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No. 244.
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previous Paper.

(Subject)

Railway Regarding of line betw. Magera & Bul.

Contractors having given notice of intention to terminate contract for, owing to labour difficulties, has imported 500 coolies from India to do the work departmentally. As is approval.

(Minutes.)

~~Mr. M. Ammanay~~ Mr. M. Ammanay

This is unfortunate and will probably increase cost to his current estimate of £29,555 (see 70 210 attached) being exceeded.

Under the circumstances

we should approve action taken, but say that no details are given as to the extra cost involved if any, ask for info on this point.

1916 estimate

The help now has left for E.A.P. will be available to improve these coolies.

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Commissioner's Office,

Nairobi,

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May 11th 1906

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

My Lord,

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With reference to Mr. Secretary Lyttelton's

despatch No. 200 of April 27th 1905 sanctioning the
regrading of the Uganda Railway line between Mazeras

58. and mile fifty eight at a cost of twenty nine thousand

eight hundred and eighty eight pounds, I have the
honour to report that the contract for this work was

given to Messrs. Galley and Roberts, a local Firm of
Contractors, in June 1905.

2. In accordance with a clause inserted in
the contract that it could be terminated by a month's
notice on either side, Messrs. Galley and Roberts have

now

H.M. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

now given notice of their intention of abandoning the work owing to the impossibility of obtaining sufficient native labour, a difficulty which would be experienced equally by any other contractors.

3. It is true that labour is plentiful in the Kikuyu and Kenya Districts, but experience has shown that natives from these parts are practically useless when employed on or near the coast. In addition to the fact that they are continually falling sick, they will not remain at work for any length of time.

4. Under the circumstances there appeared to be no alternative but to adopt a suggestion put forward by the Acting Manager, to import five hundred coolies from India and to do the work departmentally. This proposal was, I understand, approved by Mr. Currie. The only difficulty we should have to contend with would be lack of supervision but I trust that the temporary Engineer asked for in my despatch No. 234 of May 8th may be available by that time.

5. I have been the more inclined to adopt this course to which indeed there would be no alternative but the abandonment of the work already commenced - as I am

informed

informed that this labour can be utilized later on in connection with the new pier or wharves at Kilindini, and I trust that under the circumstances my action will meet with Your Lordship's approval.


I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,



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Sir

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Mr. Lobb ²⁰/₆

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Mr. Ansbury

Mr. Cox

Mr. Lucas

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Sir M. O'Malley

Mr. Churchill

The Earl of Elgin

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I have the honour
 to acknowledge the receipt of
 your letter No. 244 of the 11th of
 May last relative to the
 termination of the contract
 for the regrading of the
 Uganda Ry line between
 Muzeras and mile fifty eight
 in consequence of the
 difficulty experienced by
 the contractor,
 Messrs Guley & Roberts, in
 obtaining a sufficient supply
 of native labour.

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~~2. While regretting
the extra work
imposed
on the completion
of the work, it is
to be
understood that
the work will be
carried out by~~

2. In view of the
circumstances
para 3 of your letter
is abandoned,
which appears to
preclude the possibility
of the work being
carried out with
local labour, I
approve of your
action - amounting
to a sum of 500
rupees for India for
that purpose

3. While budget
however, if you will
be able to
the completion of the
work departmentally
will lead to
the sum of 2,9,555
being exceeded or

There

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22 June 1906

Mr. Currie Esq

Sir,

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Currie to P.P. No 294 "May" II

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 for your info. the
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 deep work which has been made
 for the purpose of the
 E.A.P. on the subject
 of the regrading of the
 Uganda Fly line from
 Muzeres to mile 55,
 late R.A.
 for which you will
 observe that,
 owing to the inability
 of the contractors to
 carry out the work
 with local labour,
 the contract to be
 completed

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