



The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, Colonial Office.

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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 13th July (without reference number) and our reply thereto of the 18th July, I am directed by my Beard to ask you whether you have yet received a reply to the letter you refer to as being sent to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate enclosing a copy of the "Memorandum" of points discussed with our General Manager, Col. Owen Thomas, for his Excellency's consideration.

My Directors consider it is a matter of great urgency, and are most anxious to finally arrange the terms of the new lease, in order that the draft revised, may be engrossed for signature as soon as possible.

You will readily understand that the delay in settling this matter, is causing my Company great inconvenience in arranging matters relating to finance, and in carrying out negotiations with our Sub-tenants, especially in view of the situation caused by the War. I may mention that my Directors are endeavouring to continue all work on the Estate as in times of peace, as they consider this to be the best policy to pursue in the interests of both my Company and the country in general. To do this it is necessary to provide a large amount of capital at considerable risk, without at present, receiving any adec to return. I am directed to suggest therefore, that if you have not already received a reply

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from H.E. the Governor, a cable should be sent to him, asking him to reply by the first available mail.

I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant,

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Secretary.

Eas DRAFT. 22 Octs. 1914. The Secretary Sir. African Estatulia I am &c. to acknowledge the recipt of your letter of the 14 of October 1 21/8/14 and to inform you that thomley 21. 10.14 fr. no reply has yet been received from the for the East on the subject of the East aprican Estates Bastat Concession, but that his attention has been called to the matter of