

1935.

Kenya

No. 38049

SUBJECT

CO 533/456

Colonial Development Fund.

Coffee Industry.

Previous

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1. Gov. Kenya. 34. 12th Jan. 35.

Submits, for conson., application to the C.D.F. for a free grant of £1,100 for the provision of certain equipment and apparatus for investigation of coffee diseases.

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S.P.S.

' A memorandum may be prepared for the C.D.A.C.

C. A. Prosserwick
9.2.35.

C.D.A.C. very properly desire overlapping; and they will quite fairly ask (a) whether anything on these lines has been attempted at Amani (b) whether this work could not better be undertaken at Amani than in Kenya. No doubt there are good answers - perhaps Mr. Stockdale will supply them.

The estimates are rather sketchy; it would have been better if Kenya had sent home specifications & left C.B. to ascertain the price.

S. A. Prosserwick
11/2.

A Research Conference was convened at Amani in February 1934 by the Secretary of the Governors' Conference to consider and co-ordinate the research programmes

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programmes of East African Departments of Agriculture and the East African Agricultural Research Station in respect of

- (i) Coffee
- (ii) Pests and Diseases of Crops in East Africa.

The Director of the Amani Research Station was Chairman of the Conference, and the delegates consisted of the Directors of Agriculture of Kenya, Uganda, and Zanzibar. Six technical officers from the Kenya Dept. of Agriculture, four from the Tanganyika Dept. of Agriculture, two from the Uganda Dept. of Agriculture, and two from the East African Agricultural Research Station also attended.

The Conference had before them research programmes dealing with coffee prepared by the Amani Research Station and the Departments of Agriculture of Kenya and of Uganda. The programme of the Tanganyika Dept. of Agriculture was not available owing to the very recent arrival of the Senior Scientific Officer for the Coffee Station in that Territory. It was understood by the Conference, however, that the Tanganyika research programme would be co-ordinated fully with that of the Amani Station and with the research controlled by the Depts. of Agriculture of Kenya and Uganda.

After examining the programmes before the Conference, it was decided (para.9 of the Report), that the following major projects should be allocated to the Kenya Dept. of Agriculture :-

- (i) Foliar

- (i) Foliar diagnosis of Nutrient Deficiency.
- (ii) Influence of Spraying on Liquoring quality.
- (iii) Role of Copper in the Nutrition of Coffee.
- (iv) Preparation of the Bean.

Appendix IV to the Report also gives the co-ordinated programme of investigations of subjects related to coffee cultivation and includes, *inter alia*, the following for the Kenya Dept. of Agriculture

- (i) Coffee Berry Disease.
 - (a) Selection for disease resistance, with a view to seed selection and vegetative propagation.
 - (b) Trials of sprays and spreaders.
 - (c) Manuring trials.
 - (d) Cultural trials.
- (ii) Study of the various types of dieback prevalent in Kenya, and the conditions conducive to them.

This present application is submitted so that work on the Coffee Berry Disease, and the study of dieback under Kenya conditions may be commenced, and the major investigations relating to nutrient deficiency and the role which copper plays in the nutrition of coffee may be undertaken.

The apparatus specified is necessary for the investigations which are foreshadowed in this programme of work, and the greenhouse is essential to the satisfactory equipment for the work of the Mycologist whether on coffee berry disease or any other diseases affecting crop plants in the Colony.

The request for financial assistance is for research work which has been assigned to the Kenya Department

Department of Agriculture by the Conference which was held at Amani in February last, and should, therefore, be supported.

I enclose, for reference, my copy of the Report of this Conference, but should be glad to have it returned to me in due course.

Return
A.P.
12.2.

L. J. Shirkdale

11.2.35.

yes: this is to enable Kenya to do its share of the work decided upon at the Conference. The work cannot be done at Amani & is appropriate for Kenya.

Prepare now according to X Y + Z.
in Mr Shirkdale's minute.

J.W. Head
12.2.
enclosed

2. C.R.A.C. 1704

15 Feb. 35.

A.M.A.C.

Second. free grant of £1,100 for the provision of equipment & apparatus in connection with an investigation into the diseases affecting coffee & other unmarketable crops.

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C. A. Rossenith
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Sanction grant of £1,100 from C.R.A.C. for provision of equipment & apparatus required in connection with investigation into diseases affecting coffee other unmarketable crops

Draft to Mr. Kenyatta

C. A. Rossenith
12/4/35.

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To Kenya, 270 (u/cis 2+3) 16 APR 1935
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Approved by
State Long & Head.

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Mr. Weston 12 p.c.

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Mr. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

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April, 1935

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge
the receipt of your despatch

No. 64 of the 12th of January
forwarding which you enclosed
an application for a
free grant of £1100
from the Colonial Development
Fund for the provision
of equipment and apparatus
required in connection
with an investigation into
the disease affecting
coffee and other
enumerative crops.

2 I enclose, for your
information, a copy of
a memorandum which
was submitted to the
Colonial Development
Advisory Committee and
a copy of the Committee's
letter of recommendation.

FURTHER ACTION.

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