



Mr. Tait  
Mr. Roberts  
Mr. Galloway

Per H. Raines

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JAN 19

The chief info gained from [redacted] with Mr. Laine yesterday was as follows:

(1) The separate waiting list is kept for women.

(2) Ladies whose names we have given to the Shipping Com. through the C.A. have all been treated as priority cases, to the exclusion of men.

(3) The number of no official passengers and admitting treatment in I.A. is [redacted]

(4) The P.O. [redacted] the letter in each [redacted] more, as [redacted] of 75% [redacted] High Com. [redacted]

(5) The D.T. [redacted] themselves through the [redacted]

I have spoken to [redacted] who also agrees [redacted] there is no objection to our arranging direct





Mr. Bottomley

Mr. King, of the U.C. Coy, telephoned yesterday morning, and said that he would like to come and talk over the present position of things as regards passages to E.A.

He suggested that, in view of the very large waiting list, all applications should henceforth be referred to the C.O. : but I said I did not think we wanted that. He then pointed out that unless some change is made, the Coy. may have to stop giving passages to people simply because they have been on the waiting list for some time, which would be a very serious matter. I pointed out that we were waiting for passages.

This is so, and, though I think in practice people who want priority apply to the general, yet it would be well to have some kind of really urgent case.

As regards women, I think that there are no special arrangements at present, but they are a very large part of the total. Mr. King is calling on [unclear] after lunch with the waiting list, and I suggest that we shall accept for [unclear] whether this is the case, and also whether any special percentage on the total is allotted to E.A.



Major Paterson

? Drafts for conscription went to  
U.C. Coy, & M.A.'s, and  
draft list from applicants  
for passages on medical grounds.  
I do not think we shall require  
more than 50 of the latter.

H.M.A.  
15/11/49

U.C. detailed to M.A. P.D.

W.C.S. 15/11/49 etc

Lord Kelvin

Sir A. B. ...

Colonel Amery

Mr. ... (Colonel Amery to see)

More than one case has recently arisen in which persons have wanted to proceed to East Africa for the sake of their health. These persons are at present precluded from obtaining a priority certificate from this office. The C. of S. wishes the following proposal to be at once examined:-

Priority certificates should be given to persons applying for passages to East Africa or other Colonies in the event of the following conditions being complied with:-

(1) The applicant should obtain a medical Certificate from one of the Colonial Office Medical Advisers, certifying that the applicant's state of health is such that there is real danger to life, or of permanent injury, if they remain in England.

(2) The applicant must prove to the satisfaction of the Department that it is not possible for him to live in any other part of the world possessing a suitable climate.

It is noted that recent instances of cholera have returned early. They have ...

Received ...

The difficulty is that cases of the kind must not only have the priority recommendation, but must have the preference over all priority cases since there is no danger to life. To put in the ordinary priority list ...

the court should be allowed to  
be made to be useful.

This would involve hardships to people  
with special reasons (other than health)  
for going to Africa who have been  
waiting for months. Obviously, the  
condition (b) would have to be applied

See  
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as strictly enforceable - i.e. that  
applicant must prove that either

(1) he can support business reasons, or  
(2) he cannot afford to go any other  
way, i.e. that the one friend who will  
take him is the only one who will

to be 19/1/77

John  
John

See and return

1919

Downing Street,

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23rd January, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Mr. R. Linn's interview at the Colonial Office on the 21st of January, I am directed by Viscount Milner to suggest to you the following arrangements for the grant of priority in approved cases to passengers proceeding to the East African and South African Protectorates.

1. While Lord Milner is anxious that you should be able to allocate berths to passengers proceeding to these countries at your own discretion, as hitherto, he recognises that there are cases in which the disturbance that special priority should be given, and he will be prepared to consider the applications of his subjects, so far as East Africa is concerned, fall within the scope of the enclosed regulations.

2. I inform you whether you should or should not reserve priority. I understand that you will be prepared to accept such from passengers for priority, and that the relevant is directed and to refer back to the relevant authority under one of the categories described in the regulations. In cases where the regulations are approved, you will be prepared to recommend the grant of priority to passengers of nominating official.

3. It is understood that you will exercise similar discretion in regard to passengers for the South African Protectorates, which are not left within the jurisdiction of the British South Africa Company; that is, that you will only refer to this department cases in which passengers are sons.

Yours faithfully,

re sons,

THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY LIMITED

PASSENGERS FOR THE UNION.

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MEMORANDUM.

PRIORITY NUMBER ONE: persons returning to the Union after combatant or other State Service in connection with the war, or proceeding on authorised leave of absence from such services; and the wives and families of men who have fallen or of men who are returning after combatant or other State or approved service in connection with the war; also to cases of persons who are ordinarily resident in the Union and who require, under exceptionally urgent and trustworthy medical certificates, to return to the Union.

PRIORITY NUMBER TWO: persons returning to the Union under trustworthy medical advice indicating urgent necessity; persons proceeding to the Union to take up or to resume Public or Educational appointments; and persons legitimately returning for general business or private purposes.

PRIORITY NUMBER THREE: women (and children) who desire under the High Commissioner's approval, to proceed for urgent reasons to the Union to join their husbands who are domiciled there; and approved cases not otherwise categorised.

Memorandum of an interview with Mr. Laing of the  
Union Castle Company at the Colonial Office  
on Thursday, the 30th of May, 1918.

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Present:- Mr. E.J. Harding  
Mr. Downie.

Mr. Harding asked Mr. Laing whether it was a fact that the Company were applying the High Commissioner's system of "Priority Certificates" to all their boats (i.e. to boats other than those approved for women and children).

Mr. Laing said that this was so.

Mr. Harding explained that we had understood that the issue of "Priority Certificates" only applied in respect of steamers approved for the conveyance of women and children, on which the High Commissioner has 55% of accommodation, and the Colonial Office has 5%. In accordance with the wishes of Mr. Schreiner, a portion of this 55% was allowed to be used for male passengers to the Union falling within "Priority" categories, but the Colonial Office limited their 5% strictly to women and children.

The Colonial Office would prefer that men passengers (non-official), travelling to East Africa Protectorates by the Union Castle Line, should be seated berths by the Company in order of registration.

Mr. Laing stated that the Company had referred men passengers for East Africa to the Colonial Office for "Priority Certificates" since they had inquired priority certificates for all male passengers to South Africa whether on approved or other boats. The result was that East African passengers without "Priority Certificates" were naturally crowded out of the limited accommodation on non-approved steamers by South African passengers with certificates.







8 Feb 1919

Gentlemen,

I am to inform you that

he understands that you now

have a limited number of

accommodations available for passengers

travelling to ~~the continent~~ for medical and

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the B.I. Steam Navigation

Co. Ltd.

MINUTE.

No. 10/11, 24/4/19.

No. Room 24/12

Mr. Bellamy, 4/1/19

Mr. ...

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in order of the ~~importance~~ <sup>importance</sup>

young passengers to obtain classes

of passengers

in S. Africa

important

if you would arrange

your private in the allocation

of tickets to persons named

...

...

...

...



Major Robinson

Mrs. Bollenby, 1st Road

Allotment of seats to passengers on the  
Union Cattle Company's priority list

Since the introduction of the priority  
(6629/19)  
system it has always been intended

that the shipping Company should

be allowed to use its own

in the order of registration on the

list

50 seats on the S. S. ...

places at the disposal of the C.

Company for the use of ...

priority list. The Company should

the allotment is sufficient to

provide for the ...

who were registered in their books  
before the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, but we  
know definitely that Miss R. Glanville  
and Miss R.A. Williams

(Miss Glanville  
was to be in  
about Miss Glanville)

(No. 56529/19 & 62144/19) have  
actually been allotted the berth

These ladies were recommended for priority  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October and 5<sup>th</sup> of November

respectively. Mr. Hayland, for example, recommended  
in February, so not before. Mr. Hayland (the man)  
he has repeatedly refused to grant  
recommendation for special priority and  
the rule has only been broken in the

- Cases of (I think) 5 men and 3 ladies  
General Smith and Lady Dingle - (on the 5<sup>th</sup> of instructions)  
Mr. H. Roe of the British Central Africa Coy.  
Mr. H. Williams of Messrs S. Dobree & Son  
Capt A. Forbes  
Mr. A. J. Allen } Mr. Spencer-Palmer's Dental Ass'tants  
Miss C. Forbes } (semi-official) -

The whole priority system is of  
very little value if a person recommended  
in November is given precedence over a

a person recommended in February, and,  
knowing that cases like Miss Glanville  
& Miss Williams exist, we cannot go on  
telling people that we are doing so,  
that passages are allotted in the order  
of registration, and that they must wait  
their turn on the priority list; and  
if the Company can break the rule in  
Miss Glanville's case, they had probably  
done it in others.

I think we should  
write to the W. & A. Coy. that the  
Safe ~~is~~ that passages are not being  
allotted to passengers in the order of registration  
on the priority list of ~~at~~ that by the  
allotted to passengers who have been given  
them out of their order on the list must  
be cancelled at once & allotted to the  
persons who have been longest registered

H.W.H.  
6.11.19



Re afternoons

COY 6539 Eay  
1st. SS

URGENT

6 November 1919

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Gentlemen,

I am etc to inform  
you that he has received  
information which appears

to show that you are  
allotted. I agree to  
remove you out of the order  
of registration on your  
priority list.

I should be glad to know whether or  
not this is the case, and

the U.C. in S.S. Coy. L<sup>D</sup>

MINUTE.

- Mr. House 6.11.19
- Major Parkinson
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Beau
- Sir G. Fidd
- Col. Amerh
- Lord Milner

~~London~~

and, if so, to whom you have allotted  
berths in the S.S. "Gothic Castle" out of New  
York, and <sup>which</sup> ~~what~~ persons have, as a

result, been excluded who would otherwise

have secured passages

I am ~~pleased~~ to request  
that you very kindly reply ~~to me~~  
to the ~~effect~~ to the ~~effect~~

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17 Nov 1919

Gentlemen

With ref. to Co. letter No

6539/19 of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Jan

1919, I am able to inform

you that the Board decided

to ~~grant a~~ ~~reduction in~~

~~allowance to the~~

extent of that ~~allowance~~

in the category of Prison

to whom ~~priority~~ ~~recommendations~~

from this Dept are granted

2. Cases have recently arisen in which

persons have applied for priority recommend

ations ~~on~~ on the grounds of their

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Mr. S. G. L.

NOTE

Home 18.11.19

Capt. Park

Col. Park

Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]

off. [unclear]

their health. If an applicant's health is such that there is a real danger to life, an ordinary priority recommendation is not sufficient <sup>in order to obtain an immediate passage</sup> ~~to obtain an immediate passage~~, and the passage ~~is~~ <sup>must</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>require</sup> special preference over all ~~other~~ <sup>priority</sup> passengers. H. L. has therefore laid down the following conditions for the grant of special priority recommendations.

(1) The applicant should obtain a medical certificate from one of the M.D.s to the C.O. certifying that the applicant's state of health is such that there is a real danger to life or risk of permanent injury if he is compelled to remain in Egypt.

(2) The applicant must prove to the satisfaction of the C.O. that it is not possible for him to live in any other part of the world, possessing a suitable climate, other than East Africa.

These two conditions will be applied as strictly as possible.

(2)

Cd. 6539/19 C.A.D.  
S.A.

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I am to request that  
if you receive applications for  
West Africa  
homage from persons who cannot  
apply on grounds of health  
~~appear able to satisfy these conditions~~  
you will <sup>transfer</sup> refer them to this Dept.

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MINUTE.

I am etc

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Sir H. Lambart.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Col. Amery.
- Lord Milner.

(Signed) H. J. READ.

Co. 6539/19. SA.  
SA.

Draft

21 November 1919

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Bretrey Benson, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin.

Sir,  
I enclose to you a form to be filled in by you in connection with the application for the grant of special leave on medical grounds.

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Dr. H. H. H. H.

Major P. P. P. P.

Dr. G. G. G. G.

Surgeon H. H. H. H.

Dr. H. H. H. H.

Dr. G. G. G. G.

Dr. H. H. H. H.

of a letter to the Director-General of the Army Medical Services regarding the grant of special leave on medical grounds, to persons applying for the same on medical grounds, and of a form of letter which will be sent to all persons who apply to this Dept. in this connection.

Draft letter

in S. S. Co.

to be sent to

Dept. in this connection.

Draft

21 November 1919

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(Telephone—Mayfair, 4545).

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Colonel J. Arnold, M.D., F.M.S. (Retd.),  
Rothbury Place, Fitzroy Square;

Mr. Henry Benson, M.D., F.R.C.P.  
Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin.

Sir,  
I am glad to have had  
from you the  
of your  
copy of

of a letter to the U.S. Army

concerning the

of the

to the

of the

of a form of letter

which only be sent to all

persons who apply to the

Dept. in this connection.

Dept. in this connection.

I do to point out that it is essential  
that the conditions of granting such  
special recommendations should be applied  
with the utmost rigor, and  
to request therefore that you will only  
give certificates in cases where you are  
fully convinced that <sup>there is a real</sup> ~~a~~ risk of death

Sign

NOV 22 1919

FORM NO. 22

RECEIVED  
25 NOV 1919  
COL. OFFICE

Diam Square,  
Dublin.

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25/11/19  
I hereby acknowledge the receipt of  
39 1919 of sum 21/10/19

and in full satisfaction of the  
debt due to the  
Messrs. [illegible]

and in full satisfaction of the  
debt due to the  
Messrs. [illegible]

and in full satisfaction of the  
debt due to the  
Messrs. [illegible]