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Your obedient Seryant,

William Whiston

Financial Secretary.

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

From Viceroy Finance Department, 19th March 1917.

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RE: ABSENCE OF THE MEMBER FOR THE DISTRICT OF HINCHY, MARCH 1917.

The Member for the District of Hinchy, Finance and Social
Welfare, has been absent from the House since the 14th March 1917. Further
representations have been made to the Government through War
and Social Welfare, and the Member for the District of Hinchy, Finance. Please inform
the Member for the District of Hinchy, Finance.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO VICEROY, FINANCE
DEPARTMENT, SIMLA, DATED 29th MARCH 1917.

Your telegram of 19th March. Stores and coal for
railways British East Africa. In view of your further
representations War Office agree to adjustment through War
Accounts and are advancing £200,000. Please inform
Director Railway Construction Darassalam.

INDIA OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

21st March 1917.

Dear Crosland,

Please refer to your note of 26th October (0165/7989) requesting that claims for the value of railway materials and coal supplied to East Africa should be preferred by the Government of India direct on the Protectorate Government. I now enclose a telegram from India urging, at the instance of the Director of Railways, East Africa Force, reconsideration of the procedure.

It is clear that the Director is taking steps to recover the value of any supplies made by him to the Uganda Railway proper, as distinct from military &c. railways. Consequently, as all charges in India are to continue to be reported separately, in so far as they relate to the operations in East Africa, do you think that you could, without inconvenience, now consent to the debits being raised in the War Accounts? I gather from the correspondence that the Director of Railways on whose requisitions the supplies from India have been made is independent of the management of the Uganda Railway proper. Perhaps there was some little misunderstanding on this point when the correspondence from India was originally submitted to you.

Yours &c,

(Sd.) WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Crosland Esq,
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INDIA OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

26th March 1917.

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Dear Crosland,

My note of the 21st Instant regarding railway supplies from India to East Africa. Are you in a position to give us a reply now? And, if so, and if you accept the debiting of the cost through the War Accounts, is there any prospect of your being able to advance us another £200,000 this week, the estimated value of the supplies for 1916-17, as our Accountant-General had relied on a receipt of this amount before the 31st instant from the Colonial Authorities?

Yours &c.

(Sd.) WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Crosland Esq.

War Office.

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WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

29th March 1917.

Dear Robinson,

Your notes of 21st and 26th Instant.

In the circumstances I agree that the value of coal and stores requisitioned from India by the Director of Railways in East Africa should be debited to the War Office in the Indian War Accounts, provided that satisfactory arrangements are made for credit to be given locally in the East Africa common charges account for all issues to the Uganda Railway.

We will advance you another £200,000 this week on receipt of a Receivable Order.

Yours &c.,

(Sd.) J. B. CROSLAND.

Robinson Esq.

India Office, S.W.1.

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With reference to my letter
of the 4th of April, I have
the honor to transmit to you
the account and any copies
of letters received from the
India Office on the subject
of the charges for coal
and railway materials
supplied from India to
East Africa in connection
with the railway operation.
I see from your telegram, it was decided,
when it became apparent that
the claim of the Govt of India
concerned with the supplies to
the East African railways
generally, and not the Uganda
Railway alone, to adjust
the account with the Govt.

On the understanding that
that Dept. would receive
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3. The decision, referred to
at the end of my telegram,
that capital issues to the
Uganda Railway for purposes
arising out of the war are
provisionally to be charged to
the Common Charges Account
was communicated to you in
my predecessor's copy, dated
of the 5th of February, 1916.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. G. G. G.

WALTER S. LONG