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22 Apr.
Last previous Paper.
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de 1468 (Cowan)

Railway - Superior Staff.

Explains as to provision in Estimates
for increase of salary. Submits part
of increment of £20 to Mr. Cowan.

to bottomley.

It is, of course, strongly discretionary
with the G. M. whether he recommends
a raise for an increment or not,
but it is far better that (as has
now been done) the rate of increment
should be fixed for Railway officers
retires & shown in Est.

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at once.

H. J. L.
23/17/14

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For. 17960/1914
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could be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.

and the following number quoted—

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For. 2579/1914

Mr. Bottomley 25/5/14

Gentlemen,

Drumming Street,

27 May 1914

I am directed by ~~the~~ ^{Harcourt} Secretary of State to convey
approval of your complying with the accompanying requisition from

the Government of the East Africa Protectorate, which ^{was} ~~were~~

enclosed in ^{your letter} ~~despatch~~ No. 208 of the 3rd of March

for telegraph material required
by the Post Office and Telegraphs
Department.

2. I am to request that
the requisition may be treated
as urgent.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN ANDERSON.

to Crown Agents
for the Colonies.

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be glad to receive
any others. Mr
^{Hobhouse}
Samuel may have
to offer with regard
to the fourth para
of Mr Gosling's letter.

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forwarded sent to the
C. A. for the Colonies
for immediate
execution.

J. J. J. J.

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27 May 1914

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Sir,

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The Secretary,
G. P. O.

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper 25/5/14

Mr. Bottomley 25/5/14 p

Sir G. Fiddes,

Sir H. Jost.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

I am directed by
Mr. Sir Harcourt to
transmit to you
for the concern of
the P.M.C., the
accompanying copy
of a letter from the
P.M.C. of the East
Africa and Uganda

Protectorates relating
to the telegraph lines proposed for or in connection
with the Imperial
cable scheme.

2. Mr. Harcourt will
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Sir A. Belfield

MINUTE.

Mr. Harpe 29/5/14
Mr. Bottomley 25/5/14

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

I have the honour to
ack. the receipt of your
despatch no 389 of the
22nd of Apl. To inform you that
I approve of the
provision made in
the Est. for 1914-15
for new telegraph
lines connecting the
Imperial Wireless
Station.

2. Indent no 62,

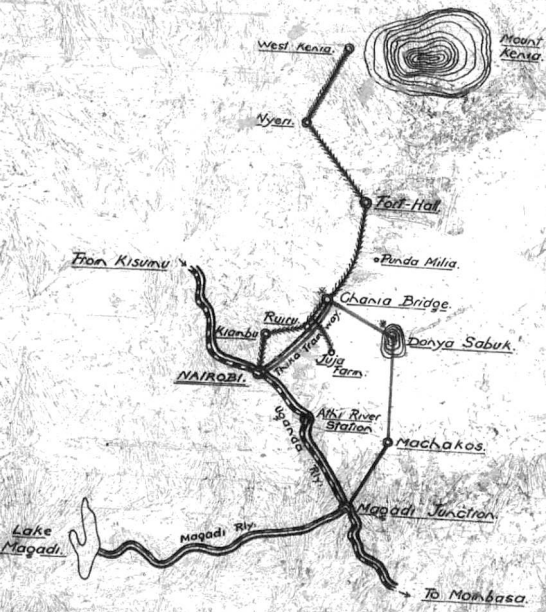
forwarded with your
desp. no 208 of the 3rd
of March, is being
over

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Sketch Map showing Telegraph Lines around Nairobi.



Scale 1 inch to 23.6 miles.

Permanent (Iron Poles) lines shown thus
 Temporary lines - carried on wooden poles shown thus
 New, or re-constructed, lines
 Approximate positions for Wireless Stations

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most satisfactory arrangement and adapting routes and new material to the probable requirements.

5. In any case, and whatever the Colonial Office decision may be, I beg that the indent for material which was forwarded to the Secretary of State may be executed forthwith. This indent includes provision for only part of the scheme, viz:- the line along the Thika Tramway. The heavy poles which have been ordered can hardly prove to be otherwise than a wise provision in the case of telegraphs in a rapidly developing country. Their carrying capacity will be absorbed in a very few years even if it is not utilized in the manner originally contemplated.

(Sd). J. GOSLING.

POSTMASTER GENERAL,
East Africa & Uganda Protectorates.

R.M.

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wires than would ordinarily have been provided for along a branch line.

3. It will be understood from the foregoing that provision for telegraph communication with the Imperial Wireless Stations has, to a certain extent, been combined with the arrangements proposed for the general development of the local telegraph system. As matters now stand the sum asked for (two items as per margin) will not be sufficient to provide the actual wires connecting with the Wireless Stations as my original estimate was cut down by arrangement with the Treasurer. The iron poles will, however, be sufficiently substantial to carry the necessary extra lines.

4. I am of opinion that any telegraph lines required for, or in connexion with, the Imperial Wireless Scheme should be provided and maintained by this Department on rental terms in much the same way as the British Post Office provides the wires connecting with the Marconi Stations and Poldhu and Clifden, and the South African Government provides the Cable Company with a wire from Cape Town to Durban. Everything within the enclosures of the Stations will naturally be provided and maintained by the Imperial Wireless Staff; but outside the actual Wireless compounds it would, I think, be undesirable to have two Telegraph Authorities: there would probably be differences regarding rights of way. The question of the terms and general conditions on which such lines are to be supplied has yet to be settled, but this hardly enters into the matter now under discussion. I am simply stating those proposals for what I consider to be the

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thus serves a considerable public — or rather, it is supposed to do so. Actually it is in a very bad condition and is often interrupted. It is imperative that it be reconstructed without delay if serious friction with the public is to be avoided.

When the estimates were prepared, in September last, it was proposed that the reconstructed line should follow the Thika Tramway as far as Chania bridge, but the scheme did not include any provision for telegraph facilities for the Railway Administration. It was understood that funds had originally been provided for this in the estimate for the Tramway, but that it had subsequently been decided that telegraph facilities could be dispensed with as only one train was to be on the Tramway at any one time. Since then the construction of the Tramway has been completed by the Public Works Department and it has been handed over to the Railway Authorities. Shortly after the commencement of working the Honourable the General Manager intimated that he considered a telegraph to be necessary, and the indent for material, which is now in the hands of the Secretary of State, is partly on Post Office and partly on Railway account, the Railway contributing towards the cost. The indent may also be said to be partly on its account of the projected service stations in that service will be ordered to carry a larger number of telegraph wires.

way of Magadi Junction - Machakos - Donyo Sabuk - Chaniabridge - and Nairobi. Between Magadi Junction and Machakos we already have a good iron pole line. A line also exists (to which I am referring later) between Nairobi and Chaniabridge. It will be necessary to provide a telegraph line from Chaniabridge to Donyo Sabuk connecting the two wireless stations (for the moment we will not consider at whose expense) and there only remains the section between Donyo Sabuk and Machakos to make the loop complete. I had this scheme under consideration long before anything was heard of the Imperial wireless proposals, with this difference, that I proposed to complete the loop by the erection of a line from Machakos to Juja Farm.

- (b). Our existing telegraph line to Fort Hall and Nyeri is only a temporary one. It was hurriedly constructed some 8½ years ago, before the Thika Tramway was even suggested, and is carried, in part, on growing trees. It originally served only two stations, viz:- Kiambu and Fort Hall. But, as a result of the growth of European settlement to the North of Nairobi, there are no fewer than six telegraph offices served by this one temporary line. A seventh will be opened at West Kenia in the course of the next few weeks and it will probably be necessary to provide for a further office at Punda Hills in the near future. The line

of the Imperial System. It will be observed that the area dealt with extends as far as ^{South} East as Magadi and as far North as the West Kenia district. The details of the scheme are as follow:-

- (a). The Magadi Soda Company will presently commence active operations. A large staff will be employed and the volume of Post and Telegraph business will be considerable. We have no Telegraph Office there at present nor, if we had, is there any outlet for the telegraph traffic so far as the Post Office is concerned. This Department has only one wire from Nairobi to the Coast, which wire could certainly not carry any further way-side traffic. It is necessary to make provision accordingly. If we erect an extra wire for Post Office use, on the existing line of poles between Magadi Junction and Nairobi we merely add to the trouble which results from having all our wires on the same pole line, ^{in fact} i.e., all our eggs in one basket. An accident to one wire frequently involves interruption of the whole. If, on the other hand, we can build up a complete connection from Magadi to Nairobi by some other route, this will result in our having a sort of loop line which could be utilized for the maintenance of communication between Nairobi and Mombasa in case of complete interruption of the telegraphs along the Railway at any point between Nairobi and Magadi Junction.

It is desired to obtain this loop by

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Despatch No. 589 of 17960
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Postmaster General's Office,
N A I R O B I.

20th April, 1914.

The Honourable
The Chief Secretary
to the Government,
N a i r o b i,

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE (£.2000) FOR NEW TELEGRAPH
LINES CONNECTING IMPERIAL WIRELESS STATION, AND
REQUISITION FOR TELEGRAPH MATERIAL.

Ref. Your No.4401 of the 15-4-1914.

enclosing extract from the Colonial Office despatch
No. 236 dated 13-3-1914 and Colonial Office telegram
dated 14-4-1914.

The question raised by the Colonial Office is not one to which a direct answer can be given in a few words. It is necessary to explain the whole scheme of development of our existing telegraph system, of which the provision of lines connecting with the proposed wireless Stations forms only a part.

2. The enclosed sketch map shows Nairobi, together with the districts to the North and East. It also shows the positions proposed for the two wireless Stations

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NAIROBI.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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17960
16 MAY 14

April 22nd, 1914

SIR,

With reference to Head 20 paragraph (c) of your despatch No. 236 of the 13th ultimo and your telegram of the 14th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memorandum by the Postmaster-General respecting the estimated expenditure for new telegraph lines connecting the Imperial wireless stations and the requisition for telegraph material.

2. As the matter is somewhat urgent I have considered it advisable to forward this in advance of the general reply to your despatch above mentioned and I trust that it will be possible to comply with the Postmaster General's recommendations.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your humble, obedient servant,

J. B. Baring

Deputy GOVERNOR.

RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIR HAROLD
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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Government. Whether such wire can
also be used for other purposes I do not
know, but I imagine some arrangement
could be made.

I send copy of memo to GPO. asking
for their views on part 4
[This of course need not delay the
proposed letter to C.A.]

JCR 9/25/14

as proposed?

H. S. R.

22/10/14

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P.M. 25.3.14

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