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Individual
1907
and Jan 7
previous Paper.

(Subject.)

Railway from Van to Tanga
Articles for concession to build
on terms indicated

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

Mr. Biggs handed me
statement of their proposal.
I should have thought the proposal did
not seem from a firm in administration
(they do not ask for a guarantee
only for 5000 acres of land
for mile of railway), but the
My chief objection to the proposal
is that the proposal is so far in
from final view of a firm

of so, we need
further

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See the Capt's report in 12044
their position is more than that the
was given by Messrs. Levy, Nohel
& London London they refused

Subsequent Paper.

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as their supporters have uniformly
withdrawn from association with
them. On the other hand it
certainly appears from the letters
& from notices in the local papers
that they have done you some work
by opening communication with
by making bridges over the Tawata,
I told these ^{Mr. P. P.} of our usual practice
in such cases - namely by the City to
engineers &c. ; but certainly by
- 18 -

It appears that there is a prospect
of this procedure being dispensed
with in the case of the Magade
Railway & if so it can perhaps
be adopted in this case also.

I think that we may give an
answer reply to the effect that we
used to consult Mr. P. P. when
on business to this country, & that
the authorities used it would be
well if he would furnish evidence
of adequate financial support.

I understand that Mrs. Valley says
she will work the line themselves, &
that case they would probably require

a total sum of £1000 at least £500.
It is not at all likely that they will
be able to find the amount & it would
be better to close negotiations with
them at once - I am, Sir,
W. G. L. S.

This is just the kind of
case in which, I think, it
is advisable to insist upon
the deposit of the money
required for a survey by
Gov. Engineers; and I will
say we to transfer fully
Brazo and Co that this
will be necessary, when
asking them for evidence
of their financial support.

W. G. L. S.
I quite agree with you
18/11/81

18/11/81
2/11/81

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30/1/07
JOLLY, BIGGS & CO.,

MERCHANTS.

79, GRACECHURCH STREET,

LONDON, E.C. 3
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TELEGRAMS: 13429 CENTRAL

January 2nd 1907

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Minto and Vincardine K.G. G.C.B. G.C.I.H.

Secretary of State for Colonies

Downing Street

My Lord,

We have the honour to inform you that some months ago our firm applied to His Excellency the High Commissioner of British East Africa for a concession to build a tramway from Voi on the Uganda Railway to Taveta on the Border of German East Africa. His Excellency was pleased to approve of our proposal. On our consulting our friends in London it was suggested that instead of the proposed narrow gauge (Railway) tramway it should be a railway of the same gauge as that of the Uganda Railway and that they would be prepared to assist us with the necessary capital. We cabled out the new proposal to Mombasa, and were subsequently referred to your office.

We have therefore the honour to apply to you to

grant us a concession to build this railway instead of a tramway. We are ready to proceed with the survey for this at once, and also with the completion of the railway as quickly as possible. We would suggest that amongst others, clauses as per enclosed memo, should be inserted in the terms of the concession to us.

We also have the honour to inform your Lordship that there is a very considerable traffic between these places, and that our firm is at present dealing with a large portion of it with motor Engines and Bullock teams, and as this has materially increased recently we propose sending out at least 3 more traction engines.

The railway when built will be of very great advantage to the colony, and will open up a rich and fertile district.

We shall be glad to give any information in our power and should be pleased to discuss the matter with your Lordship if you could make it convenient to grant us an interview.

We have the honour to be

My Lord

Your obedient Servants,

Jolly Bupp & Co

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74, GRACECHURCH STREET
LONDON, E.C.

THE EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
GENERAL MANAGERS
LONDON

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Egin and Lordship of GORRI

Secretary of State for Colonies

Downing Street

we have the honour to inform you that we
 Commission of Enquiry as a result of a
 of building a railway from the
 level of the proposed railway
 only was pleased to accept of the
 denoting our friends in London it was
 the proposed railway to be built
 of a railway and a station at
 one of the main lines of the
 the new proposed railway and
 referred to your letter
 we have the honour to reply

July 20

RAILWAY VOI TO TAVETA

Length of line say 80 miles

Gauge of the line to be the same as that of Uganda Railway (metre gauge)

Exemption from duty on all material, and Stores required for seven years.

Use of Government Pier and cranes free of dues.

Reduction of Railway rates on all Materials, and Stores from Mombassa to Voi, say 1/3rd of rates to public.

Running powers over Government Railways at through rates, from Mombassa to Taveta, and intermediate stations and vice versa

Maximum rates from Voi to Taveta 36-rupees per ton.

Junction to be made at or near Voi, with Government Railway

Width of Strip of land for railway 132 feet

Fifty (50) acres of land at the two terminal Stations and 10 acres at intermediate stations

All timber for structures and firewood to be cut free of charge if on Government land contiguous to Railway
Suitable ballast sand and building material to be taken free of charge if on Government land.

To have the right to construct Branch lines up to 50 miles in length free of charge for land when the land is Government property.

To have a land grant of 5000 Acres in alternate

*and to
give
the
Railway
the
right
to
take
the
land*

79 1/2 Gracechurch St. E.C. 6
London 2nd Jan. 07

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine KG. GCS. TGC. I.E.
Secretary of State for the Colonies
Downing Street,

My Lord,

We have the honor to inform you that some time ago we informed your Excellency, the High Commissioner of British East Africa, of a concession to build a Tramway from Tor on the Uganda Railway to Laveta on the border of German East Africa.

Your Excellency was pleased to approve of our proposal.

On our consulting our friends in London it was suggested that instead of the proposed narrow gauge tramway it should be a Railway of the same gauge as that of the Uganda Railway and that they would be prepared to assist us with the necessary capital.

We called out the new proposal to Mr. W. A. G. and were subsequently referred to your Office.

We have therefore the honor to apply to you to grant us a concession to build this Railway instead of a Tramway.

We are ready to proceed with the survey for this at once and also with the completion of the railway as quickly as possible.

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Jolly Piggot & Co



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Major John Biggs

15 January '04

Gentlemen
With reference to your letter of the 2nd inst. I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that he intends to consult Col. Sutherland, who has just arrived in this country, on the subject of your offer for a connection for a railway between Va. & Taveta in the East.
In the meantime I am to suggest that you should furnish some indication

MINUTE.

- Mr. *Whe* 12/11
- Mr. *Read* 12
- Mr. *Arthur*
- Mr. *Car*
- Mr. *Lucas*
- Mr. *Graban*
- Mr. *O'Monaghy*
- Mr. *Churchill*
- The Earl of Elgin.

[Paper & envelopes]

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79 $\frac{1}{2}$, Gracechurch Street,

London, E.C.

2nd January, 1907.

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To have the right to construct Branch lines up to 50 miles in length free of charge for land when the land is Government property.

To have a land grant of 6000 Acres in alternate rectangular blocks, on either side of the line for each mile of railway Constructed under this concession.

Time of Completion to be four years from date of con-
cession.

Work to be commenced within one year from date of con-
cession.

(Intd) J.B. & Co.