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(Subject)

Sheer Legs for Port Florence Dock
Transmit copy report by Consulting Engineer
on proposed supply of - better water

(Minutes)

Mr. Reed
Appear C. Light
accepting tender of Messrs
Chaplin - & inform Comar.
ending copy of letter 2223, of 10/11/05
of the same: copy of same
above:
K. J. R.
27/10

Mr. Reed for information 27/10/05

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

TEL. ADD. "CROWN, LONDON"

WHITENALL GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.

26th October 1905

Mr. GING

Uganda Railway - Port Florence Dock

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd September No. 55233 relative to the proposed supply of sheer legs in connection with the Dock at Port Florence.

2. I enclose for the information of Mr Secretary Littleton a copy of a report by the Consulting Engineers from which it will be seen that they consider the sheers a necessary appendage to a dry dock and that the f.o.b. cost of the apparatus which they recommend would be £1030. They consider that there should be ample funds for the sheer legs out of the money provided for the new steamer the "Clement Hill" as the contract price of the vessel delivered f.o.b. on the Clyde is only £24,699 and the amount provided in the estimate is £45,000.

3. They point out that the sheer legs if supplied in time will materially reduce the cost of erection of the "Clement Hill" in the Protectorate. The vessel is due for delivery on the 15th November and although the contractors are late she is likely to be ready within three months. The matter is therefore one of urgency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Mr Secretary of State

&c &c &c

Colonial Office

Messrs. Rendel & Robertson to Crown Agents

8 Great George Street,

Westminster, W.

24th October 1907

UGANDA RAILWAY

Sheer Legs for Dock at Port Florence.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your N/283/9 of the 2nd October we beg to report on the sheer legs for the dry dock at Port Florence.

The questions asked in Colonial Office No. 33233 of the 22nd September are:-

- (a) Are the sheers necessary?
- (b) What will they cost?
- (c) Are there funds available from the £45,000 provided for the new steamer?

2. As regards (a) we think sheers may be considered a necessary appendage to a dry dock. Of course boilers and engines can be shifted by ordinary tackle, but at great waste of time and money and appreciable risk.

3. (b) We had some difficulty in finding the makers of sheer legs as there are not many of them but we have communicated with the best viz Messrs Cowan Sheldon,

A. Chaplin of Cowan and G. Russell of Motherwell and a price analysis of their quotations. On these we have to remark that time is of a first importance as the sheers ought

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time in their telegram of 23rd October taking care to
impress upon them that time is the essence of the contract
We enclose a ... of tender for this purpose.

6. (a) As the contract for the vessel delivered
f.o.b. Clyde is only £24,000 there appears to be ample funds
for the shears legs which indeed ... reduce the cost of
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time in their telegram of 23rd October taking care to
impress upon them that time is the essence of the contract
We enclose a ... and ... of tender for this purpose.

6. (c) As the contract for the vessel delivered
f.o.b. Clyde is only £24,000 there appear to be ample funds
for the shears legs which instead of ... reduce the cost of
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to go out with or immediately after the "Clement Hill". This and their high price puts Cowans, Sheldon & Co. out of court.

4. Uganda asks for the sheers without engine and boiler, but we consider that the delay and expense of adapting an engine in Uganda to the sheers will off-set any apparent saving. Further we cannot arrange the gear without complete details of the engine which there is no time to get, we therefore conclude that an engine must be supplied but a boiler need not be sent.

5. The choice lies between A. Chaplin @ £1050 in three months and J. Russell @ £950 in 4½ months. The latter would not at first quote a time for delivery at all and we feel rather doubtful about the time they give and as the difference is not great, consider it would be safer to give the order to Chaplin on the general description given in their letter of 19th October and price and time in their telegram of 23rd October taking care to impress upon them that time is the essence of the contract. We enclose a schedule and form of tender for this purpose.

6. (c) As the contract for the vessel delivered f.a.b. Clyde is only £24,699 there appear to be ample funds for the sheers legs which indeed will reduce the cost of erection in Uganda if supplied without delay.

We are &c.,

Sd) Rendel & Robertson

3. The address of Messrs Alex. Chaplin & Co. is:
Cranston Mill Engine Works
Helen Street, Cowan N.B.

Enclosures:

Letter telegram & drawing from Messrs Chaplin
Our analysis of tenders
The form of tender.

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to Arrangements.

Gentl^e, I am in to act the
 rest of your letter of the 26th
 of October, E 283/9, and
~~directly~~ to inform you
 that he approves of your
 accepting the tender of Messrs
 Chaplin ^{for the} supply of sheer
 legs for the Dock at Port
 Arance, ~~as~~ on the
 terms mentioned in your
 letter.

Copy Given to Mr. G. J. G. 1/10/10

MINUTE.

- Mr. Aquino 20/10
- Mr. Read 28
- Mr. Andrews.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Osmannay.
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lyttleton.

I am,
 Sir,
 Yrs.

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A. J.