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1920

15th JULY

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We want the definite about the construction contract, which is so far advanced. It is a question of the U.A.P. or of the Kenya Colony.

As was said in the reply to H. J. C. of 24/139 it was pointed out that the construction contract would be made with the same firm as the survey contract, it is no use agreeing upon a figure with the U.A.P. Ltd. if the contract is to go to Pauling, who might or might not be a credit.

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Director of Pauling & Co. Ltd., had several interviews with Sir George Fiddes and at one of those interviews Mr. Scott gave Sir George Fiddes a rough estimate of what the line would cost taking into consideration the prices of Railway material at that date.

During February of this year Mr. Scott heard unofficially from Sir George Fiddes that the contract for the Basin Gishu Railway was again coming up and that there was a competitor in the field.

Pauling & Co. Ltd., then wrote to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies asking if any decision had been arrived at as to the commencement of the construction of that Railway and to this they received in reply the information "that the arrangements for its construction are still under consideration". On receiving this Pauling & Co. Ltd., sent to the Under Secretary of State to the Colonies their revised offer dated 5th March 1920 to which they received a reply dated March 11th 1920 stating:-

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2. "I am to inform you that this Railway project is under active consideration with another firm and that while those negotiations are in progress it is not possible to discuss the offer which you now put forward".

Seeing that Pauling & Co., had gone to considerable expense in sending a representative on to the Plateau to verify the Government survey and Schedule of Quantities for the Usasin Gishu Railway during 1918, it does not appear quite fair that they should be denied a reasonable opportunity of competing in 1920.

Messrs. Paulings now understand that the contract for the joint survey of the route has been given to their competitor and about that I have nothing more to say but in all fairness I would submit that Pauling & Co., should be permitted to compete for the construction of the line when the surveys are completed and I shall be glad to know Lord Milner's decision on this point.

Yours very truly,

David Lloyd

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Quantity from
Mr. Thomson's office

Dear Sir,
Gentlemen,

I have received
your letter of the 13th of

July, ~~addressed to Mr. H.F.~~

Therein, ~~as to~~ the subject
of the Haslem Gishu Railway
contract, ~~and to inform you that~~

~~as to~~ the joint survey was
necessary in order to fix
upon a price for the purpose of
the construction contract, ~~it~~
is not possible for that
contract to be given to another
firm.

DRAFT.

Lyell Esq

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- Mr. Jewell 23.7.20
- Mr. Parkinson 23.7.20
- Mr. ~~Butcher~~ 23.7.20
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir G. Fildes.
- Col. Amery.
- Lord Milner.

Discussed from report to
Mr. Thomson.
Scott, of Manselings,
called the other day
accepted fully &
ably my statement
in the contract
[and will go to them].

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