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Transport of hides to Coast
Railway facilities

Request that ^{the} motor be given to go
to point hides transferred via material
not required for military purposes

The Road

There is only one railway, that
is in the hands of the military authorities.

The best conditions have been
arranged for the sake of military
convenience in a short time they
are able to undertake to military
despatches. Please see the
papers on p. 11 of vol. to 37788.

The whole affair is very serious from
the point of view of the cotton office,
even, in a business, but I do not
think we can stand in the way.

It is for us to give the orders but
to prevent a protest from the Gov.
I think we must take to him as
proposed - I think a copy to be
submitted that the railway is in

Let to go 15 Aug 16
Rams 19 Aug 16
Copy reply to Gen 37788 23 Aug 16

Next subsequent Paper

their hands & that it will probably
be necessary for them ^{also} to take to the
military authorities. Explain to
the ^{already} long ^{by} 8 E.A.P. 14 and
in districts, with a reference to 600
and express the hope that it will be
possible, as shipping opportunities occur,
to release a substantial amount of
the produce. City, 17. 8. 16

17. 8. 16
at mee.

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WAR OFFICE

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(CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT)

HERBERT HODGE

TORRILL STREET

WESTMINSTER, S.W.

18th August, 1916.

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Director of Army Contracts,
Imperial House,
Torrill Street,
Westminster,
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted—
Contracts/R.M.S./430.

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the attention of this Department has been called to difficulties which have arisen in connection with the transport of hides in East Africa from the interior to the coast. It appears that while freight is available at the ports, the railway companies refuse to give precedence on their lines to hides, and the merchants there are consequently finding it impossible to maintain exports.

I am to say that in view of the very large requirements of this Department for leather, it is considered essential that the import of hides to this country should not be diminished.

I am therefore to request that, if Secretary Mr. Spear has consent, a cable may be sent to the consulars at Mombasa instructing them to give directions to the railway companies to give to hides preference over material not required for military purposes.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S. W.

S. A. Wier
for Director of Army Contracts.

13130
19 Aug., 1916

The Director of Army Contracts
Imperial House 2

Sir

I am to acknowledge the

receipt of your letter
Contract / A.M.S. / 655 of the
15th of August, with regard
to difficulties experienced in
transporting loads from the
interior of E.A. to the coast,
and to enclose a copy of a
C.O. which has been sent to
the Gen of the E.A.P. in
accordance with your request.

A.C. 14/8/16
W.O. 38791/16

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I am to ^{point out,} ~~explain~~

however, that the Uganda
Railway ^{is} at present under
military administration, and
that it is thought probable
that it will be necessary
for the W.O. also to ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~concerned~~
on the subject to the
military

a large total

Copy for G.O. 23 Aug 16

copy of ~~...~~
to ~~...~~

military authorities in East Africa

(3) I am able to

explain that, owing to the fact that the railway has been handed over to the military authorities for traffic & transport connected with E. African military operations, very great difficulty has been experienced

in conveying the produce of the EA and Uganda Port down the rail to port. I am to invite reference, for further illustration of ~~particulars~~ ^{illustration of} this point, to the letter from the W.O.

No 121/Trade/188 (Q.M.C. 2) of the 28th of March, 1916, and the reply from the Dep. dated the 29th of March.

(4) The S.G.S. entertain the hope that it will be found possible, as shipping opportunities occur, to release a substantial amount of other local produce in addition to the hides now in question.

^{at} and considerable loss has been involved to the extent of coffee, soda, and other principal local industries

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Handwritten note: 15 May 1916

15 May, War Office
Africa
replies that, in view of

requirements of leather

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report of hides to the V.K.

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Railway Dept. ^{repeatedly} ~~should be~~

grant precedence to hides

over material not required

for military purposes

Bona fide

DRAFT Telegram

Governor Nairobi

MINUTE

- Mr Cooke 18/8/16
- Mr. Atchley 18/8/16
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Read
- Mr. H. J. J.
- Mr. G. P. P.
- Mr. S. H. H.
- Mr. R. M. L.

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