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Visit of Messrs. Deuring
and their son Deuring to

Report visit of party in route for the Lake Nyasa
Remarks as to relations for German Railway
between Lake Nyasa and

(Matters)

Mr. Deuring

proposal

100 miles from the present
terminus of the German Railway at
Tabora to the Lake. It was if
they decide to make this, it is
probably the next year
whether it will not face com-
petition with the German
Railway at present. The
idea of a railway between
Tabora is not sufficiently im-
portant to make it worth
attaching this to the D.M.S.

The line
is still a
very long
way from
Tabora
ill.

2 feet 6 inches

This is interesting. H. H. G. 17/9

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are really going to make a line
on the scale of the Uganda
Railway, it will probably be
best for both reasons that
it sh^d go to Lake Tanganyika
rather than the Victoria
Nyanza

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at once

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My Lord

Last week their Excellencies
Her Derenburg and Baron von
Rechenberg, the Governor of
German East Africa, stayed a
day with me en route to the
Victoria Nyanza. They were
accompanied by Prof Henckel
von Donnersmarck and Oberst
deubrand.

Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies

Colonial Office

Downing Street

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deutenant Ruade, whose appointment corresponds with that of Sir William Manning, five other members of their staffs and seven journalists.

2 Baron von Rechenberg had previously intimated that they wished to pay me an official visit and official honours were accorded to the party both on arrival and departure. A dinner was given to the principal official and non-official residents and everything was done to make their short visit agreeable to them. I think they left well pleased with their reception.

3 Herr Dernburg's principal object in proceeding to the Lake is, of course, in connection with Railway expansion in German East Africa. He was much impressed with the Uganda Railway, of which he frankly admitted the Germans were jealous, and told me we had done a grand work.

4. I gathered that the Tanga-Kilima Nyaro Railway, which has now reached Mombu, will probably be extended as far as the lower slopes of Kilima Nyaro, but will not be projected further. It is on the extension of the main Dar es Salam - Mvogoro line that attention will be principally concentrated. This is to be extended to Tabora, the military centre 180 miles south of the lake, and here Dornburg and his party will now march from Muanza to Tabora with a view to determine its ultimate direction or directions from there.

5. These would naturally be to Muanza on lake Victoria and to Ujiji on lake Tanganyika and some point on the south end of that lake.

6. The Tabora - Muanza extension is

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is the one that would affect us most, and I take it that it is Herr Dermburg's object to study the conditions of the lake traffic, and to see whether, in view of the position we have gained through the Uganda Railway and our steamers on the lake, a position which will be far stronger by the time a railway would reach Muanza, it would not be worth Germany's while to connect with the Victoria Nyanza, or whether some advantages could not be obtained by leaving this to us and prosecuting their schemes towards lake Tanganyika.

6 As Herr Dermburg told me, there is ample room for railway expansion without either nation competing with the other, and it would seem from all I have heard, that of late he has somewhat modified his views as to a connection with

with the Victoria Nyanga upon which at one time he is said to have laid great stress.

7. There also appeared to be some idea, by international or other means, of a connection through Taveta, between Voi, on the Uganda Railway, and the railhead of the Tanganyika Nyasa railway. It is difficult to see what the use of such a connection could be, except to serve as the means of a flank move on the Uganda Railway, which is now covered by the 40 miles of the waterless Serengeti plain, in the event of hostilities. I have noticed of late that one or two German parties have traversed this route. It could not be with the object of diverting the

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the lake trade of the Uganda Railway from Mombasa to Tanga, because the distance would be much greater, and any such idea could be easily met by a reduction of rates from Voi to our port.

8. The conversations I had with Herr Deimbung on general matters connected with the two territories were most interesting. He is taking British Colonial methods as a guide for German Administration on the Colonies and is anxious that the local officers should study English reports, and he evidently had no sympathy with what I may call the Sergeant-Major system of German Administration which I have always thought to be a weak point in their dealings with the native races. He asked me many questions as to our policy with the natives, and thought it would be advantageous to have a uniform system of dealing with the

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their conditions, resources and importance, better known to the nation. With this view he is making provision in his Colonial Estimates to defray the expenses of a certain number of the members of the Reichstag for an annual visit to their African possessions and I have already observed that he is accompanied on this tour by a party of seven journalists.

10. The party will either continue their journey from Tabora through the heart of German East Africa to Dar-es-Salam, or return by the way they went, in which case I shall have the honour of meeting them here in Dar-es-Salam either here or

or at Mombasa, towards the
End of next month.

I have the honour to be
With the highest respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient

humble servant

J. J. J.

For SAMP
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26 September 1907

Sir,

I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your
copy despatched on 5th
of the 18th of August
and to say to you that I
have read with interest
your account of the
visit of Her Serene Highness
and Baron von
Rechenberg and the
property which they have
in view for the develop-
ment of German East
Africa

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for
Col J. Hays, Saddle Creek

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