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Mr.Harrison called by arrangement to-day; he starts for Kenya to-morrow evening. produced plans and working drawings, prepared by Mr.Kershaw, of the factory to be erected at Tsavo and I took the opportunity of ascertaining from him the position of Mr.Kershaw and Mr.Raitt in regard to his scheme. He assured me that Mr.Kershaw, though he will be paid for the plans produced and advice tendered, has at present no financial claim on the He is anxious to take shares up to about £500. Mr.Raitt has no financial interest in the scheme; the digesting process which goes under his name is now common property and no patent or licence fees are payable.

In the middle of the interview Mr. Hell-Caine telephoned, and it has now been arranged that Mr. Kershaw, Mr. Hall Csine, and Mr. Procter of Messrs.Mitchell, Cotts and Company will come to see me on Thursday next at 2:30. I hope it will be possible after the exchange of views at this meeting to send a telegram to Kenya amplifying No.58 on this file. Can you spen the time to attent?

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21st December, 1938.

Dear Sir Harry.

The Imperial Institute has helped us in the past on the technical aspects of the scheme for converting Kenya bamboos into paper pulp. A new point has now arisen on which I should be grateful for advice.

The Kenya scheme, which has had a checkered history, now appears to be based on a conversion process associated with the name of Raitt, who was at one time on the research steff at Dahra Dun. The promoters of the Kenya proposals say that they have Reitt's full support.

What we should like to know is (a) has the Raitt process proved commercially successful in India or elsewhere? and (b) To what extent is the process under Raitt's control? In other words, is a licence from Raitt necessary before it can be used? You will appreciate that the value of Raitt's support is conditioned by his personal financial

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SIR HARRY LINDGAY, K.C.I.E., C.B.E.

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19th December, 1938.

Dear Hetherington,

I have been asked by another section of this Office to ascertain whether you have any information about a man called W. Kershaw, who is Chairman of the Council of the Textile Institute and Chief Research Chemist of the Bleachers' Association.

Kershaw's opinion has been quoted to us in support of a scheme for manufacturing paper pulp from a tropical product, and we are naturally anxious to know what weight can properly be attached to his view. I need hardly add that anything you may be in a position to tell me will be treated as confidential; and that we should be most grateful for an early reply.

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Mr. Freeston.

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Downing Street.

6 December, 1938.

Sir.

With further reference to your confidential despatch No. 150 of the 8th August, on the subject of the Bamboo Concession, I have the honour to inform you that a visit was paid to the Colonial Office on the 14th December by Mr. Lawrence Harrison, who was accompanied on this occasion by Mr. Charles Udall.

The purpose of Mr. Harrison's call was to urge that the term of Mr. Udall's concession should be further extended until the end of 1939. He explained that his efforts to prepare "a commercte and coherentscheme"

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He has secured no contracts for his product; his designs for plant and machinery appear still to be subject to expert examination. As regards the provision of the capital required, which Mr. Harrison estimated at 27,000; he is apparently relying on securing a promise of substantial assistance from the Colonial Development Fund before enlisting active financial support from other sources.

Mr. Harrison was informed that he would be unwise to rely overmuch on Colonial Development Fund assistance, which in any event could be granted only on application by the Government of Kenya. It was made clear to him that my prior knowledge of his intention to fly to Kenya must not be interpreted as acquiescence on my part in a further

extension

In the course of his interview with my advisers it became apparent that many essential elements in Mr. Harrison's plans remain indsterminate. He has not yet ascertained from the Kenya-Uganda Railway Authorities whether freight rates, etc. tentatively agreed in

1935, are still capable of application.

had been seriously delayed by the international

crisis in September last; he claimed, however,

to have made substantial progress in various

directions and cited a number of prominent

person ages (including Mr. Hall Caine, M.P.)

Mr. Harrison produced a letter addressed to

yourself which will no doubt have reached you

before the arrival of this despatch, in which

announced that he proposes to leave by air for

Kenya on the 30th December for the purpose

of further discussion with the Government of

the Colony.

he had summarised the main line of advance

towards the realisation of his project.

as being sympathetic towards his scheme.

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be urged by Mr. Harrison that he and his
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of relevant data, collected after
prolonged and intensive investigation,
such as no competing tenderer can hope
to accumulate within any reasonable time.

me I incline to the view that the balance of advantage to the Colony lies on the side of terminating its existing commitments and placing itself in a position to negotiate de novo for the exploitation of a potentially valuable asset. As was indicated to Mr. Harrison, however, I have no desire to prejudge the issue pending the result of his conversations with your Government, and I shall await with interest an expression of your considered opinion.

7. I would add that steps

extension of the Udall Concession; on that

point I should naturally reserve my judgment

until I was acquainted with your views. It

might well be the case that you would

prefer to terminate the existing Concession

and invite fresh tenders from all parties

likely to be interested, including, of course,

Mr. Harrison himself.

is whether it is in accordance with the best interests of the Colony to terminate the Udall Contract of December 31st and thereafter to invite fresh tenders, or, alternatively, to the grant/extension which Mr. Harrison desires.

The former course would be attended with the advantage that the Government of Kenya would find its hands free, not only to effect, any desired revision in the terms and conditions of the Concession, but also to enlist the interest of persons or groups of greater substance,

stability and experience than those with whom

are being taken to investigate the credentials of certain names cited in the conversations with Mr. Harrison, and the results, insofar as they are of interest or relevance, will be communicated to you without delay.

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Downing Street.

15th December, 1938.

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My dear Stooke.

This footnote is for the benefit of whoever may be dealing, now that Gurney has left you, with the Bamboo Concession. A confidential despatch is going by this mail, from which it will be seen that Lawrence Harrison will be descending on Nairobi in the first few days of January.

There is some reason to suppose that
Mitchell Cotts (as partners in the Kenya Development
Company) are no longer interested in the future of the
Concession to the extent which is implied in the letter
of January 19th, 1938, which was enclosed with the
Secretary of State's despatch of February 10th. For a
clear idea of their present attitude it might be well
for someone to get into touch with their representative
in Nairobi (Najor Hill - during H.B. Hamilton's absence)
who, at my suggestion at this end, is being briefed by
his principals in London.

Yours very sincerely,

TELEPHONE
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Portman House
500 Oxford Street

London Wi

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14th December, 1938.

L.B.Freeston Esq., Colonial Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Freeston.

Very many thanks for the interview you granted Fr. Udall and myself to-day at your office.

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith

as requested, copies of correspondence I have to-day sent to His Excellency the Governor of Kenya Colony.

Yours truly.

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His Excellency the Covernor,
Sir Robert Brook Popham, .C. .O., E. . ., C.J., . . ., ..., ..., ..., Nairobi,
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Your Excellency,

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At 4 p.m. on the 16th June 1938 I had the honour to discuss with your excellency in hairowing to above doncession.

On the 25th August 1938 I had the honour to receive a letter from Downing Street under the direction of the Secretary of State for the colonies, r. alcolm **cdeneld, copy of w.ic* I append hereto. Paragraph two of the letter referred to contains the followin conditions:-

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L. Harrison Esq. , Portman House, LONDON W.1.

Dear Mr. Harrison.

Bamboo Pulp (Kenya)

With reference to the proposed scheme to erect a plant in Kenya for the production of 30,000 tons yearly of bemboo pulp, I have critically reviewed the proposel, and have come to the conclusion that from all angles it should be fully supported.

As Chief Chemist and Head of the Research Department of the Bleechers' Association, and at the moment in charge also of our branches producing cellulose for the British Government explosives and for the rayon industry, I see in bemboo pulp a possible alternative supply of callulose which has the merit of being a colonial product.

Paper manufacturing is the largest cellulose consuming industry, I have consulted the leading pulp egents, who express the view that there would be no difficulty in disposing of the output.

In a long discussion with Mr. Hall-Caine M.P., - leading authority on all paper questions, he expressed his entire approval of the project.

Recently I have successfully produced a pulp from Kenya bamboo, showing a good yield and quality.

Yours sincerely.

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Pecember 13th, 1938.

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Dear Mr. Parrison,

With reference to the preparation of the details for the bamboo pulp plant in Kenya, I regret that some unavoidable delay has taken place, mainly due to the Crisis.

You will realize that in a plant of this magnitude, extreme care is necessary in providing the most economical layout. All the data will be in your hands before you proceed to kenya at the end of this month.

Yours faithfully,

W. Kershaw.

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LONDON, S.W.1.

6th October, 1938.

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Sir.

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With reference to your confidential letter of

the 25th August, No. 38030/38, on the subject of Mr. Udall's Bamboo Concession in Kenya, I have the honour to enclose copies of the letters which, in consultation with Messrs. Burchells, we have sent to Mr. Udall and to the executors of the late Mr. Macaskie giving them notice

of the determination of the agreement of October 1st, 1934.

Receipt of the letters has been acknowledged both by Mr. Udall and by Messrs. Marshall & Hicks-Beach, the solicitors to whose care the notification to the executors of the late Mr. Macaskie was sent.

I have the honour to be, Sir.

Your obedient Servant.

for Crown Agents.

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The Under Secretary of State,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

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23rd September, 1938.

TO Charles Udall Esq., 16, Bridge Street, Maryport, Cumberland, and to the Executors of the Will of the late Sandys Nacaskie C/o Negars. Marshall & Hicks-Heach, 10, New Square, Linsolns Im, London, W. C. 2.

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Sir or Madam,

As Agents for and on behalf of the Government of Kenya, we the Grown Agents for the Colonies hereby give y u notice to determine as from the date hereof the Agreement of the 1st October 1934 made between The Government of Kenya of the first part Mr. Charles Udall of the second part and the late Sandys Macaskie of the third part in pursuance of the provisions of Clause 9 thereof the Limited Company referred to in the said Agreement not having adopted the said Agreement or completed the purchase of the rights and interests of Mr. Charles Udall within the period prescribed by Clause 3 of the Agreement as extended by the Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement dated the 31st August, 1936, endorsed thereon.

We shall be obliged if you will acknowledge the receipt of this Notice on the duplicate copy sent herewith.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

For Crown Agents.

The Executors of the Will of the late Sandys Macaskie,

'e/e-Mesare, Marchall & Ricks-Beach,

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