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Major Leggett

Belgian operations

1915

May 7<sup>th</sup>

Inter with as to military stores

Last previous Paper.

to for Congo.

Mr B. M. ...  
Mr Read

Also appearing succeeds from  
Major Leggett are available.

I suppose we must telegraph  
as requested in page 2 of his  
letter, but can't we tell him  
that this is the last time that  
we will do so that communications  
must, in future, come through  
official channels? We have told  
him twice at Kamp, but he takes  
no notice!

Mr M. ... 20/5/15

We must I think distinguish between the  
use made of Major Leggett as a diplomatic  
channel & the use made of the Corporation as  
a transport agency. As regards the latter,  
it is proper that the Belgians should write

To for C. A. P. Tel. 15 May ✓  
To Major Leggett 15 May ✓

Next subsequent Paper.

For 21942 S

to begin Leggett, and it has been agreed  
from the beginning that when the  
master is caught his arrangements to the  
local representative of the Corp should  
be sent through this Office & the  
Gov.

? Delegable the message  
accordingly

WLB 8/5/15

So indeed - the P.O. have  
written to the Belgian port. with  
a view to placing the system of  
comerp<sup>ce</sup> on a more satisfactory  
basis.

at once

to J.R.

8/5/15

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British East Africa Corporation, Limited.

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Secretary  
F. T. PRESSLAND.

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MOMBASA  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

In your reply please refer  
to No.

Confidential

Dear Read (or Bottomley)

I enclose for you, as you may desire, copy of the Haase despatches of 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April re mountain battery for Congo (via Mombasa) and other matters. All these have had attention and I have given copies to our War Office, & latter has wired certain extracts to General Trenchard for further information. Our War Office has been considering Egypt & see if mules for the batteries are available from there. Meanwhile my people are collecting too strong pack donkeys at Kampalla for the battery ammunition transport. I note in Read's letter to me of 5<sup>th</sup> May that you are kindly making further enquiry as to mules from the Govt of India, & have informed from Penkin of the trouble you have been at as to take.

In regard to the landing at Mombasa

of the mountain guns & ammunition shipped  
 from Massalia, in S<sup>te</sup> Bernick Castle, the  
 instructions contained in the Marche letter <sup>455</sup>  
 of 20<sup>th</sup> A<sup>pr</sup>. (reference number & marks of  
 the packages etc) have already been  
 called by me to Mombasa (M. Cox. BSA  
 Corporation) as a commercial message, the  
 omitting anything to indicate the special  
 nature of the contents. I had also informed  
 Cox that passage Rouling, in Bernick  
 Castle, is to assist him to land and sort  
 the packages.

It thus remains only to ask you to  
 be so kind as to ask Dir<sup>l</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. E.A.P  
 to transmit to Cox. Corporation Mombasa  
 the following -

"the instructions <sup>(scaled up by Corporation London)</sup> regarding landing  
 at Mombasa of 153 Belgian foot packages  
 ex Bernick Castle originally, conveyed on  
 the ship to Beira, refer to guns and  
 ammunition for mountain battery to be  
 forwarded with utmost despatch to

Kampalla where Belgian commandant  
 "Moulaert remaining ~~in~~ to  
 "unpack and organise battery - Moulaert  
 "is des. Mombasa Messagerie. steamer fifteenth  
 "instant - Corporation staff at Mombasa  
 & Kampalla to attend to all Moulaert's  
 "requirements" - Hill Railway please  
 "facilitate despatch all urgency" -

The matter of motor boats for Lake Kivu  
 is already being attended to by Cox at  
 Mombasa and by our own Director of  
 Transport (Captain Hannan) who has  
 now arrived in Uganda -

Law also much obliged to Read for  
 his of 5<sup>th</sup> May transmitting message re  
 Congo Govt gold for S/S Bennett Cash.  
 This refers to parcel of £95250 value  
 which we are forwarding to Capetown for  
 Bank of England order (Belgian Co.)

DE BELGIQUE.

COPIE.

n° 347.

Batteries Saint Chamond  
à débarquer à Mombasa  
pour Kivu.

W. O. T. B.

*avec Mombasa*  
*May 12*  
*457*

Prière de demander au Major Leggett de donner des instructions télégraphiques à l'agent de l'Union Castle à Mombasa pour que le Bewick Castle débarque dans ce port les canons, accessoires, outillage et munitions destinés à constituer la batterie du Commandant Moulant. Ce matériel est contenu dans les caisses portant les Nos suivants:-

|   |   |       |
|---|---|-------|
|   | 4 caisses P.G. 194-195-196-197 pesant chacune 690 kilos |       |
| 1 | " P.G. 200  | 86 "  |
| 1 | " P.G. 201  | 74 "  |
| 1 | " P.G. 202  | 66 "  |
| 1 | " P.G. 203  | 21 "  |
| 1 | " P.G. 207  | 219 " |
| 1 | " P.G. 208  | 216 " |
| 1 | " P.G. 209  | 257 " |
| 1 | " P.G. 210  | 229 " |
| 6 | " P.G. 211-212-213-214-215-216 pesant chacune 261 kilos |       |
| 1 | caisse 353 outillage.                                   |       |

5 caisses n° P.G. 224-225-226-227-228 pesant chacune... 50 kilos

1 caisse P.G. 229 " 30 "

25 caisses P.C. 230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238  
 239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247  
 248-249-250-251-252-253-254.  
 pesant chacune ..... 110 kilos

15 caisses P.C. 332-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-  
 347-348-349-350-351-352 458  
 pesant chacune ..... 110 kilos

77 caisses n° 236 à 312 pesant chacune ..... 100 kilos

4 caisses série n° 201 à 205  
 totale pesant chacune ..... 65 kilos  
 une pesant ..... 56 kilos

*Handwritten notes:*  
 25 caisses P.C. 230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238  
 239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247  
 248-249-250-251-252-253-254  
 pesant chacune ..... 110 kilos  
 15 caisses P.C. 332-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-  
 347-348-349-350-351-352  
 pesant chacune ..... 110 kilos  
 77 caisses n° 236 à 312 pesant chacune ..... 100 kilos  
 4 caisses série n° 201 à 205  
 totale pesant chacune ..... 65 kilos  
 une pesant ..... 56 kilos

Le restant du matériel et des munitions doit être débarqué à Beira.

Prière également de demander au Major Leggett de donner des instructions pour activer le transport vers Entebbe du matériel débarqué à Mombasa. Le Commandant Moulart, qui part de Marseille le 29 avril organisera sa batterie à Entebbe.

*Handwritten note:* amener Kampalla

Le Commandant Bouling passager à bord du Berwick Castle reçu directement les instructions pour assurer le débarquement à Mombasa du matériel et des munitions pour le Kivu et destinées à la batterie Saint Chamond commandée par le Commandant Moulart.

*Handwritten note:* Orders sent to Beira & Portuguese Legation  
 advised by Belgian C.O. - Transport  
 by country arranged - *Ambohi*

COPY.

MINISTÈRE DES COLONIES

DE BELGIQUE.

Le Havre, le 22 Avril, 1915.

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L'Office de Londres voudrait-il examiner si le Major Leggett ne pourrait nous procurer rapidement un ou deux de ces MOTOR BOATS capables d'être transportés au Lac Kivu. Ces embarcations devraient être assez rapides et pouvoir porter une mitrailleuse et 4 ou 5 hommes.

Cette question demande une solution urgente.

Le Ministre,

(S) Renkin.

*This matter now in hand by  
Mr Cox, Capt. Hannan.  
Rond.*



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MINISTRE DES COLONIES

DE BELGIQUE

Le Havre, le 28 Avril 1915.

C O P Y.

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N O T E.

Malgré les instances du Commandant Rouling, passager à bord du Berwick Castle, le Capitaine du vapeur n'a pas voulu s'engager à débarquer à Mombasa le matériel destiné à former la batterie Moulant.

Ce matériel est contenu dans les caisses renseignées dans notre note n° 547 du 20 avril 1915.

Un télégramme donnant les marques et numéros des caisses a été adressé au Commandant Rouling à Port Said et j'ai prié cet officier d'assurer le débarquement des colis.

La lettre du Major Leggett adressée à votre N° 4964 du 24 courant nous dit que des instructions télégraphiques ont été données aux agents de l'Union Castle Line à Mombasa.

Je désirerais avoir l'assurance formelle que la batterie Moulant sera débarquée à Mombasa.

*Mombasa*

Ainsi que le matériel de la batterie Moulant, le commandant Rouling a été chargé de le faire débarquer à Mombasa.

Il s'y fera aider par quelques Sous-Officiers, le restant du Détachement sous les ordres du Lieutenant de Belhaye devra être dirigé sans retard sur Butchiki via M'Barara.

*m/s St Rantana*

Pour ce qui concerne les mules, il sera probablement difficile d'en réunir 60.

Si cependant le Major Leggett pouvait nous en faire obtenir de 20 à 30 cela permettrait au Commandant Moulant d'organiser sa batterie, le restant des colis pouvant

*200's  
Belhaye  
Momb*

vant

être porté à dos d'hommes. S'il n'était pas possible de trouver des mules, on pourrait les remplacer par des ânes de Mascate que l'on peut trouver partout dans l'Uganda et le British East Africa.

Le Ministre,

(s) Renkin.

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sent 12 30 P.M.  
Epm

May 10<sup>th</sup> 462

Morning - from D. E. A.

Corp<sup>s</sup> - London for

Cor, Surabaya

Spher

DRAFT. Telegram

Governor Nairobi

MINUTE.

Mr. Egan 19/5/15

Mr. Deacon 10.5.15

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

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Karadewa

(begin) The instructions

called to you of

Cooperation London

regarding landing at

Surabaya of ~~the~~ 155

Belgian Govt. package

of "Beewick Castle"

originally consigned in

local ships to B. E. A.

reference to

arrangement for transport

battery to be forwarded

with utmost despatch

to Kampala where

Belgian Commandant

