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NATIVE COFFEE CULTIVATION.

Trs press cuttings and a copy of a Resolution of the Kilimanjaro Planters Association, Moshi, in support of the view that disease will result from the cultivation of ARABICA coffee by natives, and asking for investigation.

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This is the first time that the Kilimanjaro Planters Association have expressed their opinion on the subject of the land paragraph, it is apparent that this letter is intended to bring the matter before the Government in his official capacity and to invite therefore some kind of acknowledgment officially through the Governor.

J. McHlyman

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Interesting reading in connection with 55480. There is an indication to public anti-Arabic view to the sphere -

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Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Sir,

NATIVE COFFEE CULTIVATION.

In further reference to my letter of 20th July., I am taking the liberty of sending you cuttings from The East African Standard & Daressalaam Times, on the above subject.

I am also enclosing you a copy of a resolution, brought forward at the last General Meeting of the Kilimanjaro Planters Association, Moshi., which resolution was passed intact, unananimously, and is being sent this week for publication and support, throughout Kenya, Uganda & Tanganyika.

Up to the time of writing, wires have been received from the Arusha Coffee Planters Association, giving their support, and also from the Coffee Union of Kenya.

It is common knowledge that the planting of Arabica coffee by natives was allowed, and encouraged by the Resident Senior Commissioner of Moshi, some two years before the Agricultural Dept, was represented in Moshi., and without any coffee ordinance being in existence, the majority of plants, which were planted out by natives were stolen from ex-enemy estates, rampant with disease, and the results of this action of the Govt, in allowing this, will be most serious to the present industry, being carried on, under such difficulties, and those who have acquired estates since the maddatory, as expert opinion, points to a serious spread of disease, when these trees become older.

No Association, or body of persons, would wish to discourage the cultivation of coffee by natives, had same been started under approved conditions, in a variety of coffee, other than Arabica, which needs such careful attention, and practically unlimited financial help, but it cannot be considered that the planting of Arabica coffee by natives, is in the interests of the present European industry or in native interests

I have been empowered by a special committee of the Kilimanjaro Planters Association, to obtain all possible support, to the resolution, and being a native of Staffordshire who has been resident in East Africa, for such a considerable

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number of years I am addressing you, as my Member for Stafford, and trust you will grant the investigation sought for, and meanwhile curtailment, pending expert opinion that that the policy, has been a wise one.

I have the honour to be Sir,  
Yours faithfully

*Edward Beech*

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NATIVE COFFEE PLANTING.

in view of the very important statement, made by the East African  
Parliamentary Commission, on this subject, viz:-

"THAT THE CULTIVATION OF ARABICA COFFEE MUST BE PRIMARILY  
REGARDED AS ESSENTIALLY A CROP FOR THE EUROPEAN PRODUCER.

"IT IS UNWISE FOR THE PRESENT TO INTERFERE WITH THE POLICY  
OF PROHIBITING THE GROWING OF ARABICA COFFEE BY NATIVES IN  
KENYA UNTIL FAR MORE DATA REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE  
EXPERIMENTS NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE KILIMANJARO (Tanganyika)  
AND BUGISHU (Uganda) AREAS ARE FORTHCOMING".

The Association views with alarm, the continuation of the so-called  
experiments, which have been carried out and are still being continued  
in the Kilimanjaro District, and should solicit the support of all  
the Associations in Tanganyika, Kenya & Uganda, to urge the Govt., to  
make an immediate investigation, and full data produced, with the  
consent of the Europeans, who have been engaged in the industry for  
so long, and further that until such data is presented to the Govt., at  
least, on the above lines, that they urge the Govt., to curtail these  
experiments, and hold in abeyance any plans, which the Govt., may have  
in hand, for the further increase of the present activity, (as distinct  
from practical assistance in diseases etc, needed immediately) PENDING  
PRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION of indisputed expert data, that the planting  
of ARABICA coffee is not detrimental to the present industry, nor  
prejudicial to native interests.

The Association puts this forward, not only in European interests, but  
also in that of natives, as this Association is not convinced that the  
cultivation of this class of coffee, by natives is proved advisable.

The motion does not advocate the prohibition of native coffee planting,  
but that no further trees or seed be planted, pending the data suggested  
by the Commission, being forthcoming.

That a small committee, be appointed immediately, to direct their efforts  
in a sound tactful way to see that the matter is put before Govt., and  
that such committee, offer their services to Govt., if they wish to avail  
themselves of same, which efforts should not be in any way in opposition  
to Govt., but to render assistance.

A copy of this motion to be sent to all Associations in Tanganyika,  
Kenya & Uganda, asking for their support to the movement, also copies  
to E.A. & Uganda & Home presses.

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20 Jan 1926

Sir,

I have the honor to  
send you a copy of a letter from  
Mr. E. R. Beech to the U.S.  
of S. forwarding the text  
of a resolution passed  
at a general meeting of the  
Kikirangars Workers  
Association, regarding the


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Mr. Cameron

Beech 4 Sept 22  
Resolution

cultivation of coffee by  
the natives, & to request  
that you will cause Mr  
Beck to be informed  
that Mr Amstrong  
has received his letter.

  
(Signed) L. S. AMERY