

East Afr. Post

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Int. Office

Dispatch of Gold from Congo

1915

9 Feb

Concerns bank corresp. on this matter
shd. have been through F.O. but has no
objection to ordinary current business
which deals with direct between the
the Belgian Co. in London.

previous Paper.

6694 S

See Bokanley Mr. J. Anderson
see Post

Please see also 6694, and 6583
which I recovered in order to deal
with it in the light of the fresh
pp

As regards this paper there never
was any mention of our corresponding
direct with the Belgian Co. it was
the semi-official communication
with Major Leggett that we wanted
to get rid of. Anyway, F.O. agrees
that he makes of the gold stored
to do deal with through them.

As regards 6694 it appears that
all the trouble has been taken
is wasted, and we must tell Gov. so
But I do not think we can ask

ref. to Gov. 20 Feb. 1915
To Major Leggett 11 Feb.
Copy corresp. to F.O. 12 Feb.
Copy corresp. to Gov. 12 Feb.
Copy corresp. to Gov. 12 Feb.

next subsequent Paper

9701 S

the Belgian Co to pay for the
cost of the telegrams.

(1) Telegraph to Gen. Z.P. giving
him the substance of the letter
6694 and asking him to inform
Gen. Uganda the substance. (DP submitted)

(2) Give Major Leggett the substance
of the tel. in 6583 and tell
him that we have now cabled out
as requested in 6694. Say that
it will not be necessary for the
Belgian Govt ^{and say} that it has
been arranged that any further corresp.
should be ^{may} be on his water
and be addressed by the Belgians
to the Co who will pass it on
to us.

(3) 3 Cops of all the corresp. to Co
and W.O. (LFF) iff.

Equ 10/2/75
W.O. 10/2/75
H. J. D.
10/2/75

to pay for
cost of
telegram

In any further communication
on the subject, please refer

No. 13793/15.

FOREIGN OFFICE

and address—
The Under Secretary of State
Foreign Office
London.

February 9th, 1915.

Secret.

Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to inform you that he concurs in the proposal contained in your letter, 5252/Secret of February 4th, that Major Leggett should be asked to address any further communication on the subject of the despatch of gold from the Congo through the Belgian Legation and this Department.

At the same time Sir E. Grey has of course no objection to such direct communication between your Department and the Belgian Colonial Office, which may shortly be expected to establish itself definitely in London, as may facilitate the transaction of ordinary current business not involving diplomatic questions.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

W. Langley

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM. The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the
Governor of the East Africa Protectorate.

(Sent 1.10 p.m. 27th February, 1915.)

February 27th.

My cypher telegram of 10th February.

Understand that gold to the value of £16,000 is now
on the road between Kile and Lake Albert having
been despatched from Congo to Capetown via Mombasa.

Belgian Colonial Office are anxious that
gold should catch the S.S. "Cluny Castle" at Mombasa.

Please advise Governor of Uganda and Cox
and Webster of the Corporation.

HARGOURT.

6695 / 2a0

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Sent 5.15 PM

10/2/5

C. 1070

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Mr. Tel. 216

Jan tel. 216 of Feb 7

Pa. Nairobi

Belgian Colonial Office

now states that the

has already been

forwarded via Stanley

and that arrangements

for its transit via

Uganda should therefore

be cancelled.

Please inform Uganda

authorities and the

Director.

Harbord

Epin 10/2/5

Mr. B. Steen 10/2/5

Mr. Read 10

Mr. J. Anderson 10

for curia

" Feb. 1915

Dear Leggett,

On receipt of your

letter of Feb. 9th on

the subject of the deposit

of gold from the Belgian

Camp. We telegraphed

to the Gov. of the P. A. P.

informing him that

the gold had already

been forwarded via

Stanleyville and that

arrangements had been made

for its transit via Uganda

should therefore be

cancelled. It is

believed will see to

it that the Cont. of

Quantities for the Road's
QuarriesDRAFT

Major W. H. Leggett D.S.O.

MINUTE

Mr. E. J. 11/2/15

Mr. O. H. 11/2/15

Mr. Keen //

Mr.

So G. Fiddler

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Talbot

Mr. Harcourt

L.F.F. to the Gov.

afterwards

Uganda and the Lake
are informed.

Before you later
arrived we had received
the following telegram from
the Governor

Following received from
Cox

[Have received telegram of
Cox on 6/5/11]

by telegram

There will be no
necessity for the Belgian
Consular Office to pay
the cost of any of
the telegrams. It has
now been arranged with the
F.O. that any further correspondence
which may be on this
matter should be addressed
by the Belgians to the F.O.
who will pass it on to us.
This arrangement which is considered
preferable to the present
(unofficial) method of
communication.

H. P. R.

British East Africa Corporation, Limited.

Secretary

F. T. PREBLEND

Representatives in Manchester

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LONDON February 12th, 1915.

In your reply please refer

to No.

Dear Head,

Thank you for yours of 11th. inst. re Belgian Govt.
Kilo Mines gold.

The Belgian C.O. London office is greatly obliged
by your kindness in waiving cable charges.

I note what you write re the channel of communication,
to be as between Belgian Govt. and our F.O., and from latter
to you, in future, but I fear that there may still be matters,
in regard to shipping and transport advices of an urgent kind,
on which my office, as their Agents, may wish to trouble you
direct if you will allow.

Yours sincerely,

F. T. Preblend

E. J. Read Esq., C.B., C.M.G.,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.