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(Subject.)

Purchase of Stores for Railway

This copy letter from Actg. Manager re - otherwise than through Comd.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

This letter states that all European stores for the Railway are obtained through C. Light, but that certain stores such as cotton waste, rope & tarp are obtained direct from India. According to the strict reading of the Circular of 26 Feb. 1904 (copy attached to 7829) it is not allowable to obtain stores - since India is hardly "adjacent" to the E.A.P.

However I shd. be rather disposed to acquiesce in the system so far as stores the product of India are concerned.

P.T.O.

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But Sir E. Blake in his memorial
 letters in 1829 made a definite
 complaint that emigrants from
 all parts were excluded from
 this country, particularly under
 any other branches of the Colonies,
 than through the
 C. Light. He might be shown
 this privately in the first place.

W.M. 22/6
 (See minutes on 1829 - in which
 suggest that Mr. Currie should be
 consulted on the subject.)

to proceed
 W.M.

Mr. Antrobus, I think that we are ready to
 make an exception in favour of those who can
 be obtained more ^{conveniently} for India. You
 will remember see from the unsealed papers
 that the was practically the published
 position ~~is~~ is taken up with regard
 to the supply of boats for the R.A.R.
 from India.

H. J. R.
 23/6

I think that even the boats
 for the R.A.R. are to be got through
 the C.A. according to the

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Commissioner's Office,
Nairobi, Kenya
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May 15th 1906.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Confidential (25)

(Incl. 1.)

My Lord,

In reply to paragraph No. 2 of Your Lordship's despatch Confidential (2) of April 10th regarding the purchase of stores in England by the Uganda Railway otherwise than through the Crown Agents, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from the Acting Manager which gives the information called for.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord;

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S. W.

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Manager's Office,

NAIROBI, May 15th 1906.

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Sir,

In obedience to your instructions I have the honour to submit the following report regarding the purchase of stores in England for the use of this Railway otherwise than through the Crown Agents for the Colonies:-

The system at present in force is to indent on the Crown Agents for European stores of every description including coal, coke and pine timber. All our cement and corrugated iron are also obtained through the Crown Agents.

The Indian market is resorted to only when stores such as cotton waste, rope and teak timber are urgently required. Castor oil and rations for cotton are also obtained from India.

Axle lubricating oil is also obtained through our Agents in India. This particular item might however be obtained through the Crown Agents, but having for years dealt with an Indian firm viz. Messrs. T. B. McLellan & Co. of Karachi who have always quoted a very reasonable rate we have continued to obtain this article from them.

The quotations received from firms in London are a great deal higher than that quoted by this firm. For instance Messrs. C. C. Wakefield & Co. manufacturers of lubricants for Railway &c. quote 11d plus 3d. per gallon

COMMISSIONER,
P. E. A. PROTECTORATE,
NAIROBI.

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gallon for mineral lubricating oil f.o.b. Liverpool, whereas we obtain the same class of oil from India for 10½d. delivered in Kilindini.

Kerosine oil is purchased locally also disinfectants the quantity of which varies so much that it is not advisable to keep a regular stock. An outbreak of plague runs up the normal consumption by 500 per cent.

Broadly speaking for European stores we entirely depend on the Crown Agents and only resort to outside sources of supply, and that to a very small extent indeed, when we are in difficulty.

Taking the whole business into review I think we are well served by the Crown Agents and any delay that may be experienced is more often than not due to insufficient information on the part of the indenting officer.

Paras 272 to 275 of the Colonial Regulations dealing with requisitions from Colonies will be more closely followed in the future.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



ACTING MANAGER,

Uganda Railway.

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Gentlemen,

W. ref to ^{the} your letter ^{of} $\frac{11-9}{\text{Nov 1893}}$ of the 30th of July and previous corresp^{ce} regarding the supply of boots for the ^{direct} V.A.R. from Messrs the Army Equipment Factory at Camrose. I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, for your stores, the accompanying copy of corresp^{ce} relative to the purchase in India elsewhere ^{of} ^{the} ^{same} for the use of the Mysore Pk.

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- Mr. Lobb
- Mr. ~~Wheat~~ &
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Ommamney.
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

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