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THE NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING COMPANY, LTD. to Colonial Office  
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COLONIAL OFFICE

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21st August 1914 - Reference No. 31147/1914, and in accordance with your request we now send you copies of the letters of 8th and 9th January referred to.

We are, etc

Sir,

Your Obedient Servants,

For and on behalf of

THE NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING COMPANY LTD.

*J. H. ...*

Secretary

Under Secretary of State  
for the Colonies,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.

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The Secretariat, Nairobi

East Africa Protectorate

January 8th 1914.



When replying  
please quote  
S 4135 II  
and date.

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Sir,

With reference to our conversation of the 6th instant on the subject of the terms of the proposed new agreement between your Company and the Government I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he is prepared to recommend to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the points which were left unsettled when you left England last month should be decided as follows:

2. Government will undertake not to permit any of the existing works on the Ruiru River to be utilised for the transmission of electric energy for a greater distance than 2 miles and that within those limits no enterprise dependent on the works will be permitted other than for the bona fide development of the property of the individual embarking on the enterprise.

3. In consideration of your undertaking to commence the removal of your station to the Thika River with the least possible delay and to complete the removal by the end of the year 1915, Government will be prepared to extend the monopoly period for a further term of two years, i.e. till the end of the year 1920.

4. In the event of your investigations, which you undertake to commence at once, failing to satisfy you that an immediate removal to the Thika is practicable, the monopoly will terminate as previously decided at the end of 1918 and you will decide within 74 years whether the removal is to take place at all.

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5. I should be much obliged if you would be so good as to confirm your agreement with these proposals in order that the consent of the Secretary of State thereto may be obtained by telegram and that you may be in a position to commence any investigations that may be necessary without delay.

6. His Excellency will be prepared to recommend to the Secretary of State that a refund shall be made to you of any duty paid on the importation of material ordered by you from the date of the commencement of the present negotiations, say June 1st 1912 and the promulgation of any Ordinance which may exempt such material from import duty.

7. His Excellency regrets that he is unable to agree to any restrictions being placed on the use of any of the falls at present secured to you other than those on the Ruiru as indicated in paragraph 2 supra.

8. I am desired to take this opportunity of expressing the great interest which His Excellency is taking in the proposed removal of your works to the Thika River and in the increased facilities for the supply of electric current which will result therefrom and to assure you that your new enterprise will have the sympathetic support of Government.

I have the honour to be,

*etc* SIR

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) ? Bowen

Chief Secretary to the Government.

R. C. Bayldon Esq.,

Encl. 2 in No



Nairobi

9th January 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your No. S 4135/11 of the 8th instant and in reply to inform you that my Company accepts the proposals therein contained.

In reference to ~~Para 2~~ of your letter I would mention that the actual wording, as written, leaves certain unintentional loopholes, in that under it, as it stands, it would be possible for a man to buy, say, a couple of acres of one of the freehold farms adjacent to the falls and then claim that a flour mill put thereon was a bona fide development of his property.

Possibly such words as "bona fide agricultural development of the property or the manufacturing or treating the products of the soil of such property by its owner or lessee" would meet the case and be agreeable to both of us.

No doubt however the legal advisers of the Crown and the Company will be able to agree on some suitable definition when the new Agreement is drafted.

In conclusion I would respectfully thank his Excellency and yourself for the expressions contained in the last paragraph of your letter, which will be greatly appreciated by my Company.

*etc*  
I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) R. C. BAYLTON

The Hon. the Chief Secretary  
to the Government.