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Requisitions for Timber, Iron, & Steel Goods

Request early instructions as to mode of shipment of those mentioned

(Minutes)

Major Cameron

Do you think there is any real probability of getting, by writing a lower rate than the 15 for 15 of a ton quoted by Messrs. Swarth? It seems a very reasonable rate in itself. The 4 for a ton one of course a next rate wh. could not be commensurate; if I suffer the higher rates quoted once that the war is over?

Mr. Ellis

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The war is not over. I cannot say what the saving will be made by shipping as we desire, but there is every reason to think that it will be large. I certainly would not know

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A.P.1050 W.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

25, ABchurch LONDON
PRESSING.

WHITEHALL GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.

21st February 1907

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Requisitions 1050 and 1075.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward a copy of a memorandum
with two enclosures from our Shipping Agents with reference
to the shipment of certain Timber and Galvanised Iron for
the Government of East Africa. The estimated cost of the
goods, less freight, and the arrangements for delivery are
as follows:-

Requisition 1050 Galvanised sheets £8,367.
Due for delivery:- 29th March.

Requisition 1075 Timber £13,417.
Date for delivery not yet fixed but cost will be
enhanced if a very early supply is required.

2. The indent states that the cost is provided for
under the estimates for 1906 - 7, from which we infer that
payment should be made before 31st March, and it is on this
point that we address you.

3. Owing to the severe competition between the
British India Company and the British East Africa Line we
have lately been able to ship the bulk of the stores for the
East Coast Protectorates by regular steamers at the low rate
of 4s/11d a ton. It will be seen however that if the
shipment of the stores referred to is to be expedited so
that payment may be made by the 31st March the Government of

Under Secretary of State,

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&c., &c., &c.

Colonial Office.

East Africa will probably have to pay a very much higher rate of freight than if the goods are sent in the ordinary Berlin steamer.

3. As the demands bear no other indication of urgency and as it is extremely doubtful if we could in any circumstances obtain the whole of the supplies in time for shipment in March we propose with the approval of the Secretary of State to ship by the regular steamers irrespective of the dates of payment. This should we anticipate only cause a few weeks delay at the most, while the saving in cost would be large.

4. I may mention that we have also recently received from the Government of East Africa indents for rolled steel joists, estimated value £1,919 (Requisition 1076) and for mild steel bars estimated value £1,349 (Requisition 1074) and other considerable indents. In all these cases the same considerations apply but it is exceedingly improbable that we shall be able to obtain delivery in time to give effect to this request.

5. We should be glad to know at the earliest possible date whether the Secretary of State approves our proceeding as we propose.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Messrs J. & A.B. Freeland to Crown Agents.

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13 Great St Helen's E.C.
20th February 1907**PRESSING.**East Africa Protectorate.

We beg to enclose offers from Messrs Gray Daves & Co. for the British India Steam Navigation Co. and Messrs F.W. Sewell & Co. for the British East African Line for the conveyance of the Timber &c. for requisition 1075 East Africa Protectorate and the galvanised iron for requisition 1050 East Africa Protectorate from London to Kilindini.

You will notice that the rates asked are much higher than that we have been paying lately viz. 4s/11d per ton.

If, instead of requiring shipment to be made during the current financial year it could be spread over a period to suit the convenience of the berth steamer we believe a much lower rate could be got.

In the case of the shipment of Requisition 800 East Africa Protectorate and 1274 Uganda Railway by the "Mombasa" there was great delay in the discharge and it might be more to the convenience of the Colony to have the total quantity delivered in smaller quantities than it would be if shipped in one or two steamers.

It seems doubtful if in any case whether the whole of these requisitions can be ready in time to be shipped to allow of payment being made by the 31st March.

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Messrs Gray Daves & Co. to Messrs Freeland.

25 Great Winchester Street, E.C.
19th February 1907

Freight @ Kilindini

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter of 12th instant asking for offer of freight on -

3500 tons timber as per specification
and 500 tons galvanised iron

@ Kilindini, Timber Merchants measurements to be taken for shipment and despatch not later than 25th March, we offer the s.s. "The Issa" from London to Kilindini at the rates of thirty shillings (30/-) per ton for the timber and seventeen shillings and sixpence (17s/6d) per ton for galvanised iron - Steamer to be ready to load Royal Albert Dock, 13/14th March to be despatched 23rd March - subject to reply here soon on Friday 12th inst.

If an earlier loading and corresponding earlier despatch is desired, it could be mutually arranged.

We are &c.

(Sd.) Gray Daves & Co.
As Agents.

If accepted it is proposed this steamer should proceed direct to Kilindini via Canal

(Incl'd.) G.D. & Co.

Messrs F.W.Sewell & Co. to Messrs Freeland.

72 Bishopsgate Street Within, E.C.
20th February 1907

Dear Sirs,

Referring to your letters of the 12th and 19th instant asking for rates of freight on 3,500 tons measurement timber and 500 tons galvanised iron and sundry stores we beg to quote a rate of 13s/- net per ton weight or measurement at ship's option for shipment in one steamer or 15s/- net per ton weight or measurement for shipment on two steamers cargo to be loaded in terms of your letter before the 25th March.

Awaiting your reply,

Ys remain &c.

(sd.) F.W.Sewell & Co.

25
26 February 1907

Gentlemen,

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Crown Agents

In reply to your letter, S/E.A.P./1050 W, of the 21st of February, and in directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that he approves of your proposal to ship by the regular steamers, under the date of payment, the stores indicated for by the Board of the East Africa Protectorate

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bostwick
- Mr. Read
- Mr. Antraine
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. O'Malley
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

Approved 104 28 Feb 07

to Requisitions nos. 1059, 1074, 1075, 1076, and the other requisitions referred to in your letter

It is however desirable that subject to shipment by the regular boats the stores particularly the galvanized sheet should be sent out as soon as possible

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