

Richardson for his views on the proposal
in para 5 of the document as
you will take the substance of an offer
to sell to doubt.

W. B. Richardson

Mar 3

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1911

Mr. Board

The proposed financial arrangement is
suggested but in the general circumstances, I see
no objection to it. It is intended that
the revenue received shall be brought to account as
Revenue (Class 4) and that the expenditure on
construction and maintenance of the works shall be
charged to voted services (Class 2 or 2/3).

Mr. Dadds

Sent copy of the report of the committee
that it is proposed to take the effect of the
arrangement in the proposed financial arrangement
- that it is assumed that the revenue
available).

3/11/11

W. B. Richardson

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

October 23rd 1909

No. 854

My Lord,

I have the honour to address your Lordship on the subject of the installation of private telegraph and telephone lines. With the increase of trade and the development of estates there will be an ever increasing demand for telegraph and telephone communication of places where such facilities are required only by private individuals, or by communities so small that the cost of such traffic would not warrant its specification as part of the normal expansion of the telegraph and telephone services.

The local laws provide a government monopoly in electric communication, but it is obviously undesirable for government to exercise this monopoly unless it is prepared to erect private telegraph and telephone lines for settlement on reasonable terms. For this purpose some would be necessary to be erected by the Government, and which owing to the exigencies of our present situation as an Expedition-aided Protectorate would not always be promptly available.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE EARL OF CREW, K.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE DOMINIONS,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, W.C.

I have been obliged to refuse or to delay compliance with applications for extensions to our telephone system...

...In the first place many such lines could probably be... lines which are to future become public roads, i.e. ... particularly desirable... lines should be... in order to avoid the... telephone services... at a later date. In the... the Government... for all Government lines... provided for settlers on rental terms, but a settler... private line has, at the outset, to face the difficulty of way-leaves which may be refused entirely or only conceded at high rental...

...of private telegraph and telephone lines, and the cost would, I am afraid, be prohibitive.

For these reasons... that it would be of... to the... and to settlers if, as far as possible, telegraph and telephone communication could be provided

provided by means of lines owned and maintained by Government, and this view is supported by the letter from St. Bernard's Island, which was enclosed in the despatch of the 24th of August 1865. For this, however, some special financial arrangements will be necessary.

As a means of meeting the difficulty in these cases I have the honour to suggest an arrangement which, I believe, has been in operation in Australia, by which the persons requiring special extensions to the existing telegraph or telephone system are allowed a private line on rental terms on payment of a sufficient number of years' rent in advance to have the cost of the capital expenditure involved; the money so paid being devoted to the purchase of the necessary material. I am aware that such a proposal is at variance with certain financial standing orders, but in view of the circumstances mentioned and the demand for such facilities as I have described this seems to me to be the best way of meeting the present situation. The alternative of allowing the erection of private lines would not meet the public requirements in many cases for the reasons already given, and would furthermore be likely to be detrimental to the interests of the telegraph and telephone system in future years.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

From Cap. J. 38
No 342
29 Dec 1910

DRAFT
Secretary
Navy

- MINUTE
- Mr. Bate
- Mr. Fildes
- Mr. Galt
- Mr. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Col. Searle

I enclose for you, for the purpose of the 11th of the January, the accompanying copy of a report from the staff of the Cap. in the subject of the maintenance of present strength of the Royal Navy. Both of the above letters of the 11th of the January, 1910, which are referred to in the report, are also enclosed.

29 Dec 1910
J. H. G. [Signature]

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