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submitting suggestions with a view to avoiding  
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS "CROWN, LONDON"  
TELEPHONE 1832 VICTORIA

WHITEHALL GARDENS,  
LONDON, S. W.

15th October 1913

Sir,

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With reference to the despatch of the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate No. 596 of the 31st July, a copy of which was forwarded with your letter No. 30285/1913 of the 5th September, I have the honour to enclose for the information of the Secretary of State a copy of a letter from the Consulting Engineers regarding the question of tracings of plans of constructional work.

14th Sept/13

2. It will be seen that as only one set of tracings is made by hand, no saving of time can be effected in the direction suggested.

3. With regard to the last paragraph of the Consulting Engineer's letter, in cases where inspection is undertaken by this office, it is our custom to defer the final payment until the drawings have been received from the contractors. Work for the Uganda Railway is inspected by the Consulting Engineers, Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton and we make payment when they certify the firm's invoices as correct. We are suggesting to them that in future they should not certify the invoices until the drawings have actually been received by them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

The Under Secretary of State

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Colonial Office.

*H. G. G. G.*  
for Crown Agents.

Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton to Crown Agents.

13 Dartmouth Street. Westminster, S.W.

26th September 1913.

Uganda RailwayRequisition No. 1817.

Gentlemen,

We have your memorandum of the 11th September relating to the late supply of drawings of work as made, and forwarding a copy of despatch No. 596 of 31st July, from the Governor of East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

1. We should observe that it has been the custom for some time now for the contractors to make only one set of finished hand made tracings from the workshop drawings, and from this finished set, as soon as it has been examined and approved by the Inspector, a second set of "velographs" on linen is made, which in appearance are exactly like hand cloth tracings, and from which prints can be made as required. Also the white prints for use in your office are made at the same time.

2. We instituted this practice some few years ago, with the object of saving time and expediting the delivery of the drawings to this office, and we are glad to say that matters have improved of late.

In many cases the delay is occasioned by the contractor's drawing office not keeping pace with the manufacture of the work, and the most effective way to deal with such cases, it seems to us, is to withhold payment for any delivered portion of the contract until the "as made" drawings are supplied.

We are &amp;c

Sd) Rendel Palmer &amp; Tritton.