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My Lords, Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury
under consideration Mr. Anrobu's letter of the
10th October last (1908/1909) and the enclosed copy of
correspondence with the Governor of the East Africa
provinces further respecting the proposed installation
of electric light in Nairobi.

In reply I am to request you to inform the Earl
of Crewe that My Lords find it difficult to decide whether
this scheme should be preferred over other objects for
which money is required, in the absence of any information
as to the return which Government may hope for on the
initial outlay, either by way of savings on charges for
the current it consumes itself, or of interest at the
rate of 5% on cost of installation received from officials.

In the circumstances they suggest that the
question should be referred back to the Legislative Council.
Any opinion on further consideration should be in favour of the

My Lords for their part will offer no objection,
on the condition that so much of the expenditure
on the lighting of the streets shall not be
charged as a fixed charge on Government funds, but be
left as a charge on the local authority to be

soon as the municipality is self-supporting, i.e. as a loan,
the interest and sinking fund on which are for the present
suspended. The suggestion of the Board of Trade as to
annual revenue of prices (after 1916) is not to be
considered.