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For His Excellency's Decision.

Canton Island Postal Arrangements.

- (1) Since by far the majority of ships calling at Canton Island are American it would appear desirable to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the Airways authorities by which our mails, bearing Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony stamps, may be shipped on all American ships calling at the island in return for a similar concession on our vessels for American mail matter.
  - (2) Suggested that I should be authorized to make this arrangement.
  - (3) It is presumed that the Airways authorities will not accept any postal matter by their air service unless it has been posted at their own post office? As this is by far the speediest method for transmitting reports, etc. from the Administrative Officer, may he be authorized to send his official mail by air and incur the necessary expenditure?
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