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RE P. 30 3320

TELEGRAPH RATES

1920

28th AUGUST

Previous Paper.

H. 32

No objection seen to construction of telegraph line
 in Sudan via Gondo-Koyo and Mongalla and permission
 should be given to Cable Coy. to deal direct with Govt.
 Unable recommend Coy. be pressed to make further reductions
 in rate from U.K. to E.A. Submits observations re
 accounting. Companies consider they are not called upon to make
 reduction of local E.A. tariffs. Suggests case would be
 strengthened if terminal rate was reduced by local Govt.

lat. granite

1. In Sept 1919 (53156/19) the Eastern Fed. Coy
 wrote to us in the subject your delivery of
 collection of rates in Gambia etc, & they asked
 whether Govt. would consider the possibility of
 Govt. rates & allow the Coy. to resume
 their previous facilities & services
 with the public in the same.
2. The at W. Telegrams Coy. regarding a reply
 to C.O. enquiry sent on 53156/19, to the
 effect that the Prop. was strongly opposed
 & grant of licence to Coy. to deal direct
 with public, unless in return for
 substantial concessions, that the
 Coy's reduction in rates for E. & S. of
 was not considered adequate & that
 Coy. had made large profits on exchange.
3. In Feb. 1920 we received a Dist. from
 at Govt. with long memo. by Prop.
 which was referred to the Gov. Com.

Copy Gov 1291 Cons 10 Sept 20
 (Copy sent on 16 Sept 20)

Subsequent Paper.

... with Sir E. Nathan's recommendations
(in 10331/20) were:-

(i) Longstreet Tel. line to South Africa
E. Afr. & Sudan Systems, so that
there wd. be a competitive route
for Tel. C.

(ii) Allow the Coy. to have a licence
to deal direct with the
in the case of ...
of ... their rates

- (a) To ... from 2/6 to 2/
- (b) To ... from 2/5 to 2/
- (c) To ... from 1/7 to 1/4
- (d) To ... from 1/0 to 1/

(e) ... of ...
with those for ... places

(f) Govt. to pay Coy. always at
current rate of exchange.

... of ... but Coy
... convenience
... reduced
rate.

... as required by ...
...
...
with Mr. P. J. Bloom, which is now
...
...
... 'buffy' in tone.

G.P.O. views are:-

- (i) Agree with Sir E. Nathan as to
...
...
...
- (ii) Agree with Sir E. Nathan that
the Coy. shd. have licence to deal

(iii) best prepared to press copy to make 321
 further reduction in rates, as well
 of reduced rates indicated in 12536720,
 viz:

Ordinary - 1/3 instead of 2/6 between U.S.
 & Honduras
 & other offices
 in L.A. & Japan

Deferred ~~at~~ 1/1 ^{5/2} do

Press 6 1/2 do

Special 2/6 rate of 27- (which was not
 reported in 12536720) & presumably
 appropriate charge for "Deferred & Post
 Gut." messages to Press.

Additional charge for W.T. transmission
 Honduras to Washington 1/2
 ordinary & 6 1/2 on Post Gut.
 & deferred messages.

(iv) NB. Starnett said it specifically was so
 stated that similar rates are in
 force from L.A. to U.K. (see
 para 3 of C.O. letter 17 June on 10331/20)
 but G.O. seem to imply this in para
 2 of their letter, in that they refer to
 para 3 of C.O. letter & amend it
 by refer. to their previous letter
 about these uniform rates.

(v) Certain array connects as to accounts
 are ~~suggested~~ suggested.

(vi) suggest that there may be some help

higher
 perhaps be
 formed by
 telephone
 and P. J. Brown
 before action
 is actually
 taken next
 is in Washington
 by Mr de Waroff

Confined
 all
 1/15/20

of inducing Gov to reduce local E. of.
rates (see ii b. c. d. of in E. Matting
proposals), if E. of. w. reduce
high terminal rate.

we have kept on writing off deficits
of the Gov. but as G. P. O.
and we are to consult G. M. further
I think

ref^o C. O. let on 21/8/20 Telegraph

G. P. O. news briefly as in para 5 (1)
(1) (1) (1) of this ^{letter} away that
detail of suggestions as to how
follow by dispatch -

disch. sending copy of G. P. O. letter
+ call for information of Gov. as
to whether Gov agrees to high rate?

but because will be granted
for direct dealing with public in
Kumbura at once - if not, that

all this minimum card in the
light of G. P. O. news - was to
inquire. Sudan extension will be

to take matter up with Gov. of Sudan
to submit views on the other
will they be initiated + amendments
in this a material - saying that

Gov. of Sudan having as to the fact that
to be aware of all from the new Canada loan.

25/10 Dec 19/20

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Mr. Brothamley

I attach (for record) a print of letter between
E. H. W. & G. P. O. as to reduction of rates between
H. K. & the S.A.P., and also photocopy of letter
from Mr Brown of 21 April saying that
G. P. O. tried to get a reduction in the local
rates

G. P. O. 21/10/20

to see as to the letter of 21/10/20

has I cannot see how the
G. P. O. made any effort

But? attach to the Gov. of Sudan

(over)

M.B.

26.10.20

W. C. S. 26.10.20

1/11/20

REDUCTION OF TARIFFS FOR TRAFFIC EXCHANGED
BETWEEN EUROPE
AND SOUTH AFRICA AND BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM 4TH TO 26TH NOVEMBER, 1919.

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY LTD
THE EASTERN & SOUTH AFRICAN TELE-
GRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

ELECTRA HOUSE, LONDON, E.C.

4th November, 1919.

I have the honour to refer to our meeting at these offices on the 30th ultimo, and to confirm the Companies' offer to reduce the cable rates from the 1st December next between Europe on the one side and South Africa (including Rhodesia, Nyasaland and South West Africa) and British places in East Africa on the other, by 6d. per word, with corresponding reductions for Government and Deferred messages, subject to the following:-

Should the net profit of the Eastern & South African Telegraph Company in any one financial year after the financial year ending 31st December, 1919, drop below the level of the average net profit for the five years ending 31st December, 1914, the Company reserve the right on giving 14 days notice, to

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.
ELECTRA HOUSE, LONDON, E.C.

4th November, 1919

Dear Mr. BROWN,

I enclose official letter addressed to the Postmaster General of the Union of South Africa on the subject of the reduction of rates together with Statement showing details of the Revenue Accounts of the Eastern & South African Telegraph Company for the years 1912, 1913 and 1914, and should feel obliged if you would be good enough to forward them to Mr. Wilson.

I also enclose copy of letter and Statement for your own information.

Yours sincerely,

J. DENISON PENDER
Chairman

F. J. BROWN, Esq.

Assistant Secretary,

General Post Office, London.

32, VICTORIA STREET,
WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1

6th November, 1919

SIR,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date confirming the Company's

offer with regard to reduced cable rates to and from South Africa as from the 1st December next, and to thank you for the same. I shall be glad, however, if you will also be so good as to confirm the understanding which was arrived at to the effect that under the new arrangements the Government of the Union of South Africa was not called upon to pay any annual subsidy.

The understanding came to me on Thursday last was telegraphed fully to Pretoria on that date, but I regret to say that up to the moment of writing no reply has yet come to hand.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JER. WILSON

MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Eastern & South African Telegraph Co., Ltd.
Electra House, Emsbury Pavement, E.C.

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.
THE EASTERN & SOUTH AFRICAN TELE-
GRAPH CO., LTD.

ELECTRA HOUSE, LONDON, E.C.

7th November, 1919

I have to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of yesterday's date on the subject of the proposed reduced cable rates to and from South Africa, and beg

to confirm the mutual understanding referred
regarding the annual subsidy.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. DENISON-PENDER,
Chairman

J. WILSON, ESQ.,

Postmaster-General of the
Union of South Africa,

32, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

LONDON, E.C. 1.

25th November, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the Postmaster-General to
to your letter of the 14th instant addressed to the
Postmaster-General of South Africa, of which
was sent to this office, and to Mr. Dower's letter of
5th instant concerning the proposed reductions in
cable rates between Europe on the one hand and
Africa and the British East African and West African
Possessions on the other.

The Government of the Union of South Africa
have now indicated their concurrence in the proposal,
and the Postmaster-General will be glad if the
Associated Companies will be good enough to arrange
for the introduction of the reduced rates on the
proximo.

I am to express His Majesty's Government's
opinion of the Companies' action in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. P. MURRAY

SIR JOHN DENISON-PENDER, K.C.M.G.

Make an all round reduction of about 20% per cent (as in the case of U.K.-South African traffic) leaving it to the Company to work out the rates and apportionment; with a proviso that the rate payable by the public shall in none of the cases shown on the enclosed statement exceed by a word.

We should be glad if you would consider the matter, and let us know what proposals you think could be made.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Brown

The Eastern Telegraph Company Limited,
Electra House,
Telegraph Buildings,
London, E.C.4.

Dear Mr. Brown,

With reference to my interview of last 23rd I enclose herewith for your examination a statement in detail of our local rates as at present in force.

We shall be glad to receive any proposals you may have to take account of the 1/10th rate charges in East Africa.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) A. W. Hubbard

F. J. Brown Esq C.B.E.,
GENERAL POST OFFICE,
LONDON.

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Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZANTHAR.	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MADAG.	.60	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90
Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EX. OFF. E. AFRICA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEYD.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MADAG.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. AFRICA (Durban)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INDIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Coy. E. & S. Afr. Coy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brit. East Africa Ex Germ. E. Africa a. cable b. terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other outpayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Rate collected Fr 3.75 made up via Europe.

quoting Registered No. 101814/20

GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, E.C. 1

42804

August 1920.

17th June

concerning the proposed African Telegraph

arranged by the Postmaster General to

that the service was established last year from this

Mr. G. ... arrangement with Mr. ...

after the points raised in the enclosures to your letter

of the 15th March last had been discussed with him.

With regard to the recommendations of the ... of the

African Protectorate, the Postmaster General sees no

objection to the suggested construction of a telegraph

line between ... and ... It is

of opinion that permission should be given to the Cable

Company to deal direct with the public.

3. With reference to the third paragraph of your letter,

there is already, as stated in the letter from this Office

of the 8th March last (1539/20 Colonial Office reference

5248/20), a uniform rate of ^{s d} 2/6 per word (reduced from ^{s d} 2/6

per word) between this Country and British East Africa

with a special rate of 2/- to Zanzibar; and in all the

circumstances, the Postmaster General is unable to recommend

that the company be pressed to make a further reduction at

present.

4. With regard to the method of accounting, the Company

have stated that they would be prepared to account in

Secretary of State,
GENERAL OFFICE.

francs

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M.C.
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Handwritten initials

francs in accordance with the International Telegraph Regulations.

They have also agreed to a suggestion that the balances due to the colonies should be converted from francs to sterling at the prevailing rate of exchange (100 francs to the £1), the sterling being converted into rupees. It is pointed out that the local rates for the colonies under this arrangement, the charges collected in East Africa could be varied in accordance with the fluctuations in the value of the rupee after compliance with the provisions of the International Convention XVII.

The Postmaster General has approached the Companies Administration for their opinion on the reduction of the local rates. The Companies Administration in reply stating that in view of the recent variations in the tariffs between Europe and East Africa, the companies consider they are not called upon to make any further reductions at present. The Postmaster General would suggest that the case for asking for a reduction in the local rates would be stronger if the local Administration were prepared to co-operate by reducing the high terminal rate of 35c. now in force.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Kenya.

(Sent 10.10 am. 4th September 1920).

4th September. My telegram of 25th August your despatch of 7th January 1920 postmaster general across desirability making up Uganda local telegram and that company public have decided to deal with public street companies but not prepared to agree for further reduction unless States companies interested unwilling to make reduction local East African tariffs but thinks Colony's case for reduction would be stronger if existing high terminal rate could be reduced. Despatch follows including suggestions as to accounting.

MILNER.

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Zel (code)

Memor

Nairobi

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sent

10. 10 am

W.D.L.

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(L. 10/11/19)

[10/11/19] 17/Jan. 10

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- Lord Milner.

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(2) on the 4th of Sept I telegraphed
you ~~the~~ a summary of
the views given in the letter
from the P.O. of the 28th of
Sept as follows:-

(3) I would like to see you
by the 15th of Sept. I am
sure you will find the
telegraph company about
a licence will be granted
to you. I am for dealing
direct with the public in
Thames as before, & if not,
what are the ~~minimum~~
conditions
wh. you wd. consider it

absolutely essential
to make of such
a licence were given and
after considering the
idea from the P.O.
I am of opinion
that the licence
concerning the
telegraph
has been
granted
I am
glad that you will
take the matter up
with the Gov of Uganda,
who is in possession
of inf. as to



It is more likely to be
available from loan
funds for telegraph's
extension, and each
has to submit recommendations
as to how work should
be begun, as to
cost estimated, etc.

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