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KENYA

SISAL INDUSTRY

(DECORTICATING MACHINERY)

~ SUPPLY OF SISAL LEAVES FROM GOLD COAST

Previous			
	R. 297		15/12
	R 309		5/12
	Mrs Parkin		14
1936	303		25/12
	298		3/1
	297		31/12
Subsequent	Alto branch		1/12
	297		16/12
1938	309		10/1
	Mr Jones		10/12
	R 297		3/1
	R. 80		20/1
	R 297		11/3
	R 80		18/1
	R 297		19/13
	Mr. Parkin		20
	297		25/1
	R 80		26/1
	R. 298		27/1
	R 297		7/12
	Mr. Parkin		7/12
	Mr Jones.		8/12
	Tab Section		—
	297		17/1
	Alto branch		17/1

C.I.
Administrative
Memorandum (C.I.)

1. Mitchell Cotts & Co. Ltd.
Requests cable be sent to West Africa asking for another
shipment of Sisal leaves to Messrs James F. Low & Co. Ltd
Monrovia and wishes to know whether it can be delivered
by second week in February. Undertakes to refund cost
of telegram.

Action taken on 9/1/37
for recovery of cost of telegram

R. To Gov. Gold Coast — TEL. NO. 9 — 2/1/37
(Recoverable) Jan. 9. 1. 37

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

2. Gov. Gold Coast — TEL. NO. 13 — 18.1.37
States that two bundles of Sisal leaves are being
shipped by "Alosso" on 24.1.37

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

3. To Hamilton — 20 January 1937

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4. HAMILTON (MITCHELL COTTS & CO. LTD.) 21.1.37
Acks. (4) with thanks and states that he has passed
the information contained therein on to Monrovia.

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Put by
[Signature]

R. 297
25.1.37.

[Signature]
alone 28/1/37

5. HAMILTON (MITCHELL COTTS & CO. LTD.) 6.7.37.
Confirms telephone conversation re further telegram they
wish sent to G. Coast asking for another shipment of Sisal
leaves and asks to be informed of earliest date shipment
can be effected. Promises to repay cost of telegrams.

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I understand that this arrangement is
for the purpose of giving a demonstration
of the working of the machinery to some
visiting American. It is a large arrangement
than usual, so to prevent mistakes. I
have written a report to the dep. Secretary
for his information.

99/Pass
2/3

C.I.
AGRICULTURE
MARI (C.T.A.)

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Action taken on 27/1/37 for recovery of cost of telegram

2. To Gov. Gold Coast — TEL. NO. 9 — 21/1/37
(Recoverable) Ans. 7.1.37

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3. Gov. Gold Coast — TEL. NO. 13 — 18.1.37
States that two bundles of Sisal leaves are being shipped by "Alesso" on 24.1.37

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4. To A. Hamilton — 20 January 1937

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5. A. HAMILTON (MITCHELL COTTS & CO. LTD.) 21.1.37.
Acks. (4) with thanks and states that he has passed the information contained therein on to Monrovia.

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Put by
[Signature]

R. 297
25.1.37

[Signature]
at once 28/1/37

6. A. HAMILTON (MITCHELL COTTS & CO. LTD.) 6.7.37.
Confirms telephone conversation re further telegram they wish sent to G. Coast asking for another shipment of Sisal leaves and asks to be informed of earliest date shipment can be effected. Promises to repay cost of telegrams.

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I understand that this communication for the purpose of giving a demonstration of the working of this machine to some visiting American. It is a large communication and would be to prevent mistakes. I have noted a ref. to the dep. secretary has been made. It should be passed.

99/22
2/3

To Gold Coast Tel No 178 - comm - 8.7.37

This should be returned to C.A. Dept
after the reply to no 7 has been received
and dealt with, in order to consider
question of cost of ^{the} inward telegrams

R.S. Perry
14/7/37

GOLD COAST..... TEL NO 173 14.7.37.
States that 1,000 leaves are being shipped on the
"Adda" on July 25th.

recovered
to Hamilton

22/7/37

Action taken on 27/3/37
for recovery of cost of no 7

The telegrams from G.C. -
3 and 8 on this file & 13 on the previous file
were not marked recoverable as requested
by Circular of 27 July 1931, and the
machinery for recovering the cost has
therefore not functioned.

G.C. has probably paid for these
telegrams at ^{full} rates and the telegrams
are short, should not march out of pocket.
It is too late to claim for 3 hereon and
13 on previous file, and if we now claim
for 8 it will raise unnecessary questions
with Mr. Hamilton & the G.C.

Action is therefore being taken
on C.A. H. for recovery of no 7 only.

R.S. Perry
23/7/37

10. MITCHELL COATES & CO. LTD.
Ackd. (9) with thanks and states that they now await
C.O. account for the cost of the telegrams involved
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The charge recovery of the cost of the
tel. from the G.C. is really a matter
for W.A. Dept to consider

J.J. Cassin
4/8

In the event I don't think that we
can recover it is the fault of G.C.

As it is possible that we shall
get further requests for signal leaves
we might drop the matter &
Mr. London draw his attention to
the Circular and explain the
costs of the tel. from G.C. have not
been & will not be recovered, & say that
no further requests of similar
nature can be marked
recoverable

above
O.G.R. Wilson

7.8.37

To G. London

S.O. 31.8.37

replies to be required

R.S. Perry

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Mitchell Collis Co Ltd 14.8.37
Detail circumstances in which they
would be glad if a coil of wire could
be supplied by the Colonial Office in
respect of the rival leaves.

(draft beneath) (signed) J. J. Packer
295

17 To Custom House etc 12

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14 To Mitchell Collis & Coy etc 13 1 and } 26.8.37

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15 Mitchell Collis & Coy Ltd 25.8.37
Request early reply to their letter of 14.8.37 (no 12)

16 Mitchell Collis & Coy Ltd 27.8.37
Re: letter dated 26 August with
thanks

has 15 & 16 put by
(signed) R. J. Jenkins
(signed) R. B. Gray
at once

15 To Coast No 822 (etc 12, 13 and 14)
A/1 9 SEP 1937

18 CUSTOM HOUSE 24.7.37
States that they have given instructions for
goods in question to be admitted to Imperial
Preference

J. J. Packer
28/9

19 To Mitchell Collis & Coy. 1 OCT 1937

Mitchell Collis & Coy Ltd
confirms telephone conversation regarding another shipment
of rival leaves & enquires earliest date on which shipment
can be effected

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J. J. Packer
4/11

10/11/37
12/11

To Co. Gold Coast. Tel No 280. - 10. XI 37
(Recoverable)

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Accs. to receive
Cost of

require to check Dept
when reply to 21

action taken on
5/11/37 also for
recovery of cost of
21 & 22

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Hamilton
18/4/37

To E. Medford Smith

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J. J. Packer
1/11

17/11/37

Hydraulic Engineering Co. Co. St. Louis, Mo. 2/12/37
 Request further shipment of 5000 lbs. of sisal leaves to be sent by telegram

The "previous" reference appears to be the date mentioned in 38022/35. The suggested way to give clear directions to the Coast Guard vessel appears to be by referring to the actual file. Don't know the message.

Clolla, Mo. 6/12

① The request in No 24 is rather vague.
 In No 41 on 7/35 they first asked for 200 leaves & then in No 47 for a further similar commitment. Did they two lots together weigh 400? or do they only want one further lot of 200 leaves?

② It is true that, in No 47 on 7/35 they said that the first lot of leaves arrived in poor condition since the previous number of commitments to Mitchell, Co. Mo., for a similar purpose, were received in bad condition; & essentially (v. No. 2 on 38022/1/30) we had to specify in some detail how such commitments shd. be packed & stored, since when there has been no trouble.

of 27 on 7/31

It is unclear and probably unnecessary to mention how the lot shd. be packed, but it seems to me that in order to give a better idea of the situation (especially by specifying the number of leaves) the quantity required.

are you able to say, from the information given at ① above, or ought we to ask the Company?

(I put in red on the line - getting short)

J.P. Patton

J.P. Patton
 7/12

The average weight of sisal leaves varies from 2-4 lb. depending on the length. 200 leaves could therefore not weigh less than 4 cwt. I think that it is safe to assume therefore that the figures mentioned in para. 2 of 24 refer to one commitment of 200 leaves. What he wants is a repeat of this.

H. Murphy
 8, 12.

It passed

8/12/37

Also to be sent to
 request of 25
 action taken
 8/12/37

To Gen. G. Coast - Tel No 301 - 8/12/37

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26. Gold Coast —
(25 cases) Shipment will be made as requested

Captain
? Inform Mr Magnall S/O for Sir F. Stockdale's
Signature that shipment of the leaves has
been arranged as requested.

Clothes, white 15/12

It's Dept to take action to recover
Cost of tele — a to note that freight and
Cost of cutting is also recoverable — see 26/10
above no 2 in file

action taken because
the cost of the tele.
the recovery of the freight etc
is not a matter for Dept.

J. G. Mason
16/12
above

27 To Capt Mangnall (24 cases) S.O. S. I. 38

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At Mangnall to
note as at X

Boag looks above

Enquire with Mr Sir Sumin (Miserable)
It is the Gold Coast's business. On the 26/12
to recover the cost of freight and cutting.
Inform Gold Coast that Captain Mangnall
has undertaken to meet these expenses.
No action required

Clothes, white 16/1

Amey
10/1/38
above

28. Capt. Mangnall (S/O) — 7.1.38

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Adv (27) & state it will not be possible to have the new
machine shipped to the Gold Coast to begin operation during
Sir F. Stockdale's visit.

R 80 (58)

Pubby (See note at top right)

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26. Gold Coast — TEL 220 — 14.12.37

(25 and) Shipment will be made as requested.

? Inform ^{Captain} Magnall S/O for Sir F Stockdale's
Signature that shipment of two leaves has
been arranged as requested.

Clothes, while 15/32

Mr Dept to take action to recover
Cost of cable — also note that freight and
Cost of cutting is also recoverable — see slip
above no 24 in file.

action taken to recover
the cost of the cable.
The nature of the freight also
is not a matter for Dept.

J.P. Cassin
16/12/37

27 To Capt Mangnall (24 and) 50 - 3.1.38

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Also request to
note about X
Request above

I spoke with Mr. S.W. Smith (Mandate) &
It is the Gold Coast's business to take steps
to recover the cost of freight and cutting
I inform Gold Coast that Captain Magnall
has undertaken to meet these expenses
? No action required.

Clothes, while 16/11

Final
10/1/38
above

28 Capt. Mangnall (S/O) — 7.1.38

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Adv (27) & state it will not be possible to have the new
machine shipped to Tava in time to be in operation during
Sir F. Stockdale's visit.

Publy (See note at top right)

80 (58)

J.P. Cassin

26.
TUTE

Gold Coast — TEL. 330 — 14.12.37

(25 amsd) Shipment will be made as requested.

Inform ^{Captain} Magnall S/O for Mr F Stockdale's
Signature that shipment of the leaves has
been arranged as requested.

Clarke, White
15/12

At Dept to take action to recover
cost of sale — also note that freight and
cost of cutting is also recoverable — see slip
above no 24 in file.

J. Cassin
16/12
at home

STATUTE

To Capt Mangnall (24 amsd) 3.0 - 3.1.38

I spoke with Mr Sutherland (Messrs) &
It is the Gold Coast business to take steps
to recover the cost of freight and cutting.
I inform you that ~~Captain Magnall~~
~~has undertaken to meet the expenses~~
no action required.

Clarke, White 10/1

Quay
10/1/38
at home

STATUTE

Capt. Mangnall (S/O) — 7.1.38.
Adv (27) & state it will not be possible to have the new
machine shipped to Tava in time to be in operation during
Mr F. Stockdale's visit.

Pubby (See note at top right)
Dunin

Mr Jones

✓ We are always at the
for various people
No objection

Mr Jones,

Mr Jones,

Spencer
4/12/57

Could a telegram be sent
in the Gold Coast for the
conveyance of boxes. Capt.
Mansfield undertakes to pay
all costs of cable, including
freight.

If this requirement is sent by
letter it is unlikely, owing to the
Xmas holidays, that this shipment
could be arranged for on the date
required.

Capt. Mansfield is now busy
constructing Despatcher Model
No 3 at the order of the
Anglo Dutch Coy for use on their
estate in Tora.

J. A. Whitcomb

3/12

Mr. Jones

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✓ We are always at the
for various people
No objection

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Jones,

[Signature]
10/1/37
10/1/37

Could a telegram be sent
in the East Coast for the
conveyance of stores. Capt.
Manpower undertake to pay
all costs of cable calling
freight.

If the requirement is dealt by
telling it is military, owing to the
Xmas holidays, that this shipment
could be arranged for on the date
required.

Capt. Manpower is now busy
~~conducting~~ ~~investigation~~ ~~into~~
No 3 at the order of the
Anglo Dutch Coy for use on their
relate in Tora.

J. A. [Signature]
3/12

C. O.

30117 E.A.

Mr. Paakin. 18/9 f.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

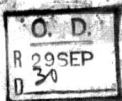
Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuchburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.



DOWNING STREET.

September, 1937.

1 OCT 1937

Gentlemen,

In continuation of the

letter from this Department of the

26th of August, I am etc. to inform

you that a communication has been

received from the Board of Customs

and Excise to the effect that instruc-

tions have been given for the

consignment of steel leaves imported

from the Gold Coast per the

s.s. "Adda" to be admitted to

Imperial Preference.

I am, etc.

DRAFT.

(14)

MESSRS. MITCHELL COTTS AND COMPANY.

FURTHER ACTION.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

C. O.

380 22 / 11/37.

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Mr. Paine 20/8/37.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

Sec (8)



26 8. 37

Sir,

86

I am sorry to transmit to you for the convenience of the ~~Board~~ Commissioners of Customs a copy of a letter from Mitchell Colton & Co. in regard to a parcel of seed leaves consigned to them from the Field Coast.

I am to explain that these leaves, grown in the Field Coast, were supplied by the Govt. of that Colony for experimental purposes in this country.

DRAFT.

The Secretary
Customs House.

~~See Mitchell Colton 20 19/8~~

Spoke to Mitchell Colton
9/20/37

FURTHER ACTION.

Copy to Paine
etc. 1/11/37.

© Comm. to Govt. of S.

4.

(Signed) H. E. FLOOD

G. O.

38022/1/3 Kenya

Mr. Whitehouse 19/51
Mr. Penny 21/5
Mr. Jones 28/5
Mr. Williams 23.8.52 fs

Sir C. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottonaley.

Sir J. Stuckburgh.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

S.O. for Mr. Williams
sig.

C. D.
R 24 AUG
D 27

Dear London.

31 Aug., 1937

Will you
please refer to the notes

DRAFT.

G. E. London, Esq.,
C.M.G.

(Gold Coast)

ending with the Governor's letter

(4) No. 173 of the 14th of July regarding

the
arrangements of aural leaves to
Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Company

The intention was that the
cost of all the telegrams sent
on behalf of the firm in this
connection should be recovered
from Messrs. Mitchell Cotts, and
this has, in fact, been done in
the case of the S. of S. telegrams.
The Governor's telegraphic
costs are marked

FURTHER ACTION.

"recoverable" (as requested in the
S. of S's. circular despatch of the
9th. of July, 1931) and we find
that, in consequence, no action was
taken ^(at the time) to recover their
cost from the firm. Presumably,
the cost, at Government rates, has
been met from Gold Coast funds.

Fortunately
the ~~total~~, the amount involved is
comparatively ~~quite~~ small, as the
bills were quite short, and, in all
the cases, we do not propose to
apply to the firm at this late date
for the cost of the bills already sent from the Colony.

~~But perhaps you will be good enough~~
~~in won't like it to be~~
*unless in any particular case it is felt that the Govt. Govt. should pay for the telegram
rather than the firm*

to arranged that telegraphic replies to
any similar requests in future are
marked "recoverable", so that we may recover the
amount due to the Govt.
Yours sincerely
A. H. H. H.

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apply to the firm at this late date

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~~unless in any particular case it is felt that the Govt. should pay for the telegram~~
but ~~perhaps you will be good enough~~ ^{to make them pay}
~~we would like it to be~~ ^{from}

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any similar requests in future are
marked "recoverable", so that we may recover the
amount due to the Govt.

THE BENTLEY BUILDING, 100, Abchurch Lane, LONDON, E.C. 4, ENGLAND

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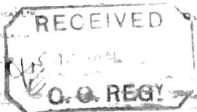
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*Winchester House,
Old Broad Street,*

London E.C. 2 8th Jan. 1937.



RECEIVED BY
YOUR
BY EMS/WG.

Dear Mr. Paskin,

I confirm telephone conversation of this morning when I asked you if you would be good enough to cable West Africa asking them to make another shipment of Sisal leaves to Messrs. James F. Low & Co., Ltd., Monifieth in the same manner as previously.

Our friends write that they would like two bundles, say a total of 20 leaves, and that in their opinion the most satisfactory packing for preserving the leaves is damp grass with a hessian cover open at both ends.

This shipment is particularly required in Monifieth during the second week of February, and I shall be pleased to hear if this can be managed.

With regard to the cable that you have kindly sent to West Africa for us, we will be pleased to forward remittance on receipt of your debit note.

Yours faithfully,

Alfred Hambley

J. J. Paskin, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S. W. 1.

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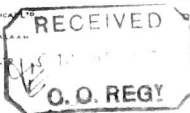
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Reference to

Yours

of

18/1/25



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W. G. Birnboom

*Wentworth House
Old Broad Street
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