

Crown Agents.

20th Jan 30

The copies of telegrams with Kenya as to the possibility of insuring against damage by locusts will be grateful for information as to Palestine having taken any steps in the direction of insurance enquiries.

M. Beckatt

M. E. Dyer

Can you say please whether the operation has been pursued any further in Palestine since Mr. Beckatt's letter to Mr. Strickland of the 4th October (copy in X 5524/D/29 file)?

Ch. Cliffe

I have been asking further

J. Curry

22/1/30

I can have nothing in our files on this subject.

Ed. Mackenzie

23/1

M.E.D.

M. Allan

In reply think of what we mention in No. 2 in X 5524/D/29

Ch. Cliffe

30.1.30

Mr. Beckatt

I put up a draft reply as regards Kenya. Would you kindly make an addition covering the C.A.S. enquiry regarding Palestine.

M.E.D. 3/2

J. Curry 2/3/30

X.15973/D/1950 Kenya

Mr. Allen

3/2/30

Mr. Beckett

Mr. Bottomley

Sir E. Harding

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Sir G. Grindle

Sir C. Davis

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Lord Lovat

Mr. Amery

For Mr. Allen's signature.

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Crown Agents.

In reply to your

minute of the 20th of January,

S.181. I enclose a copy of the re-

port of the Committee appointed in

Kenya to investigate the question

of locust menace crop insurance.

You will see that the telegrams

enclosed in your minute were taken

into consideration by the Committee

and are, in fact, reproduced in par-

7 of their report. You will ^{also} there-

fore, see from par. 8 that the Committee

came to the conclusion that commer-

cial insurance corporations would

not undertake the risk under con-

sideration by the Committee, and

that the Colony must, therefore,

rely on its own resources if any

Insurance

DRAFT. Minute.

Report
(No 1 155 24/29)

Extract
(No 2 155 24/29)

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be dealt with by means of advances by

the Government, I enclose an extract

from a despatch from the U.A.C. dated

the 22nd July, 1929, from which you

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(Signed) H. T. ALLEN

8 FEB 1930

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M. F. Dept. that they cannot have
any objection to Palestine having
the M. F. Dept. in the direction of
insurance expenses.*

(Signed) H. T. ALLEN

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21 JAN 1930
COLONIAL OFFICE

The East African Department, (Kenya),
Colonial Office,
S.W. 1.

10/17/24/16

The attached telegrams passed between us and the Government of Kenya in June last as to the possibility of insuring against damage by locusts. We have heard nothing since, and should be glad to learn if you have any information as to whether the subject was pursued any further.

I see that the possibility of similar insurance is suggested on page 2 of Mr. Bodkin's "The Locust Invasion of Palestine during 1928" which was recently re-printed as an agricultural leaflet by the Palestine Government. Would you therefore be kind enough to pass this minute on to the Middle East Department (Palestine). If they have any information as to Palestine having taken any steps in the direction of insurance enquiries, we should be grateful for information.

J. S. Trippe

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Crown Agents Shipping Office

20th January, 1930

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Copy of telegram from the Acting Governor, Kenya
to Crown Agents. Dated 20th June, 1929.

Please endeavour to obtain quotations for insurance against damage by locusts anywhere in Kenya to crops cereals. Estimated area under these crops approximately 150,000 acres basis of insurance is loss which after deduction of nett value of crops undamaged on each particular risk covered still leaves insured unable replant his total area covered. Alternative (a) replanting cost 22 per acre (b) 30 shillings per acre. Reply required here not later than Tuesday 25th June.

RJG/

Copy of telegram from Crown Agents for the Colonies,
to Governor, Nairobi. Dated 24th June, 1929.

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With reference to your telegram of 20th June
have been unable to obtain quotation for insurance
against damage by locusts. If further enquiries to
be made please telegraph whether risk has been insured
previously and what experience has been regarding claims.
If not insured previously statistics required showing
losses incurred over a period.

RJG/