 May 13082

ask for early reply / acc 8/4  
W. Butler  
at 10/11/10  
- J. ap. 28/3/11

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

March 8th 1910.

No. 130

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My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence relating to the construction of sidings for the supply of fuel to the Uganda Railway and in particular to Lord Elgin's despatch No. 552 of October 8th 1907 and Your Lordship's despatch No. 390 of August 14th 1908.

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2. The proposal made to meet the expenditure involved out of Capital (in the first instance and to repay the advance by annual instalments out of revenue was not received with favour by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury and, as it was found possible to obtain the requisite supply of fuel from contractors, the matter was dropped for the time being.

3. It has now however become necessary to re-open the question, as the Forest Department reports that the forests in the immediate vicinity of the line will be exhausted in 14 or 15 months time and provision must therefore be made for procuring the requisite supplies.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE EARL OF CREWE, K.G.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

4. The Manager proposes to construct a siding about five miles in length at mile 366 at a cost of £7,500. The alignment is satisfactory and sufficient fuel to last for 4 years can, he anticipates, be obtained from it.

5. If this is not done coal will have to be imported, the extra cost as compared with wood being estimated at £5,000, an expenditure which would in no way benefit the Protectorate whereas all that is spent on wood assists its development, as it goes into the hands of contractors and natives and remains in the country.

6. It is once more proposed to find the sum necessary in the manner originally suggested viz: out of Capital to be recouped by an annual charge on Revenue, and I would venture to ask that the Lords of the Treasury be asked to waive the objection previously raised by them.

7. The method suggested is perfectly sound financially and no private Railway Company would hesitate for a moment to adopt it. I can therefore confidently recommend it for approval.

8. I should be glad of an early reply as the siding ought to be begun immediately after the rainy season, i.e. in June or July.

I have the honour to be  
Your Lordship's humble,  
obedient servant,

  
GOVERNOR.

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DRAFT.

The Secretary to the Treasury

18 April 1910

MINUTE.

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- Mr. Butler 15/4
- Mr. Fiddes.
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Crewe.

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2. It could appear  
that, in the events

of 7.7.4. referring

to their previous  
decision, that the

cost of construction

<sup>such</sup> Floodings should

not be met from

Capital to be

recovered from

Revenue, very

serious expenditure

will have to be

met, ~~in the future~~ in the near future,

from Revenue owing

to the necessity of

importing coal

and ~~as~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>unrecoverable</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~borne~~ <sup>borne</sup> ~~out~~ <sup>out</sup>

out in the 5th para

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or truly next, I am  
to request that  
an early reply  
may be made  
to this letter.

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