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D. A. T.
Masterman

German East Africa

1915

9 Sept

Transmits proposals for

East previous Paper.
No. 415

a projected attack on German East Africa through the Congo.

Power of
to Dr. Masterman
27 September

by ~~Dr~~
by ~~Dr~~

Please see earlier minutes about
this proposal which
the scheme seems a hopeless one
as Belgium is not
of operations in the Congo
which is being an irregular force
in S. Africa which is
impracticable in view of the regular
forces now being raised here for
S. Africa which would in any case
hardly receive the sanction of the
British Government.

Next subsequent Paper.
No. 4259

written comment, and inform
the writer that it has been
forwarded.

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We do not know what land is likely
to be available in Africa and will
not therefore proceed with

the project

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Mr G. Fiddes.

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At Mr Davidson's request I have seen
O. A. T. Montanari, of the Board of
Agriculture, who is interested in the scheme
for Captain Keith (C.O. R.R.) to enlist
South African "freedom" & Franchising
for an attack on German E. Africa
through the Congo. Captain Keith could
also detach the German masses from
their allegiance.

They the South African would want
land.

I did not care to say much, but
pointed out that they would be directly
fighting on Belgian ground, and that
as the strategy of the operation was
the hands of the U.S. they must take
this scheme that ~~of the~~
and that in case of a refusal to be
C.O. R.R. that he brother (C.O. R.R.
Montanari) had heard his brother
say that he did not care what anyone
said in E. Africa so long as they did not
interfere with his recruiting here, and
that the only chance of consideration
was to start with us.

I told him finally that if they
could, if they wished, send us a
detailed account of their proposed
but that I felt certain that we should
could only refer it to C.O.

Feb. 18/15

to do. And I
advised the scheme

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 for the Colonies
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46, Gillingham Street,
Eccleston Squares, S.W.
9th September, 1915.

To the Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

Sir,

I recently placed before one of the officials of your Department a scheme for assisting in the conquest of German East Africa

This scheme was devised with assistance of Commander Keith R.N., and Lt. H.P. Pensonby both of whom have been in long residence in South and South-Mid Africa, and are thoroughly acquainted with the country, the natives and the white population.

Both have seen active service in the Boer War and Commander Keith was placed in charge of special work of a highly important nature by Lord Kitchener.

Briefly, the scheme is this:-

- (1) That an expedition should be organized the nucleus of which should consist of from 4,000 to 5,000 whites recruited in Cape Colony, Transvaal and Rhodesia.
- (2) That this expedition should proceed by way of the Cape toairo land to Elizabethville thence to Bukama and Kabalo to Lake Tanganyika, across the lake and capture Ujiji (railhead).

As an alternative route from Elizabethville
through

through N.W. Rhodesia to Mporogaso and Bismarckburg and thence to Ujiji.

The first is preferable for many reasons, but specially as supporting the Admiralty contingent, which is already proceeding to operate on the Lake.

The two routes are shown on the map attached.

Distance Bukama to Kabalo 253 miles
Elizabethville to Mporogaso 268 miles.

The force would have a great moral effect upon the natives, but Commander Keith would also be able to enlist the services of a large contingent of fighting natives, if necessary, from the Masai and Natakas, several of the chiefs of whom are personally known to him.

Further, he considers it possible with a good show of force, to suborn large numbers of the Masai from the Germans under whom they are now fighting.

No difficulty is anticipated in recruiting all the whites required - in fact, they would all be picked men, many of them personally known to Commander Keith or Lt. Robinson. The men would be offered grants of land for settlement, thereby providing a nucleus of British settlers.

The two officers named are keen to offer their services in organization, and would take on the recruiting, which would not be allowed to interfere with imperial demands for Europe.

It would be necessary to take a supply of machine guns and a certain proportion of rifles. Such details could easily be settled provided the scheme

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recommend itself.

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The official to whom I was referred gave me to understand that the matter was one for the War Office, and that the Colonial Office would not do more than act as a post office to them.

But I hope that the elimination of German control from this district may be considered of sufficiently pressing importance by your Department to send the scheme forward with at least some measure of approval.

I am, etc.

(Signed) A. T. MASTERS



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I am etc to transmit
to you to be laid before
the Board to be considered
etc. etc. Dr. G.?
Masterman containing
proposals for an attack

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