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50615/14E. African Hdb. (Loans) Act.
Draft Schedules

Assents to Schedules as submitted subject to their resp. inclusion of various road surveys in each schedule without any provision for construction. Agrees to proposals as regards payment & proposed separate head for interest charges in first 3 years of currency of each schedule.

Signed: Sir J. Anderson

The Treasury have studied the vague items (^{Ranking} miscellaneous minor loans & "Roads - Contingents") but shrank at the road surveys, apparently thinking that the Governor might wish to see roads without any idea of constructing them.

I send them copy of Gov. 36/27/14

and that the Gov. proposes to ask cost of construction from revenue funds permit, & say that the S. off.

entirely agrees with him in thinking that ^{any} provision is essential & is confident that ultimate economy will be secured by a comprehensive survey scheme at one month's end. Say that the S. off. is satisfied that all the roads specified

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are badly needed & would have
supported the inclusion of provision for
the construction of all of these local
roads permitted. Point out that although
the Gov has authorized the aid
for road improvement now we have
not to R.R. & that it may be regarded
as certain that these roads will be
constructed as soon as the state of
the revenues permits but that it
is not possible, especially at the
present moment, to give any definite
aidance.

Add that the arrangements for
surveying & constructing these roads
must necessarily depend on the Gov's
policy (see despatch of 36/12), & that
we draw attention to the high assumed cost
per mile, but that it is extremely
desirable that the construction of the
roads should not be held up for

full discussion of this matter. Say
that in the interim we hope that the
will consent to the Schedule being
included in the Order in its present
form, subject to possible amendment
later up after further consideration, & proposed
to communicate with them further
as to the road policy before any
application for advances for this purpose
is made.

We can go further with R.R. Bill on

well want in the case of Uganda &
Nyasaland also, since we shall 486
having the Governor's letter in very
soon (see despatches on Neo of 43/11/14)

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

5 January 1915.

27887

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Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Read's letter of the 10th ultimo (43914/1914), and its enclosed draft schedules of works to be included in the local East Africa Protectorate, Uganda and Nyasaland Ordinances dealing with loan services under the East African Protectorates (Loans) Act, 1914.

In reply I am to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Harcourt that My Lords give Their assent to the schedules as submitted, subject to the following observation.

They note that in the case of the East Africa Protectorate various road surveys are included without any provision for construction. They presume that the Protectorate is prepared to find the money for construction from ordinary revenue, for otherwise it can scarcely be contended that "improvement of communications" will result from the surveys, and My Lords can only assent to the inclusion of these items in the loan programme on the understanding that provision for construction will in each case be made within a reasonable time of the survey in the ordinary estimates of the Protectorate. Unless Mr. Harcourt is in a position to assure Them that this will be done, They think these items which will thus represent unproductive expenditure should be removed from the loan schedules.

My

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

My Lords also concur in Mr. Harcourt's proposals with regard to wirement and to the proposed separate head for interest charges in the first 3 years of the currency of each advance.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D. Smith

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. Smith

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13 January 1915

Sir,

I am to ackn. the receipt of your letter, no. 27887/14, of the 5th January on the subject of the ^{the above} loan services, under the East African Protectorates (Loans) Act 1914, and to transmit to you, for the consideration of the S. C. of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of a ^{correspondence} ~~letter~~ from the Govt. of the R.A.P. dealing with the proposals for road construction in that Prov.

2. I am to point out that the Govt. proposes to meet the cost of

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The Secretary
to the
Treasury.

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Mr. Harpur 9/1/1915

Mr. Buxton 9/1/1915

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Selkirk.

Mr. Harcourt.

for
13 Aug 14
13 Dec 14
16 Dec 14

construction from revenue as funds permit. Mr. Harcourt entirely agrees with the Gov. in thinking that prior survey is essential and is confident that ultimate economy will be secured by carrying out a comprehensive survey ^{of all the latest roads} at one time. Mr. Harcourt is satisfied that all the roads specified are badly needed & would have supported the inclusion of provision for the construction of all of them had funds permitted. I am to observe that the Gov. has emphasized the need for road improvement ever since ^{he assumed the Govt of} he went to the P.M., and that it may be regarded as certain that these roads will be constructed as soon as the state of the revenues permits, but that it is not possible,

especially at the
present moment, to
give any date in
advance.

3. I am to add that the arrangements for surveying and constructing these roads must necessarily depend on the Governor's reply to Mr Harcourt's despatch of the 13th of Octr last, in which attention was drawn to the high assumed cost per mile. It is, however, ~~but this is~~ extremely desirable that the enactment of the Ordinance should not be postponed for a full discussion of this matter, ^{and in} ~~the~~ ^{the} circumstances Mr Harcourt hopes that their Lordships will consent to

(H.D.)

The Schedule being
included in the Order
in its present form, subject
to possible amendment later
after fuller consideration.

A further communication
will be addressed to you
as to the road policy
before any application for
advances for this purpose
is made.

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W. H. J. READ.

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