

asked to have the
Annual Report Order in
Council ~~drafted~~,
but it cannot be
completed until this
information has been
obtained.

Yours sincerely

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DOMESTIC

EAST AFR. PROT.
UGANDA

No. 9255

17 March 26

(Title or Individual)

(Subject.)

1st

1906

17 March

as previous Paper.

Mail Bags from Co. for French Packet.

Explains reason why they were
not sent by French Packet

(Director)

Mr. Read,

I had not heard of the special business before.
The distinction between ordinary official work
and 'despatch bags' is new to me and there is
no reason why it should be maintained as far as
our mail matter goes for ~~despatch~~ ^{local} matter is
not sent and 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 no
reason why we should not continue to use these
French boats when they are cheaper than other
boats. So explain to P.O.

~~Mr. Read,~~ I think that you had better go + see someone at the P.O. + discuss it personally. at once
k. J. R.
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Mr. Read,

I saw Mr. Poiraud today who is Foreign Branch Manager. He said that no difficulty will arise if we write P.O. officials that our mails to & Uganda are to be by the next available

Steamer unless marked to go by British
Packet. Subject a Draft.

The P.O. letters stopped on ship on this
occasion when they would have passed over
board if in covers only. Temporarily to be
forwarded.

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The Secretary to the General Post Office presents his
compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies
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 Pails 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

Steamer unless marked to go by British
Packet. Submit a Draft.

The P.O. notes stopped on this
occasion when they would have passed over
most of in covers only. Explained to the
Board.

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