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CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSULS - REPRESENTATIVES OF  
GERMAN POWERS

Re: case in which German Vice Consul was informed  
that the request should have been made through the  
of German East Africa. The Consul took exception  
in future cases will be referred to the Governor  
and the Vice Consul informed

General Post

The views of the German Vice Consul  
the Govt of German East Africa as to  
the proper course to be pursued are  
at variance with those of the  
be asked to put our view to the German  
Govt so that Sir P. Grouard may be  
spared further correspondence of the kind  
described in this despatch?

29/11

Dec 25

McMacraighen

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Refers to letter

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

November 29th 1911.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 670

Sir,

With reference to the 3rd paragraph of your despatch No. 316 of June 14th on the subject of the method of conducting correspondence with the Consular representatives of Foreign Powers, I have the honour to inform you that I recently received a request from the German Vice Consul at Mombasa for permission for a Surveyor to cross from German to British East Africa to erect beacons in this Protectorate. Whilst awaiting the necessary sanction I caused the German Vice Consul to be informed that a request of this nature should be made by the Governor of German East Africa as the method adopted constituted the assumption of diplomatic functions by himself which was irregular.

2. The Vice Consul in reply informed me that he took exception to this opinion and that he had no grounds to refuse to forward a request which he had received from the Government of German East Africa.

3. On future occasions when a request of a similar nature is received from the Governor of German East Africa through the German Vice Consul at Mombasa I shall reply direct to the Governor and inform the German Vice Consul that I have done so.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

*See CAP  
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DRAFT.

*The Under Secy of Secy  
Foreign Office*

*5 Jan 1912*

MINUTE.

*Mr Smith 2/1/12*

*Mr Macneil*

*Mr. Fiddes.*

*Sir H. Justi.*

*Sir J. Anderson.*

*Lord Emmott.*

*Mr. Harcourt.*

*Mod. 2207*

*in*

*With reference to your*

*letter (20266/P) of the 6th of  
June 1911, I am directed by*

*Mr Secy Harcourt to transmit*

*to you to be laid before the*

*Secretary Mr Edward Grey a*

*copy of a further despatch from*

*the Governor of East Africa*

*no 670*

*27 Nov 1911*

*Handwritten signature*

Protectorate with regard to the  
method of conducting correspond-  
ence between the Protectorate  
Government and the  
authorities in the neighboring  
German Protectorate.

I am to suggest for Sir  
Edward Grey's consideration that  
the views of the British Govt  
on this matter should be  
communicated to the German  
Government.