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TRAMWAY FROM NAIROBI TOWARDS PORT HALL

Years Quarantine pens will hit development between Nairobi and Port Hall for some years owing to difficulty of finding transport animals. It is estimated that £40,000 effected on lines in 1918-19 could be loaned on same terms proposed for roads. It is estimated that £100,000 from savings in 1918-19 could be applied to the construction of a metre gauge line from Nairobi to Port Hall which would relieve several dependencies.

W. Read

I am inclined to think that objections to his proposal will be overcome in any case. But before going to be laboured, it would be well to clear up the point which Lord Cranworth was exploring in his transport service, which is now in operation on the Nairobi-Port Hall road. He asked for some sort of assurance that the Govt did not intend to start a motor transport service or to construct a more rail

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... for the year ...  
... April 1909 (on <sup>Gov.</sup> ~~1888~~ 109) he was  
informed that, apart from the question  
of railway extension to the Kenya forest  
there is no intention of Government  
competition on the road within the period  
stated.

The proposed tramway cannot be  
regarded as a railway extension to  
Kenya forest. It was certainly sug-  
gested that the alternative  
road route to the Kenya forest should  
be the road from Malindi to Fort Hall.

(See next  
page)

It cannot honestly be said that  
this tramway has any reference to the  
exploitation of the forest. The forest are not  
mentioned in the proposal. The expenditure  
of £60,000 assuming the same cost per  
mile as that of the line from  
Tanga to Kakindu would suffice for  
20 miles only to Kenya a distance about  
120 miles from Nairobi. [Nairobi to Fort Hall is about 150 miles]

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With reference to your telegram

N° 33 request you will inform me  
whether proposal is not caused by  
help given to Cranston in 1899  
Colonial office letter 1 - 1899 as per

See enclosure in my despatch of 6 Aug 1899

N° 486 Has he yet started a motor  
service? <sup>with a view to the line</sup>  
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April 1899

Files see extract from 1899 for

HAB present attached  
Present as proposed

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BRITISH EAST AFRICA

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
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3rd March 1910

My Dear Read,

I have delayed for some time writing privately but you will understand the reasons why. Since my return from a tour in the middle of January I have been somewhat overwhelmed by interviewers and a great many questions of detail which I only wish I could be spared.

The announcement about maize was a very popular one, but immediately afterwards there came as a thunderbolt Macdonald's pronouncement that he had to quarantine practically the whole of the area between here and Fort Hall and to close the roads to ox transport for at least 2 to 3 years. The Settlers started off with a meeting at Kyambu, the views of which I could not accept as representing the settlers generally. I therefore sought the opinions of the various bodies, and though they are practically unanimously in favor of quarantine they are really in despair as to how they are to carry on reasonable farming operations. I do not agree myself how we can face the 3 years quarantine unless we give some facilities for getting out their crops which are at last beginning to show up - more particularly in maize and beans. For next year we shall also see 1.0/200 tons Fibre from the Fort Hall district. The only way out of it seems to be the construction of a light tram for about 30 miles *to the Victoria River*.

TELEGRAM. The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received, Colonial Office 6.42 p.m. 1st April, 1910).

No. 33. Quarantine Regulations will I fear hit the whole of promising development between here and Fort Hall for many years. Many farmers will not recover unless we help with transport even being prohibited mules are being substituted but there is little car-bul available for the purchase and it seems possible that sickness may make them costly or impossible in which case situation will be desperate. In view of saving effected by me on Jinja Makinda line will it be possible ask for loan of balance on same terms proposed for Uganda balance amounting to about £40,000 I would propose find from specific savings expenditure for financial year 1910-11 another £20,000 and apply all to construction metre gauge tramway towards Fort Hall from Nairobi station. Matter most urgent as quarantine board now appointed advocate most drastic measures if approval loan granted will relieve general despondency.

GIROUARD.



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