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Messrs. Hinchey, Sponder & Co's appl.  
Grain Elevator + Pier at Kilindini

Plans as to proposals

Mr. Read agrees that this should be  
laid before the Concessions Com.

H.A.B.

Jan 24  
at once

Mr. Butler

This paper was brought before the  
Lancashire Committee at the South (Special)  
Meeting of 1911 held on 3 Jan. The  
minutes of that meeting, <sup>(which you have already seen)</sup> are still circulating  
to the members of the Committee for  
approval, but as I understand that this paper  
is required immediately I have sent it on  
with the appropriate extracts attached

To Treasury Com. 10 Feb. on 909  
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South (General) Meeting of 1897 held  
on Monday 30 January 1900 318

Subject: Grain Elevator and Dock Water

Mr. [Name]

The Governor expressed his opinion that Messrs Spencer are reasonable and trustworthy people. They had submitted a fairly detailed scheme, and in this connection had also shown him some complete plans, which he saw in the Colonial Office. These plans were prepared by a competent engineer (an architect - Messrs Spencer) and <sup>will</sup> be of use to the Department upon the question of the construction of a dock water pier <sup>to be</sup> considered. Messrs Spencer's scheme for the erection of a grain elevator will not be affected if it is decided that the dock water pier should be built by the Government - they only proposed to undertake the work if the Government did not do so. The guarantee of \$4000 was asked in view of the fact that the Government would make a considerable saving on lighters if the pier were built. It was agreed that action regarding the elevator would have to be deferred pending a decision as to the construction of the pier and as Messrs Spencer had not yet laid any definite proposals before the Secretary of State the Committee Recommended that

"The Governor should inform Messrs Spencer privately that the proposal for the installation of a grain Elevator cannot be considered at the present time, but that the question can again be put forward when a decision has been taken in the matter of the dock water pier." The Governor promised to place on record how matters stand at the present time by means of a memorandum addressed to the Under Secretary of State.

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M. E. C.



3. Messrs. Kinchin, Spencer & Co.

Application for permission to erect a Grain Elevator and Deep water pier at Kilindini.

Mr. Kinchin, acting I believe on behalf of Messrs. Spencer, large manufacturers of grain elevating machinery, visited me in East Africa with a view to ascertaining whether Government could support a proposal for the installation of a Grain elevator of large capacity at Kilindini. He was informed that, provided no financial obligations were placed upon Government, I would welcome the addition of any such plant for giving facilities to the port, and that land on the usual terms could be allotted for its erection.

On my arrival in England Mr. Kinchin, with the Engineer of Messrs. Spencer, informed me that the Grain elevator could not be worked successfully without a Deep Water pier, and requested my views as to whether Government could grant a concession for a Deep Water Pier and under what conditions. I asked him to definitely formulate his proposals, and he called upon me again on Saturday last with a representative of Messrs. Spencer., and two leading Glasgow Merchants.

The cost of the Elevator was put down at £70,000, and of a Deep water pier for two berths, at £100,000, and full drawings and estimates were submitted.

The intending concessionaires proposed that Government should guarantee £4,000 per annum on the pier, and that in so far as the Elevator was concerned, a monopoly of 25 years should be granted at certain rates, the charges

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of the latter to be determined from time to time by the tonnage of grain handled at the Port. The elevator itself would have a capacity of 5,000 tons. It was the opinion of the concessionaires that the change from lighternage to Deep water wharfage at Kilindini would result in a large saving to Government. This the General Manager estimates will attain within the next few years £4000 per annum.

I informed the deputation that it was extremely unlikely that any Government guarantee could be given and that the most they could expect was a reasonable expropriation clause. Such a course they stated would ruin all chances of proceeding with either the Elevator or the Deep water pier. I am however making certain proposals to the Secretary of State on the question of deep water wharfage at Kilindini, and I am assured that should any such plan materialize, there would be every probability of their proceeding with the Elevator.

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24 Jan 1911