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Consul-General.

1919

1st March.

Previous Paper.

WORKING OF CEDAR FORESTS IN EAST AFRICA.

Requests information as to quality of cedars grown in East Africa in connection with the pencil industry of France, and whether it would be possible for French manufacturers to obtain supplies from these Possessions.

Two copies.

Behave as info. on to France: 1. to

There is a note in the file of the 1st March 1919. It says that the French Consul-General has asked for information as to the quality of cedars grown in East Africa in connection with the pencil industry of France, and whether it would be possible for French manufacturers to obtain supplies from these Possessions.

E. J. Rowley suggests that it may be one of the efforts of the Empire Resources Development Co., a Co. which was formed in 1/15/46 3/17. 20ms.

There is no doubt about the value of our timber, but whether they will ever be accessible or not remains to be seen.

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Encl. copy of Cd. 3681, drawing attention to file and say that samples of E. A. timbers are at the

Industrial Exhibit [see p 25 of Cd. 4723] held 8/3/19. The samples

Subsequent Paper.

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Consulat Général de France
à
Londres

51. Bedford Square.
Londres le 1^{er} Mars 1919

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Sir,

I am informed that a Commission appointed to enquire on the development of the resources of the British Empire has made a report on the working by the State of the Forests of cedars in the British possessions of East Africa. This question interests particularly the pencil industry in France.

I should feel much obliged if you could let me have some information on the quality of the cedars grown in that region for the purpose of pencil making, and whether it would be possible for French manufacturers to obtain supplies from these possessions.

In the event of not being able to furnish me with these particulars, I should esteem it a favour if you could let me know where I could apply to obtain the same.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. M. M.

Secretary for the Colonies,

Consul General.

WHITEHALL.

3.7.19

you desire to see samples of
cedar wood from ^{E. Africa} ~~produced~~ in this district,
I am to suggest that you should
apply to the Director of the
I.I., South Kensington.

Yours etc.