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in confirmation of my despatch No. 661 of the
12th December last, in which I pointed out the urgent
necessity of increased Customs facilities at Kilindini.
I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a
letter which I have received from Messrs. Smith Mackenzie
& Company, a leading firm of merchants in Mombasa,
requesting that immediate steps may be taken to effect this
purpose.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,
My dear,
Your devoted & most obedient,
humble servant,

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Colonel J. Hayes Sadler, C. F.

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H. M. Commissioner,
M. O. N. E. A. S. A.

Sir,

We have the honour to submit the following extract from a letter from Messrs. Gray Lines & Company, received by last mail, viz:-

"Referring to previous correspondence regarding the East African line, we now have to advise that commencing with the 27th January sailing from here the 27th January, we have arranged for a 20 day service for the whole of 1906 to be as follows, at the moment, getting out a time table for the outward voyage. At the present the sailings will be:-

"Hensleydale"	sailing	27th January
"Lansdale"	"	28th February
"Hilderdale"	"	28th March
"Swaledale"	"	21st April
"Clydeedale"	"	18th May

In arranging a time table one important point to be considered is the delay at your port. The amount of cargo now secured for Mombasa and Kilindini is increasing rapidly and is likely to develop and to increase carryings to Zanzibar, Peira and Delagoa Bay. It is essential to reduce the time of voyage and the stay at your port will require to be curtailed."

It is not necessary for us to enter again into detail

Sincerely,
Yours,

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with regard to the inadequate accommodation and want of facilities for the landing of cargo in Mombasa and the impossibility of really making any improvements owing to the unsuitability of the position of the Custom House there.

We would therefore again most respectfully urge that the question of making Kilindini the compulsory harbour for steamers should be faced without delay and that steps should be at once taken to provide the port with the necessary facilities etc. for landing cargo.

Mombasa, 20th Nov 1904

J. Smith Mackenzie & Co.,

Enclosure
In Col. E. Sadler's & daughter's
No. 1 of January 18th 1891