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1917

26 April

DEATH OF PIONEER J. B. TOSTEK

See previous Paper.

Reports at Ugerigori 4th June cerebral malaria.
Widow informed.

Partly LHS 27.6.17 et seq

copy to inf. Bureau - 12 MAR 1924 - 1919666/24

See subsequent Paper.

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reference
being in the fact
made in the letter of
the Dept. of the 8th
(no. 28566/17)
of June 21st to which
attention was drawn in
the subsequent letter of
the 22nd of June (no. 29965/17).

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The
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28 June 1917

Sir,

With

reference to your letter of the 27th

to the Board of Trade

that he has received

representations from the

O.A.G. of the E.A.P.D. regarding

the seriousness of the

position of the firms

concerned in the coffee

industry in that district

if they are unable

to dispose of their produce

2. He says will be glad

if it is possible for

the Board of Trade to

furnish him with their

DRAFT

Asst. Secretary
Commercial Dept
Board of Trade
MINUTE.

Box only 27/6/17
Under 28

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for answer

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM: From the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 2.8 p.m. 6th June 1917.)

June 26th. I am afraid that shortage of shipping will very seriously affect local export industries such as the coffee and steel unless the prospect of shipment is reasonable, local banks are unwilling to make advances against produce, unless financial assistance is provided any valuable plantations will probably be ruined.

The Legislative Council at the recent session adopted a motion recommending that the local Government should make advances at the rate of £25 per ton as an average against coffee actually stored with Government; such advances to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. which is the local bank rate. Amount required for one year would be £100,000.

Consider that proposals financially feasible. Coffee is rather special case owing to comparatively large number of individuals affected. Will you approve such advances against coffee?

3. Respecting other export industries no reliable figures are yet available but it is improbable that Protectorate could finance them to any great extent and I should therefore be glad to know whether there is any hope of assistance from Imperial Government.

4. Submit to you that it is a matter of Imperial importance that industries in British Colonies should be sustained in order to be on the resumption of hostilities able to compete with other countries.

BOWRING.

... should store it - some facilities for
storage for that purpose - for example
... should be made the business
... the case of the C.A. office was
... its requests Uganda cotton
... it might be possible
... it was suggested that
... to find nothing to bring it here - not
... the representatives of the "of shipping
... to look into the matter
... that it should go to India also mentioned
... (I understand that there are political objections
... that come from the point of view of
... members but they are a matter for all of
... trade rather than for us)

The shipping office
are advised to
ask the
of the
7/10/57

The indications are that for the
reasons given above it will be a long time
before the Committee renders its report
but if it is necessary, I could no doubt
press for an interim report on financial
assistance since that is already a
practical question requiring speedy settlement
(Apart from Africa, we shall have to
tackle the problem of distribution of
... the difficulty is that the
... all things face a full)
... know anything about the state of the
... meeting, I will report to you about the
... and which should be taken on this point

Meanwhile

and
4/1/57
H. J. R.
3/10/57

I think that the P. of. has already
... suggested to Sir ...
... a suggestion for him, that the C. ...
... it? Generally must be based on the general
... question as it affects the ...

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of our country of a policy of financing the
efforts in the North Atlantic 303
after the attainment there was a further
Cabinet decision that the various financing
depts. & the debt responsible for maintaining
supplies of essential commodities to the country
should consider how far it was possible
for us to draw essential supplies from countries
outside America. It was then decided
that the I.O. & the C.O. should furnish
reports through Sir ^{the distinguished country committee}
showing the effect of the policy on India, the
how the losses & the measures necessary
in response (i.e. financial relief)

owing to the fact that the financing
depts. have not yet put in their reports
showing how far the policy is practicable,
it has not yet been possible to make much
headway. There was however some
general discussion at the last meeting
10 days ago as to the general principles
on which financial relief should be given,
if such relief should prove necessary. This
went out of the case of the Uganda cotton.

The trend of the discussion was that
it was not possible to regard any financial
relief given as compensation, saying that
compensation has not been paid for many
other losses due to the war, what could
be done was to give assistance to industries
otherwise threatened with extinction. This
would apply mainly to crops, where it is
necessary to clear one crop if extinction is
not to occur entirely, as opposed to things
like minerals which can simply be left alone.

general question of Un-
financial we must say something to
be a about that

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at once
28/6
28/6/17

W. Read

Please see draft before we
we want very well say more at present
I do not think we would say
less

HAB

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W. Read
W. Read

Draft altered after speaking to
Read & ~~W. Read~~ to go W. Read would
be glad if you ~~could~~ would state briefly
the objects of the ~~new~~ Committee which
has I understand questions of the
kind under consideration

HAB

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framed over by Sir H. Robinson with