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1. To arrange accommodation at Kilindini
2. Railway facilities

1. Hopes that Mr. L. Wilson's scheme be put in hand at earliest possible date
2. Calls attention to urgent need of improvement

See also 16056

Mr. Reed

? Ack: & say that Mr. Harcourt is giving close attention to the question of the improvement of harbours and railway facilities in the E.A.P. and that he fully recognises their importance.

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15.5.13.

Sr. G. Fiddes

You & I saw Mr. W. Matthews & Mr. Wilson this afternoon. Some better estimates will cost about £700,000 & 2 better rather more than half of this amount. The sum at present available is about £100,000. In these times I think that the reply prepared by Mr. Bottomley is a little too encouraging.

Ack: say that Mr. Wilson's report has not

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It yet been seen or not
been made of what is stated in this L²?

H. J. R.
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Yes. I told Mr Wilson that the S. D. S.
probably wish to see him after his
return to Van.

Mr Harland will probably wish to
discuss this with us verbally. - The C. E.
report will not be ready until about the
end of next month: so much the better. Mr
Wilson states that the improvements now
being carried out at the Lightage wharf
will increase its effective capacity for handling
cargoes in the proportion of 12 to 7 - i.e. nearly
doubling it - twice enable the local people
to worry along for 2 or 3 years. - a
4-bulk scheme (at £700,000) would take 5 years
+ a 2-bulk scheme (at £350,000) 3 years.

As proposed to Road.
See also the figures in 16058,
bundle below.

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Yes, I must discuss this with you on
my return

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13th May,

1915.

The Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

Whitehall, S.W.

Sir,

As I understand that your Consulting Engineer, Mr. Maurice Wilson, has arrived in England from East Africa, and will doubtless be reporting as to the result of his investigations with regard to the proposed construction of a deep-water Harbour at Kilindini, I venture to write to express the urgent necessity - as far as the Steamship Companies engaged in the East African trade are concerned - for the provision of suitable wharfage at Kilindini.

My Company has two new large steamers (11,500 tons) nearing completion for this Service, and - in view of the rapid development of the East Africa Protectorate and of Uganda - we are hoping for an increased volume of traffic.

The proposed scheme which Mr. Maurice Wilson outlined before the Mombasa Chamber of Commerce in March last appears to be of a comprehensive nature and well-suited to the requirements of the Port, but I

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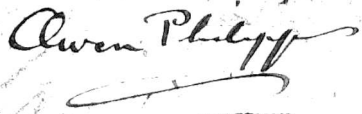
would respectfully urge upon His Majesty's Government the need for putting the matter in hand as soon as possible, and pressing on with the utmost despatch at least with the construction of the first four of the projected berths.

I would also venture to draw your attention to the fact that, in order to meet the increased demand for space in our ships, we have put on extra steamers from time to time, but owing to the inability of the Railway to bring down the cargo offering in time for shipment, some of our vessels have left with considerable vacant space. I hope the Government will take into serious consideration the great need for improved Railway facilities in East Africa for dealing with the existing traffic, and the necessity of providing for the future expansion which is on all hands predicted.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



CHAIRMAN.

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22 May 1913.

Chairman,
Union - Castle
Steamship
Company, Limited.

Sir,

I am directed by
Mr. Secretary Harcourt to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 13 of May
and to inform you that he
has not yet received from
Mr. Wilson a report on the
results of his investigations
with regard to the proposed
construction of a deep-water
Harbour at Kilmington.

Mr. Harcourt has
noted the views expressed in
your letter

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