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E. Africa. Aden. Zanzibar mail service

Sends note from French Ambt reprop. for performance of service by their machines Co. in place of Messageries Co. Inquires what answer to be given.

M. B. Stoney. In G. P. O.

The Resident of Z'bar appears to have formed the French consul in the Port. That the Port's authorities were anxious for the M. M. steamers to touch at Aden and take mails for Z'bar and other P. O. ports.

The matter is, I think, one for G. P. O. We do not subsidize any line, and send our mails by any steamer available. It would be most useful if the M. M. boats would take an order from Aden to Z'bar.

? write to G. P. O. referring to His letter (of which they have received a copy) and suggest that the question is one for the consideration of the P. M. G. O.

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say that 2.3.4, considers that the offer
of the M.M. Co. would be most valuable
and should be accepted.

② 2 copies of our letter to F.O. for
Mr. L.F.

③ 2 copies of F.O. letter and our letter
to G.P.O. to Gov's E.A.P. Gg.
and Mr. L.F. for Mr. L.F.

H.F.D. 12.4.15

So proposed. But this is another case of
Major Pearce taking action on his own -
though as he includes Mr. E.A. Gg. Mr.
Belfield may have given authority.

W.D. 12.4.15

Yes, he (3) was in L.F. + my letter to
Legation. Say to 3.4.15 for East that
the G.P. assumes that Major Pearce
obtained the G.P. authority to approach the
D. Council.

[This should have been sent on promptly,
+ - given]

W.D. 12.4.15

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If any further communication
be desired, please apply to
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The Under-Secretary of State
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Reference to previous correspondence—

Letter to
from Foreign Office:

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for
the Colonies and is directed by the Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs to transmit the accompanying copy of
a note which has been received from the French
Ambassador, respecting the carriage of mails
between Aden and Zanzibar and British East
Africa.

The Secretary of State would be glad to be advised
what answer should be returned to M. Paul Cambon

Foreign Office,

31st March, 1915.

(Similar letter sent to General Post Office)
India Office

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L'Ambassadeur de France a l'honneur de faire
savoir au Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté pour les
Affaires Etrangères que le Résident Général Britannique
à Zanzibar a exprimé au Consul de France en cette Ile
le desir qu'auraient les autorités anglaises de voir
assurer temporairement le transport des courriers à
destination de Zanzibar et de l'Afrique Orientale
anglaise par la Compagnie française des Messageries
maritimes, dont les paquebots viendraient à Aden dans
ce but et suppléeraient ainsi aux services de l'Union
Castle employée à transporter des troupes en France.

Le Ministre de la Marine a invité aussitôt la
Compagnie des Messageries maritimes à faire toucher
à Aden le paquebot qui a quitté Marseille pour
Madagascar le 4 de ce mois.

Monsieur Augagneur désirerait savoir s'il convient

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Uniquement l'envisager de passer et touché à Aden des
paquebots qui pratiquent l'escale de Zanzibar.

Dans l'affirmative, il prendrait les dispositions
nécessaires pour assurer que les deux soit les rela-
tions régulières entre Aden et Zanzibar.

Monsieur Cambon serait reconnaissant à Son

Excellence Sir Edward Grey de lui faire savoir si le
Gouvernement britannique souhaiterait de voir ainsi
s'organiser le transport provisoire des courriers de
Zanzibar. Il le prie, si tel est son désir, de lui
faire connaître sans retard quel serait le premier
paquebot effectuant le voyage de retour vers Marseille
qui devra s'arrêter à Aden pour déposer le courrier
pris à Zanzibar.

Monsieur Paul Cambon a pris cette occasion de
renouveler à Son Excellence Sir Edward Grey les
assurances de sa haute considération.

Ambassade de France,

à Londres.

Albert Gate House,

le 26 Mars 1915.

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15th April 1915.

Ans'd 18/4/15

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The Secretary,
G.P.O.

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- Mr. Baker 14/4/15
- Mr. Atkinson 14.4.15 f.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fidler.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,
I am sorry to request you to inform the P.M. that he has received from the F.O. a copy of a note from the French Ambassador, dated the 26th March, on the subject of the carriage of mails between Aden and Z'bar and British East Africa, and he ~~is not~~ understands that a copy of the note has also been communicated to you.

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2. The matter appears
to be one for the
consideration of the P.M.C.,
but I do not state
that Mr. Harcourt considers
that the offer of the
Messager Maritimes Coy
would be most valuable
and that it is accepted
could be desirable.

rd. H. W. Just

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Sal. No. 263
for Mr. H. C. B. Selfield
Bangalore No. 47
to be
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- Mr. Harper 14/4/15
- Mr. Bottomley, 16.4.15 p.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott, Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,
I have the honor
to transmit to you
for your information
the accompanying
copy of correspondence on the
subject of the carrying
of mails between Aden
and Zanzibar and British
East Africa.

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2. I assume

P.T.O.