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EAST AFRICA TRADING COY 21ST MAY 1921

SUBJECT

MAIL SERVICE ADEN - ZANZIBAR

START OF WEEKLY AIR SERVICE

Submits proposals.

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

Previous Paper

MINUTES

Mr. Stanley W. Shugborough.
See ahead.

I fear I have no idea how the present cost of mail service between Zanzibar + Aden compares with £50,000 a year, but we cannot afford any loss, and I doubt whether - even though present arrangements are welcome in the commercial public - it would pay Post Office to carry so much money.

It is possible that, so far from the State's not supporting the scheme, some expenditure on their part is to be expected. It would cover some loss of business to the Kaimosi steamer (see 2284).

(1) The interest of the State to have

Handwritten notes and signatures on the left margin, including dates like '6 June 1921' and '20 July 1921', and various initials and scribbles.

Subsequent Paper

MO. 19046

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to see the other (Richard
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the work of the other
the work of the other

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(T.T. is hardly a man and
Ran by and)
the work done by a person, but
the work done by a person, but

U.C. 25.5.21.
CP. 26.5

No special remarks from point
of view of the left. ought not
the ministry also to be cancelled?

Let it be said by the
first place, that P.O. N.Y. 27/1/24
the work done by a person, but

Barbara & Olivia is left
6 on the water. Probable
after half the work, but
I do not know what the
probability of her return
is. I do not know what
the probability is.

As a matter of fact, she
may have up 2055 miles. I
do not know exactly
how far, but that
would give a greater length
than should be filled by any
one station.

(a) She has to expect occasional
landings, and most of the
time is on my own capital
company.

Call out of previous work
City 5 S.P.A. for show
John S. Smith }
George }
T.T. }
Apr. 26th }
for show }
for show }
for show }

(T.T. is hardly on ground
Ran by hand)
Woman has no chance
for that
L.S.

C.C. 25.5.11.
C.P. 26.5

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Let us send copy to V.P. 27/1/11
first place to P.O. V.P. 27/1/11
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copy

G. Hall Hall,
London, S.W.1, 21st May 1921.

Sir,

It is known to you that at present the mail service between Aden and East African Colonies- Kenya Colony and Protectorate, Uganda, Tanganyika Territory and Zanzibar- is most unsatisfactory indeed. There is no regular connection between Aden and Harar, and so the delivery of all correspondence to and from the said countries depends entirely on occasional cargo steamers sailing between the two named ports. In fact there is hardly any of British possessions so badly served with mails as these great and important African colonies. And a regular and efficient mail service is indispensable to the progress and commercial and industrial development of any country. It occurred to me that amelioration of these deplorable conditions could be found in a reliable, regular, weekly mail and service between Aden and Harar (all European correspondence reaches Aden at least once a week) and I suggested this problem to most careful investigation and scrutiny. I have been assisted in this work by Major General Sir William G. Brance, K.C.B. and his professional staff, and I have the honour to submit herewith to your consideration, Sir, the result of our labours resp. the proposal of such a service.

The East Africa Trading Coy., Ltd. is prepared to maintain fully equipped, weekly AIR MAIL SERVICE between ADEN and HARAR, and complete journey each week from either end, to provide aircrafts of the latest and best type (not less than 4 with 2 spare engines), to erect airframes at each port of call, and to bear all expenses connected therewith, salaries of pilots, mechanics and all other staff etc. on condition that

The Undersecretary of State
Colonial Office:

that E.M. Government will guarantee the Company a minimum revenue from all sources connected with this Air Service of £50,000. (fifty thousand pounds etc.) per annum. That is to say that E.M. Government would undertake to make up the difference between the said sum of £50,000.- and the total amount of all monies received by the Company for carrying mails, parcels, goods, passengers etc., should the latter not reach the figure of £50,000.

3. The machines will call at following places for delivery and receipt of mails etc.:

ADEN

MOGADISHU (or Jibuti)

A place to be chosen in accordance with the wishes of E.M. Government

CHISIA

MALDEN (Mogadishu)

KISUMU

LAHA

MOGADISHU

The distance to be covered on each full journey is about 2000 miles, making total mileage per annum (104 flights) of ca. 211,200 miles. It is proposed to use the latest and very powerful machines (de Havilland 10) with a load capacity of 2200 lbs.

4. The books of the Company relating to this service would be open at all times to inspection by E.M. Auditor and, if desired, kept under the latter's supervision and instructions. Any payment or subsidy received from the Italian Government for carrying mails and parcels to and from and between the ports of call situated in Italian territory, would be counted to the general revenue of the service and deducted from any sum payable by E.M. Government.

5. According to official statistics the weight of letters

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Letters and postcards alone handled by E.M. Post Office and destined for Kenya Colony and Protectorate, Uganda, Somaliland and Tanganyika Territory in 1938 was about 25,000 lbs., so the amount payable by E.M. Post Office for carrying same must be quite considerable. And the importance of such service for defense purposes and other Imperial interests cannot be overlooked. Besides giving employment to good number of men it would assist greatly the development and progress of the vast Crown possessions concerned.

I trust therefore that you will give this matter your earnest and sympathetic consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Managing Director

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The Undersecretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Downing St., S.W.1.

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letters and postcards alone handled by E.M. Post Office and destined for Kenya Colony and Protectorate, Uganda, Senjihar and Tanganyika Territory in 1920 was about 35,000 lbs., so the amount payable by E.M. Post Office for conveying same must be quite considerable. And the importance of such service for defense purposes and other Imperial interests cannot be overlooked. Besides giving employment to good number of men it would assist greatly the development and progress of the vast Crown possessions concerned.

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DRAFT.

Secretary
Q.P.O.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Litching
- Mr. Batterbee
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Read
- Sir G. Pidgeon
- Col. Amery
- Mr. Churchill

I am cc. to transmit to
 the said before the P.A.C.,
 of the accompanying copy
 of a letter from the East Africa
 Trading Company Ltd.

Submitting
~~concerning~~ proposals to
 institute a weekly service

Service between India and
 Mombasa.

Mr. Churchill will be

T Co 2117 King

Copy to Gen. 7.7.834 - 20/1/21
 copy to Gen. 308
 copy to Gen. 1785
 copy to Gen. 142

2117 King

glad to be provided with
~~some~~ ~~any~~ ~~information~~
Kellaway's early announcement
which Mr. Kellaway may have
let my own he may have
to offer on this scheme.

1 am etc

GRINCLE

EAT Co.

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6 June 1911

DRAFT

re: your letter of the 20th
concerning the proposed
change in the
proposed

MINUTE

the following is a
summary of a meeting
held on 4/7
at the
at 11
at 12
at 13
at 14
at 15

GRINCLE

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