

E. AFRICA  
W. AFRICA  
44037

44037  
17

Treasury

1917

3 Sept.

Last previous Paper.  
B. & T.  
42860

*Impl. assistance to Cotton Industry.*

Send for other's Treas. reply to B. & T. re: prop. scheme for purchase, shipment and sale by B. C. & A. on behalf of Impl. Bd. of all cotton offered in Nigeria, Nyasaland, and possibly Algeria prior to 30 Sept 1918.

Ans & Call. M.A. Service

Lead  
Mr. Butler

The Treasury ask for our views, but the Board of Trade, who are in touch with the B. C. & A., can answer the letter more usefully than we can. We must, in any case, I think send them a draft of our reply for concurrence, as we did before.

Para. 3 of Treasury letter. The Board of B. C. & A. can only be put in charge if the scheme is a Govt one - i.e. if the Treasury alternative is adopted the offer of Govt advances must be made to each farmer separately. I see no objection to this: we should have to make it a condition that the farmer receives a fair price (to be stated) for his cotton, but that is equally

Next subsequent Paper.

BOT  
44425 SA.

importance to the  
development of this  
promising industry  
in the Protectorate, and  
the grant by the Honorable  
Ministry of Agriculture  
of Priority Certificate 4  
in respect of the orders  
placed by the Company  
with Messrs Roby & Co  
and Messrs Shirkhiff  
Bros. followed upon  
representations made  
to the Ministry by this  
Dept.

3. It is understood,  
also, that the Ministry  
of Agriculture are  
anxious that the  
cultivation of <sup>rice</sup> ~~cassava~~  
within the Empire  
should be developed  
as much as possible,  
in view of the production

demand for binder 29  
rice for agricultural  
operations in this  
country