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TELEGRAM from the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 24 December, 1930. Received 1.0 p.m. 24 December, 1930.

No. 449. Your despatch of the 8th November No. 877.

*be glad*

Should *if* arrangements might be made for Strickland to visit Kenya on conclusion of his tour in Zanzibar. This Government would meet cost of passage from Zanzibar to Mombasa and local travelling and pay him allowance of £100 per month from the date of leaving Zanzibar for the period of visit which should not be less than six weeks. No honorarium. Understand that Uganda ~~ESAYEMAN~~ Government has declined offer of visit.

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**SECRET.**

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DOWNING STREET.

13 November, 1930.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, copies of a report which has been presented to me by Mr. C.F. Strickland on a recent visit to Palestine. Mr. Strickland, who is a retired officer in the Indian Civil Service with wide experience of co-operative movements in India and elsewhere, has recently visited Palestine at my request to study the economic position of the fellahin and to instruct the officers of the District Administration and the fellahin as to the objects and methods of the working of co-operative credit societies.

2. You will no doubt agree that, where a multitude of small producers is concerned, as is frequently the case in East Africa, the formation of co-operative societies of producers offers special advantages, since it would largely eliminate one of the main difficulties in the way of increased production, namely that of obtaining good markets and fair prices for produce. At the same time

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time I doubt whether it would be possible for any co-operative society, whether of producers or of consumers, to succeed, at least among the native population, without Government supervision and encouragement. In these circumstances the question of co-operative organisation is obviously one which demands serious consideration in East Africa.

Mr. Strickland has wide experience of the movement in all its forms, both in India and in other countries where the subject has received attention, and many of his comments on conditions in Palestine should, feel, prove suggestive in East Africa.

3. I have already addressed you in my despatch No. 777 of the 6th November, regarding Mr. Strickland's forthcoming visit to Zanzibar and the possibility of his visit being extended to the Territory under your administration.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Signed) PASSFIELD.

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KENYA  
No. 877

DONNING STREET,

8 November, 1930.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the British Resident, Zanzibar, has expressed a desire that silvicultural and co-operative experts should visit that Protectorate for the purpose of advising on the regeneration of the clove plantations and the reorganisation of the clove industry. Mr. G. F. Strickland, a retired officer of the Indian Civil Service, who has had wide experience of co-operative movements in India and elsewhere, has expressed his willingness to undertake the mission insofar as the co-operative aspects of the enquiry are concerned.

2. The questions of cost accounting and of organised marketing on co-operative lines are dealt with in paragraphs 62-64 of the report of the Agricultural Commission, and provision was made in the estimates for 1930 for the appointment of an Agricultural Economist. Mr. A. V. Liversage has been selected for this appointment, as reported in my telegram No. 249 of the 23rd October.

It has been suggested that your Government may wish to take advantage of Mr. Strickland's forthcoming visit to Zanzibar to secure his services for

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for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of co-operation in Kenya, not only as regards credit and marketing, but also as regards buying and stores. Mr. Strickland will probably be leaving for Zanzibar in January, and I shall be glad if you will inform me by telegram whether, if he should be able to extend his period of absence from this country, you would desire arrangements to be made for him to visit Kenya. The terms on which Mr. Strickland's visit to Zanzibar has been arranged are as follows:-

- (a) Free first class passages and local travelling.
  - (b) An allowance of £75 a month during absence from England.
  - (c) An honorarium of £375 for a visit of three months duration, inclusive of the time spent on the voyages between England and Zanzibar.
3. Copies of Mr. Strickland's recent report on the working of co-operative credit societies in Palestine are being forwarded to you separately.
4. A similar despatch has been addressed to the Officer Administering the Government of Uganda and the Governor of the Tanganyika Territory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

Wm. H. P. FIELD