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STEAMER SERVICE OF LAKE VICTORIA

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Provided satisfied that the increase of traffic is permanent in character sanctions exdore of 33,000. Cannot assent to proposal to hypothecate railway surplus earnings. States financing arnts which may be made. Asks may be consulted before any excess is sanctioned on cost of new boat and tug and for infn as to cost of substituting oil for wood on existing vessels.

previous Paper.

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W. Read.

I see nothing in Gov. 23403 to warrant the belief that the growth of the amount of cargo offering is a flash in the pan. I think, therefore, that we can take the stipulation made by the Treasury in para. 2 of his letter as fulfilled.

7 Telegraph to Govt as in the draft herewith; can form the telegram by despatch, sending a copy of the correspondence with the Treasury; impress upon the Govt the great importance of observing most

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scrupulously the conditions under which  
the Treasury have approved of the expend-  
-ture, and request him to report as  
early as practicable precisely what  
steps he is taking in compliance with  
those conditions; say that the estimated  
prices of the cargo boats & tug boats must  
be regarded as covering the full cost  
of the vessels ready for service on the  
lake; & ask him to report in due  
course the actual cost of substituting  
oil for wood fuel on the existing vessels.

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Sept 6

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H. J. R.

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In the reply to this Letter the following  
Number should be quoted.

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11th September 1911.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Sir C. Lucas' letter of the 12th ultimo (23403/11) and your letter of the 30th ultimo (28191/11) and the enclosed copy of correspondence with the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate relative to the improvement of the Uganda railway steamer service on Lake Victoria.

In reply I am to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Harcourt that, provided that he is satisfied as to the permanent character of the increase in traffic shown during the current year, My Lords will not offer in principle any objection to the expenditure of £33,000 on the lines indicated in the letters under reply.

The question of the provision of funds, however, appears to Their Lordships to offer more difficulty. While They are gratified to learn that the surplus of assets on the 31st March last so much exceeded expectations, They concur in Mr. Harcourt's view that this fact in itself cannot be held to justify an increase in the amount of gross expenditure authorised for the current year.

On the other hand My Lords cannot assent to the proposal of the Secretary of State to hypothecate to this service estimated surplus earnings on the railway, which may in fact never be realised.

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Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

In normal circumstances, therefore, They would consider that the whole expenditure in question should be provided in the Estimates for 1912-13 and succeeding years in the ordinary way. They realise, however, the importance of making an early start with the works in question, and They are willing to extend to the present proposals the concession recently made in the case of the additional vessels authorised for Lake Kioga. Accordingly, I am to say that, in so far as Mr. Harcourt is satisfied that expenditure cannot be deferred without serious injury to the Protectorate's interests, My Lords are willing that it should be met (within a limit of £20,000) during the current year from the Protectorate balances, but, as regards expenditure which would not ordinarily come in course of payment during the year or is not of an urgent character, They consider that there is no ground for exceptional action, and They request that provision may be made for it in the annual Estimates in the normal manner.

My Lords desire, however, that no expenditure or estimate in excess of the total limit of £20,000 for the new cargo boat and £6,000 for the new tug respectively may be approved without Their previous authority, and that They may be informed in due course of the actual cost of substituting oil fuel for wood on the existing vessels.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*D. H. Scott*

Treasury E & P

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Sent by 7 pm

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Telegram  
(for code)

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Telegram of 25 August

Nairobi

advice

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Mr. Butler Sept. 6

Mr. Read 6

Mr. Fiddes

Sir H. Just.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Lucas.

Mr. Harcourt.

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12 Sept 1911

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Sent

- Mr. Parkerson 8/9
- Mr. Butler 8/3
- Mr. Fiddes
- Mr. Just
- Sir C. Lucas.

have etc. to transmit to you, for your info, a copy of a dispatch <sup>with</sup> its enclos<sup>es</sup>, from the Gov. of the Cal regarding the necessity of providing increased steamer accommodation for the Uganda Railway in Victoria Nyanza.

- Lord Lucas.
- Mr. Harcourt.

~~has copy out of his pocket~~

all enclosed with drawing (23463)

2. W.H. is at present in comm<sup>n</sup>.

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Trans 29075 Sal 397

Staff. Sal No 507  
for his Rly in road

14 Sept 1901

Oct 8/9  
Mr Butler 8/9  
WJH

Trans. 12 Aug  
23403  
Trans 28791  
From Trans 6 Sept  
29075

Do  
Have the honor to acknowledge the  
receipt of your disp. No.  
327 of the 20th of June  
on the subject of providing  
further steamer accommodation  
for Victoria Nyanya  
to confirm my tel. of the  
6th of Sept., which read  
as follows:-

[Here copy tel. to you  
on Trans 29075 in extenso]