

EAST AFR. PROT
No. 41735

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Governor. No.
519
1908
21 Oct.
Last previous Paper.
M.O.
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(Subject)

Service on Lake Hamar

Sends letters to Council, Inverness & St. Helens
protesting agst. B.G. 2, calling with regard to
service on the lake country as 'Sea Lanes' &
requests that further representations be made to B.G. in the
matter.

(Minutes)

Copy of desps: sent to the H^o of J.
with refer to previous corresp^{ce} & say
that Lord Curzon would be glad if the
matter could be reconsidered.
at once.

H. J. R.

16/10/08

S.R.

Copy of desps 19 Nov 1
and 20, 26 Jan. P.H.F.
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Governor's office, O.S.

Nairobi,

October 31st 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 519

(Incl. 2)

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 424 of the 28th of August last and in continuation of my former despatch on this subject No. 319 of the 1st of July, I have the honour to submit at the request of the General Manager, Uganda Railway, letters from two officers serving on Lake Steamers on the subject of service on the Lake counting towards "sea time".

2. I venture to think that the Board of Trade cannot be thoroughly aware of the conditions which prevail on Lake Victoria, and I trust that Your Lordship will therefore be willing to make further representations in the matter.

3. The present President of the Board of Trade is personally acquainted with the special conditions

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

of

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, E.C.

N.O.
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Capt. Townsend
Oct. 18th

Lieut. Hampden
Oct. 18th
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of service on the Lake, and if the matter was brought
to his personal notice it might be possible to obtain
some concession in this direction.

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. J. ...', written over a horizontal line.

(In the absence of H. E. the Governor)

INCLOSURE No. 1

in Despatch No. 519 of Oct. 21, 1908

From,

The Commander,
U.S.S. "CLEMENT HILL".

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To,

The Harbour,
London Docks.

PORT FLEMING, 18th October 1908

Sir,

In continuation of previous correspondence regarding the advice of officers on vessels on Lake Victoria, I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter which I have received from Mr. Hampden, and officer of the s. s. "CLEMONT HILL".

I would venture to endorse Mr. Hampden's request that the Board of Trade may be once more approached on the matter and I would suggest that the following points should be laid before them,

- (a) the class of vessels which form this fleet.
- (b) the rough weather to which they are often subjected.
- (c) the intricate navigation of the 600 miles water through which these boats are invariably running.
- (d) the constant working of these steamers along the shores and away from the piers at the different ports.

I would indeed venture to ask that it may be represented to the Board of Trade that the service of these boats is in all respects and probably similar

to those performed on any ordinary steamer
with the exception that the greater supervision and care
is necessary owing to the numerous ports of call.

Should the Board of Trade still decline to
allow service on these boats to count for time, I have
the honor to ask if it would be possible to transfer
Mr. Harpden temporarily to the s. s. "Albatross", and I pre-
sume time on that steamer would be allowed to count.

Under existing circumstances the time spent
by Mr. Harpden in these boats is a most serious loss to
him and he would in his own interests be compelled to
vacate his present appointment and transfer his services
to a company with ocean going steamers in order to ob-
tain his master's certificate.

I should appreciate the loss of his services
to the service as I consider him to be in every re-
spect a thorough good and efficient officer.

I have, etc.

(sd/- W. H. M. TOWNSEND,

Commander,

S. S. "ALBATROSS",

ENCLOSURE

In Decree No 379 of 1905

At Sub-Port, U.S.S. ...
(The Director)

C.O.
41735
14 NOV 08

The ...
General Railway.

(Recd.)

(The Commander)
(S.), "General SHELL"

PORT ... 16th October 1905.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5268/17 of the 1st September enclosing copies of certain correspondence between the Colonial Office and Board of Trade concerning my request that my service here on Lake Victoria as officer on the railway steamers should count as "sea time" towards enabling me to sit for an ordinary Board of Trade Master's Certificate.

2. In reply say I venture to say that the matter may be again laid before the Board of Trade or the President of the Board and that it may be pointed out that (an) office work here is wholly similar to that done in "deep sea vessels" many of which are not as large as this one in which I am now serving.

3. I would submit in case the Board should not allow the kind of my service here to count for the above purpose, that I should be permitted to count half (the) ... the ... of the Lake to count as one month at sea.

If this be not permitted it would mean that every day I served here is so much time wasted owing to my inability to hold certificates sufficiently high to warrant my ever being given a contract with any guarantee of safety to my skin.

4. In conclusion I would venture to add that I have already some months of "sea time" served at sea for the above purpose so that it is not as if all the time would be served on the lake. Furthermore under present circumstances I should remain here for two years more I would then be unable in any case to sit for examination over that period, I would therefore point out that by the date on which I would present myself for examination my experience would be much increased.

I have etc.

Endy- O. J. S. Hampton,
Lieut. Comdr., R.N.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.S. "Gardiner".

Jm
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CAP

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DRAFT

asst Secretary
(Marine Dept)

B of Trade

Jm

19 Nov 08

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MINUTE. 16/11

- Mr. Noall 12/10
- Mr. Ellis 10/11/10
- Mr. Jus
- Mr. Ambrose
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Col. Soady
- The Earl of Orms

Sir,
With reference to your letter
M-15024 of the 24th of August,
I am directed by the E of Council
to transmit to you, to be laid
before the Board of Trade, the
accompanying copy of a despatch
with its enclosures, from the

copy for 50.26/10
B of T.
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21 Oct 1908

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subject ~~of the~~ subject of the
validity of the
steamer on Lake
Lord Bruce

may be regarded as
substantive for the purpose
of qualifying for certificate

glad if, in view of this
defeat, the matter could
be reconsidered.

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Cyril E. L. ANTREWS