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Last Previous Paper

German & Africa Customs order

Sends copies to Admiralty & copy sent to His Majesty
at Zanzibar calling for a report on the effect of the
order and any case of interference by German
authorities with British or Zanzibar vessels outside the
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and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies and by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copy *no* of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,

Feb: 12, 1909.

Reference to previous letter:
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Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<i>Admiralty Dec: 1, '08</i>	<i>German East Africa Customs Ordinance</i>
<i>To</i>	
<i>Dec 30, '08</i>	
<i>Admiralty Jan 6.</i>	
<i>Admiralty Jan 29.</i>	
<i>To Mr Sinclair Zanzibar Jan 30 Feb 9.</i>	

RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

ADMIRALTY,

1st December 1908.

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Sir:-

With reference to the correspondence ending with Admiralty Letter M.11958 of the 30th September 1904, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that they may be informed what arrangement has been arrived at with regard to the Customs Ordinance which the German Government then proposed to bring into force for the German East Africa Protectorate.

I am &c.,

(Signed), C.I. Thomas.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

December 30th, 1908.

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Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M.12660 of the 1st instant enquiring what arrangement has been come to with regard to the German East Africa Customs Ordinance.

I am to state for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that it has been ascertained from the Acting British Agent and Consul General at Zanzibar that the Ordinance in question came into force in June 1903 but that no difficulties have arisen in connection with §38.

I am to acquaint you that although the German Government accepted the proposal made by the Marquess of Lansdowne in 1904 to come to an arrangement for the suppression of smuggling in East Africa, the matter was eventually allowed to drop.

Sir E. Grey is not of opinion that any such ar-

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arrangement is necessary but he is considering the advisability of making a further protest to the German Government in regard to §38 of the Ordinance.

He would however be glad to learn whether the enquiry in your letter under reply is prompted by any special considerations.

I am &c.,

(Signed) W. Langley.

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January 6, 1909.

Sir,

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter of the 30th. ultimo on the subject of the German East Africa Customs Ordinance, I am commanded by My. Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a letter which has been received from the Commander in Chief Cape of Good Hope enquiring whether any decision in this matter has yet been arrived at.

I am to add that the Commander in Chief has been directed to report whether there are any special local reasons which necessitate the issue of precise instructions to His Majesty's Ships.

I am &c.

(Sd) C.I.Thomas

The Under Secretary of State

Foreign Office

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"HERMES" in Simon's Bay

November 2, 1908

Sir,

With reference to Admiralty letters of 14th. May 1904 and 30th. July 1904, I have the honour to request that I may be informed whether any decision has yet been arrived at regarding paragraph 38 of the new Customs Ordinance for the German East African Protectorate. This information is required in order that concise instructions on the matter may be issued to the Senior Naval Officer on the East Coast of Africa Division of the Cape Station

I have &c.

(Sd) G. Le C. Egerton

Rear Admiral

Commander in Chief

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ADMIRALTY,

29th January 1909.

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Sir:-

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the German East Africa Customs Ordinance, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs extract from a letter dated 31st December 1908, received from His Majesty's Ship "Hermione".

I am &c.,

(Signed) C.I. Thomas.

Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP "HERMIONE", at
ZANZIBAR,

31st December 1908.

Sir:-

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The Acting Consul General informs me that the Germans have been enforcing their Customs jurisdiction to a distance of 10 miles from the German East Africa coast since June 1905. Apparently the Foreign Office were unaware of this as they telegraphed about a fortnight ago to ask whether the Germans were enforcing this decree.

As far as is known in Zanzibar no cases up to the present occurred of British dhows being stopped.

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I have &c.,

(Signed) Guthbert Hunter.

Captain and Senior Naval Officer,
East Coast of Africa.

Commander in Chief,
Cape of Good Hope.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

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Sir:-

With reference to your telegrams Nos. 140 and 143 of December 7th and 10th inst, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you herewith copies of correspondence with the Admiralty respecting the German East Africa Customs Ordinance.

You should furnish a report on the effect of this Ordinance since it has been in force and bring at once to Sir E. Grey's notice any case which may occur of interference by the authorities of the German East Africa Protectorate with British or Zanzibar vessels outside the three mile limit of German waters.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) F. A. Cunningham

Dec 1. '08
Dec 20. '08
Jan 6. '09
Jan 29. '09

H. Sinclair, Esq.,
Acting British Consul General,
Zanzibar.