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Wireless Telegraphy with Bechar

Sends note from Nathan Lamb reporting that system in Bechar is now in working order & asking for early decision on proposal for connecting system with Port of Spain. Hopes that Co will reconsider decision in the matter.

Mr. Johnson

H. J. R.

14/III

Mr. Read.

See also 15513.

So far as Italy is concerned we have told FO that it was for them to press the Treasury if this thing is to be done for international reasons.

As to the last para of enclosure we can only remind FO of our letter on 37650 dealing with reasons why, if a station is to be erected, it must be at Mombasa & not at Lamu, adding that

copy of Mr. Johnson's letter to Mr. Lamb (handing brief) comm. re info. re wireless telegraph.

Subsequent Paper

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(240431)
To in enclosure in 43031 omitted to inform
the Italian Minister of the purport of para 3
of our letter on 37650.

Quif 157

W. Fuller

Date to the G.O. in the
sense of Mr. Shann's minute?

HJK
26/10

Off for review
at once
R.A. 26

for Mr. Read +

? send copy of 4607 & of
decp hereon to Secy to tables (meas)
for info re: to (meas) Report no. 120 in
9589 LF. (I have privately informed
Mr. Justice of the decision). Quif
at once. 27809

HJK
27/10

S.R.

The G.O. has not complied with the
request made in the last para of our
decp. of the 5th of Augth. No provision

for a wireless telegraphy station
appears in the G.O. for 1910-11. (336
for 100) It is proposed not to insert
any provision here, but to make
further enquiry of the G.O. as to
his reasons for omitting it, as to
the present position. This can be done
when we reply on the estimates.

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leaf
588/10.
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HAB

Jan 21
at once

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. 25625/09.

and address—

The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

C. O.
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FOREIGN OFFICE
14 JUL 09

July 13 1909.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter ⁷⁰45348 of December 31st last respecting the establishment of communication by means of wireless telegraphy between the Benadir and British East Africa, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before the Earl of Elgin, a copy of a note from the Italian Ambassador on the subject.

In view of the arguments advanced by the Marquis di San Giuliano Sir E. Grey hopes that Lord Crewe will see his way to reconsidering his decision in regard to the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. Langley

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

*Embassy
June 22. '09*

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14 JUL 09

translation.

ITALIAN EMBASSY,

June 22nd, 1909.

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Your Excellency:-

With reference to your Note No. 36927/08 of November 4th last and previous correspondence on the subject, I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that the radiotelegraphic system in Benadir has now been completed and that all the stations are already working.

In these circumstances the lack of connection with the radiotelegraphic stations in the East Africa Protectorate renders the service insufficient, as it is thereby limited to Benadir, and compels the refusal of radiotelegraphic messages from passing ships destined to be forwarded over international telegraph lines, as the latter cannot be transmitted to the nearest telegraph office in East Africa, i.e. Lamu, except by courier, which involves a period of

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The Right Honourable
Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P.,
&c., &c., &c.

eight days.

My Government have instructed me accordingly to approach Your Excellency with the request that His Britannic Majesty's Government will delay no longer in coming to a decision respecting the completion of the connection between the radiotelegraphic systems of Benadir and East Africa - a work which would be equally useful to both Italy and Great Britain; and they have instructed me further to revert to their first proposal for a connection with Lamu, since a connection with Mombasa would not guarantee safe communication as the power of the station at Giumbo is not calculated for that distance.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

A. di San Giuliano.

F.O. 123467

Earl

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Earl ~~W. Camp~~

only

5-13830/2

day

July 1909.

MINUTE.

Mr. Parkison 27/7

Mr. ~~Amthor~~

Mr. ~~Jones~~ ^{Read 28}

Mr. ~~Antrobus~~ ^{Fiddes}

Mr. Cox ^{No 2}

Sir C. Lucas.

X Sir F. Hbwood. ^{2 P}

✓ Col. Seely. ^{1/2 8}

✧ The Earl of Crewe. ^{24 VIII}

for comment

Sir,
With ref. to your Conf. despatch of 7th Jan. & previous correspondence, I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with a request from this office, proposals for the installation of a wireless telegraphy station for communication between station at Mombasa have been

(away)

by cables (Landing Rights) committee 30 Aug 1909

been submitted
by the Eastern
Telegraph Co.

2. After consulting
~~with~~ (W. Zosling) &
the G.P.O., I am
of opinion that
it would be inexpedient
to allow this Co. to
erect a wireless
station at Mombasa,
even if the terms
offered were far more
favorable than in
the case. The
Co. already has until
1929 the exclusive
right for laying cable
to East Africa & this
monopoly renders
it

difficult to secure
any improvement in
the rates to Europe, ³¹¹ or
in the local rates from
Mombasa and Zanzibar.
Consequently, moreover,
I understand that a
Govt. wireless station
at Mombasa could
be used to communicate
with other wireless
stations, which may
eventually be erected
up-country, and as
the Govt. has the
land lines at present
in its own hands,
it is desirable that
any system of wireless
telegraphy introduced
should

also be retained by
the Govt

It must, further, be borne
in mind that, as there is

now a Govt wireless
station at Zanzibar,
a Govt station at
Mombasa would

make it possible
to compete with the
Cable Co. for the
the local traffic
between Zanzibar

& Mombasa, and
~~such competition would~~

~~be considered as~~

~~not justifiable~~

~~but also in the~~

~~interests of the~~

~~as it is so small.~~

In this case
I have to request that

you will make
provision in the

year's Estimate
for the erection of

a Govt wireless
station at Mombasa

Yours
Thorne

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Earl 313

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F. O.

10 days
July 1909.

MINUTE.

Mr. Paquin 20/7

Mr. ~~Butler~~ 25/7

Mr. ~~Butler~~ 25/7

Mr. Antrobus. 11/3

Mr. Cox. 2/2

Sir C. Lucas.

X Sir F. Hopwood. 11/3

Col. Seely. 3/5

The Earl of Crewe. 2/4 VII

for course

2/11/09

Sir,
I am directed by the
Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 23825/09 of the 13th July, transmitting a copy of a note from the Italian Ambassador respecting the establishment of communication by wireless telegraphy between Benadir on the coast of the S. A. P.
2. I am to state for

for the information of
Sec. Sir Edward Grey
that ^{Lord} he regrets that
he is unable to
depart from the
decision expressed
in the letter from
this Dept. of the
31st December 1908

3. With reference
to the last paragraph
of the note from
the Italian
Ambassador, H. L.
feels that it is
not possible to
select Laruse for
the proposed station
in preference to
Mombasa

so long as the object
of the project is
facilitate the
communication to the Italian
Dept. The matter is, however,
receiving his careful
& he is of opinion
that in the interest of the
to forward the
the necessary
be approached next
year with a view
to the erection of a
of erecting a wireless
station at Mombasa
in the hands of the
Dept.

Mombasa, for the
reasons explained
in the letter from this
Dept. of the 23 Oct.
1908. It is, however,
observed that in the
enclosure to your letter
N^o 3692 of the 4th Nov. 1908,
no mention was made
to the Italian
Ambassador of the
fact that it would
be necessary for the
Mombasa as a station
in the 3rd para. of the
letter from this Dept.
of the 23 Oct. 1908, that
there would be a
difficulty in allowing
the