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Secretary of State.

Cotton Cultivation

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Fr. copy minute by Director of
Agriculture estimating the areas under
Native and European cultivation

Previous Paper

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Mr. Rechtig

Award reports - from other

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Mr. Rechtig
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Subsequent Paper

Gen. 51351K

Tanganyika Territory.

Reference to previous correspondence

No. 635.

Secretary of State's
Despatch No. 354
of 30th June, 1925.

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Government House,
Dar es Salaam,

3 September, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, the papers noted below
on the subject of Cotton Cultivation by Natives and
Europeans.

2. It is regretted that it is impossible at present
to furnish more accurate figures. Legislation, however,
to compel the rendering of agricultural statistics is
under consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London.

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Governor's
Deputy.

Date	Description
1st August '25	From the Director of Agriculture.

Hon. C. S.

The records do not permit distinction to be made between European and native planting; but only between non-native (chiefly by Greeks, Indians and British, in order of importance in this respect) and native.

2. Attempts have been made to obtain a non-native agricultural census; but without success, chiefly because of lack of knowledge of the English language among non-natives and the absence of legislation to enforce the making of returns. The growing of cotton by natives in a large number of irregular isolated patches makes it impossible, also, to obtain directly a figure of the acreage of the production; but as the cotton industry progresses, a stage where its seasonal activities will have become nearly spontaneous and not requiring the present very close supervision of agricultural officers, time will be liberated for the latter to influence native sowing on a more regular, recorded plan which will enable numerical estimates of the crops to be given. Further, the small number of records of average yields yet in the possession of the Department does not permit these to be used directly for the same purpose.

3. For these reasons, guesses rather than estimates are all that are at present possible. Taking the average non-native yield at two centals (one-half standard bale) and the native at one cental (or about two-thirds of the figure indicated so far by records), the cotton areas planted in 1924 may be stated, with the above reservation as follows:- non-native, 14,000 acres;

native

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native, 47,000 acres. The similar figures for 1923:
are: 8,000 and 30,000.

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