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via per Leggett

Belgian Operations

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Wishes telegram on behalf of Belgian
Co. to be sent to Gov. of the East. to
ask whether 60 mules can be procured
for artillery transport work in Belgian Congo.

Last previous Paper.

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Mr. B. Ruyter, Sir G. Fiddler

Mules are scarce in the East
& we have been trying to get them
from India, but without success. Arrangements
are now being made to "combine all
the available mules" (see passage
marked in 17395 below).

But I suppose we had better let
the Gov. East to make certain. We had
better explain the position & ask whether
60 mules could be obtained (there is no
need to bring in low cost mules we
know whether mules can be got or not)

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6.45. 23.4.15

At home P.M. 23.4.15

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British East Africa Corporation, Limited.

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SENDER:
F. T. FRASERLAND.

TELEPHONE: LONDON WALL 8176.

TELEGRAMS: TAAL AVE LONDON.

CABLES: INCREASE, LONDON.

CODES:
WESTERN UNION AND BROOMHALL'S
COMBINATION.

AND AT
MOMBASA, NAIROBI, KISUMU, &c.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE,
AND
KAMPALA, JINJA, MASINDI, &c.
UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

96, GRESHAM HOUSE,

LONDON, April 21, 1916.

In your reply please refer
to No.

CONFIDENTIAL

H. J. Read Esq. - C.B.C.M.G.
Colonial Office, S.W.

Dear Read,

The Belgian Colonial Office desire me to cable to Mr Cox
British East Africa Corporation Mombasa asking whether and at what
cost delivered Entebbe he can purchase for them in East Africa
sixty mules, for their artillery transport work on Eastern Congo
frontier.

This seems to be a matter that should not go over the
wires in a private cable, and there is no doubt the further point
that all mules and horses in East Africa fit for military work
are under prohibition of export or even of sale to other than
British Military Authorities unless with consent of the latter.

The Belgian War Office at ^{Haarlem} Le Havre have today cabled
me per their Colonial Office in London that the four mountain
guns with their carriages and pack saddles for artillery
transport, ammunition, etc, all recently shipped to Beira are to be
discharged at Mombasa, and sent to their Uganda frontier if I can
arrange this in time-the matter of the mules is connected with this.

Perhaps the enquiry to Mr. Cox. can be very kindly sent
by your cable per Sir Henry Belfield.

I have suggested that failing mules, they might be able
to use donkeys, which are more likely to be obtainable-they ask
for corresponding information re donkeys, but prefer mules-
either from East Africa, I am to enquire from Aden etc.

Perhaps the enquiry to Mr Cox. could be very kindly sent

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by your cable per Sir. Henry. Belfield.

Yours Sincerely.

Edmund Leighton

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Belgian authorities are desirous of purchasing in E.A.P. Uganda sixty mules (or failing mules, donkeys) for their artillery transport work in Eastern Congo from the 1st. Please consider P.O.C. and let me know whether this can be done and, if so, at what cost. Belgian authorities wish for early information.

DRAFT. Telegrams to the

Governor Nairobi

MINUTE.

- Mr. Equ 23/4/15
- Mr. B. K. 23/4/15
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Major Barrett had been told by phone that we telegraphing & be provided with a receipt of the 23/4.

(Delivered at Entebbe)

Harcourt