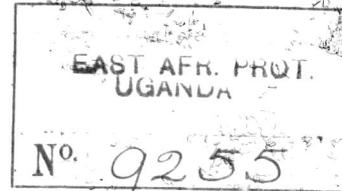


asked to have the
auditing Order in
Committee drafted,
but it cannot be
completed until this
information has been
obtained.

Yours very truly



(Subject.)

Mail Bags from Co for French Packet

Explains reason why they were
not sent by French packet

Office or Individual
1906
6 March
on previous Paper.

(Answer)

Mr Read,

I had not heard of the Special messenger before.
The distinction between 'ordinary official' and 'despatch bag' is new to me and that is
the reason why it should be maintained as far as
possible matter goes for Consul's hand material
not intended for despatch by these foreign ships,
but is sent direct by British packets. As you know
we use bags only when the mail matter cannot
be put into an envelope. There is therefore the
reason why we should not continue to use these
large bags when they are smaller than actual
size. So explain to Co?

~~It is better to use small bags~~ ~~for all~~ ~~small~~ ~~at once~~
better to use small bags at once
at the P. O. + Bureau ~~at once~~
it principally. / K. J. R.

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Mr Read,

I saw Mr Round today & the Foreign branch
Branch advised that as officially we can't
or wrote P. O. officially that our mails
& Uganda are to go by the post available

Steamer until marked to go by British
Packet. I submit a draft.

The R.R. visitors stopped our boat on this
occasion when they were bound for the river
bank of in covers only. They said we
would

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The Secretary to the General Post Office presents his
compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies and
with reference to the note from the Colonial Office dated the
14th of March, respecting two despatch bags superscribed for
conveyance by French Packet and addressed to the Officers
administering the Governments of the East Africa and Uganda
Protectorates, which were sent to the Post Office on the evening
of the 8th instant; begs leave to state that sealed Direct Mail
for Mombasa are not made up by this Office for conveyance by
French Packet, all correspondence intended for transmission by
this route being sent in Mails which are opened in France.
Ordinary official correspondence specially superscribed would
be included in the French Mail in ordinary course; but it would
be contrary to the usual practice to treat despatch bags in this
manner. In these circumstances a special messenger was sent to
the Colonial Office on the morning of the 9th instant to explain
the circumstances and to ascertain whether it was still desired
that the despatch bags should be sent in the French Mail; and he

was

dearly valued marked to O by British
Packet. It was a draft.

The P.O. letters stopped our bags on this
occasion when they were hard to find our
mail if in covers only. It had to be
removed

Ms. A. 2673