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(Subject.)

Lake Steamers Officers -  
 Accommodation on Lakes

Mr. Utter from Manager of Uganda Ry  
 as regard establishment letter has been notified by  
 dated 30 May. Mr. Utter has previously promoted Capt.  
 & Mr. Chief Officer staff to now as shown in papers  
 which accompany this has been Mr. Utter and other  
 difficulties.

(Enclosure)

Mr. Darley Did you tell these Officers  
 that accommodation not be finished  
 for these men

Mr. Ellis  
 Certainly not I have not mentioned to  
 these Officers can have received the information  
 that have

Mr. Head  
 I have spoken to Mr. Bottomley  
 & Mr. Koney & they both being  
 having promised accommodation  
 for men

I approve the propositions  
 submitted, & will refer to

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Mr. Wear & Pughdale say that  
accommodation for us was  
not promised to them & that  
they must make their arrange-  
ments for housing their wives.  
Add that the S. P. cannot  
falsify officers taking their wives  
with them, but that the defunct  
-tax which they are obliged  
to meet with will be paid out  
to them as arrears.

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at once.

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Governor's Office,

Mombasa,

June 19th 1908

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 290

(Incl.1.)

My Lord,

*See  
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In continuation of my telegram No.90 of the 12th ultimo I have the honour to submit copy of a letter from the Manager of the Uganda Railway on the subject of the establishment of officers for the Lake Steamers, and the question of quarters for married officers.

*Mr. Wright's  
26th May 1908*

2. As regards establishment the matter is set at rest by Your Lordship's telegram of the 30th May intimating that Captain Wright's appointment terminates on the 13th instant.

3. At the request of the Manager Uganda Railway I have approved of the provisional promotion of Mr. Blencowe to Captain and of Mr. Bruce to Chief Officer. Mr. Purrie has every confidence in the capacity of both gentlemen, and I would ask Your Lordship to sanction these appointments.

4. The Lake Staff then stands as follows:-

Captains.	Chief Officers.	2nd Officers.
Powensend	Furnell	Wearn
Gray	Kell	Dugdale
Blencowe	Bruce	Hampden.

H. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

5. As regards married officers Your Lordship will see Mr. Currie's observations with which I agree. Both Mr. Wearn and Mr. Dugdale state that they were given to understand at the Colonial Office that there would be no difficulty about giving them accommodation for their wives. Mrs. Dugdale however did not accompany her husband.

6. I would ask if this is the case: for if so we shall either have to build houses for them or else give them a house allowance, which, as no accommodation is available at Kisumu would not help them much in obtaining quarters there.

7. In the meanwhile I am passing no orders of paragraph 3 of Mr. Currie's letter.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,



Director's Office,  
May 1906

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Nairobi,

May 12th 1906. C. O.

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Sir,

Recd

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I have the honour to report that Mr. A. R. Wearn the recently appointed 2nd officer has applied for a house at Port Florence as he expects his wife out from England in September next.

Mr. Wearn states that he was given to understand by the Colonial Office before leaving England that accommodation would be provided for his wife out here.

We have at present absolutely no accommodation at Port Florence or elsewhere for the families of officers on our steamers. Moreover the nature of the duties of 2nd Officers necessitate their remaining on their boats when in port so that to have married men in these ports with their wives in this country can only lead to inefficiency and discontent.

I am informed by Mr. Wearn that Mr. Dugdale the last 2nd Officer to be appointed and who sailed on the 10th instant is bringing his wife out with him. Will you please ascertain by wire whether this is so and if possible have her stopped.

I must point out the great inconvenience caused by the appointment of married men in junior positions of this sort without reference to us.

I have the honour to enquire whether His Excellency authorises me to build houses for them as if so I must submit supplementary estimates for the current year.

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The Secretary

to the Administration,

Nairobi.



year. Each house will cost at least £350 and if we allow 2nd Officers to have their wives here other officers are sure to ask for the same privilege and we shall probably have a demand for 5 or 6 such houses within the next year or so.

4. This is bad enough but as I have already pointed out it will I fear lead to inefficiency. If therefore the Colonial Office has given a guarantee that accommodation will be provided for their wives, it will, in my opinion, be cheaper in the end to terminate their agreements under usual clause and return them to Europe.

I have etc., etc.,

Sd/- H.A.P. COOPER

Manager,  
Oman Railway.

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- Mr. Elliot Reid 17
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Antrobus
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Col. Selby
- The Earl of Cromer

22 July 08

I have the honor  
 to acknowledge the receipt of your  
 despatch No. 290 of the  
 19th of June, relating to  
 the establishment of officers  
 for the African Lakes Victoria  
 steamer, and to inform  
 you that I approve of  
 the promotion of Mr  
 Munnice to be Captain  
 and Mr Bruce to be  
 Chief Officer.

2. No trace can  
 be found here of any  
~~assurance being given~~  
 to Mr. Wearne or  
 Mr. Dwyer <sup>(being given & understood)</sup> that  
 accommodation would be  
 provided for their wives,  
 and the officials  
 concerned all state  
 that they could not  
 have given any assurance  
 to that effect. It is