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RE 26 OCT 25

FROM  
GOVERNOR BOWRING.

DATE  
24th October 1925.

FOR CIRCULATION:—

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Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
East U.S. of S.

COTTON CONFERENCE.

Time and place convenient. Nyasaland  
will be represented.

Genl. U.S. of S.  
Secy U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State.

*(Note by Edgerton attached, suggesting July, 1926,  
at Nairobi.)*

Previous Paper

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When I was at the Cotton Growing Corporation's Office yesterday, I had a talk with Mr. Milligan, <sup>their</sup> expert ~~in~~ South Africa, about this, and I was handed the attached note by the Assistant Secretary.

It will be observed that the note definitely contemplates Mr. Sampson's Conference being <sup>in</sup> two parts: a discussion of administrative measures for the control of cotton growing, and a discussion on pests. This division still further <sup>completes</sup> contemplates the position with regard to these Conferences, which I explained to Mr. Milligan.

We put to ~~Government~~ the question of the Sampson Conference being held in Uganda in October 1926. The replies are as follows:-

Tanganyika ~~agreed~~ but would prefer January 1927.

Southern ~~agreed~~, but suggested January - April, 1927.

Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland agreed.

Kenya ~~agreed~~ and suggested that, after the Sampson Conference, the Agricultural Conference proposed by Kenya for December 1925 should be held.

Uganda agreed to receive the Sampson Conference, but suggested December 1926.

Kenya (as reported by Uganda) suggest that the Agricultural Conference proposed by Kenya should be held at Nairobi in early October 1926, that it

should be followed also at Nairobi by the first <sup>(1)</sup> Entomological Conference for East Africa recommended in the report of the Second Imperial Entomological Conference (Cmd. 2490 page 13). This should be followed by the <sup>(2)</sup> Sampson Cotton Conference at Kampala.

The Union and Rhodesia have not yet replied.

Mr. Milligan strongly recommended ~~that~~ that

the general position as it now stands.

I said in my discussion yesterday that if a representative were invited from India, I should much prefer that he should be a specialist (for choice an Entomologist) as it is not altogether desirable that we should bring in the more general agricultural matters in Eastern Africa. In any papers they ~~present~~ "Indian methods of cultivation" ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~most~~ <sup>most</sup> ~~interest~~ <sup>interest</sup>.

Conclusions

(1) It will be well to be a good deal of time to be discussed in the botanical society but, if possible, I should have thought it better now to make a ~~short~~ <sup>short</sup> ~~paper~~ <sup>paper</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~11th~~ <sup>11th</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~cannot~~ <sup>cannot</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~done~~ <sup>done</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~London~~ <sup>London</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~way~~ <sup>way</sup> prepared the ~~document~~ <sup>document</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~best~~ <sup>best</sup> ~~conditions~~ <sup>conditions</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~probably~~ <sup>probably</sup> ~~did~~ <sup>did</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~realize~~ <sup>realize</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~many~~ <sup>many</sup> ~~papers~~ <sup>papers</sup> ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> ~~already~~ <sup>already</sup> ~~submitted~~ <sup>submitted</sup>.

(2) As to India, I will suggest that, until the position is clarified among the African societies and date members of the Congress to be held, with my ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~said~~ <sup>said</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~70~~ <sup>70</sup> ~~when~~ <sup>when</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~ask~~ <sup>ask</sup> ~~70~~ <sup>70</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~foreign~~ <sup>foreign</sup> ~~part~~ <sup>part</sup>?

(3) The urgent thing seems to be a decision as to the Nairobi Mt. Conf. for Dec 1, 25

Dis: to Kenya etc. on 3/7/88/25, the  
 view was expressed that that  
 Conf. had to go on as provisionally  
 designed but in view of the  
 opinion expressed by Kenya  
 Govt. as to the desirability of  
 combining all these Conferences —  
 so X above — EA. ad. T. Dept. might wish  
 to refer to rel. at once to Kenya  
 regarding the <sup>the postponement of</sup> ~~the postponement of~~ that Conf. — &  
 proposing further comm. ~~reference~~ to a later  
~~date for that Conf. in connection with~~  
~~arrangements for the~~  
 Conf. proposed in 3/7/88/14?  
 All Yours  
 29.10.77

Mr Bottomley

This is mine for you. I regard  
 Mr. Harkin's suggestion of a Northern and  
 Southern conference as entirely sound. FT  
 will go with the North

J. M.G.

30.10.25

The Parliament's intention:

purpose is clear memory. D.P.

henceforth

Col. ...

31.10.25

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EMPIRE COTTON GROWING CORPORATION

Note on the proposed Cotton Growing Conference

Mr. Sampson suggested that a Conference on Cotton Growing, at which administrative officers and Entomologists and Mycologists should be present, might be held next autumn. After further discussion with the Colonial Office a letter was sent by the Corporation on August 18th suggesting, on Mr. Sampson's recommendation, that the Conference might be held in October at Entebbe. The Corporation have, since writing this letter, had an opportunity of discussing the matter with some of their staff abroad, and are of the opinion that if the Conference is held in October next, it would not be convenient to some of the countries concerned; in particular it would probably be found to be impossible for the South African and Southern Rhodesian delegates to attend, as the planting season commences during that month. It is suggested, therefore, that the Conference might be held early in July, as the harvest will have been completed by then in all the territories concerned and no plantings will be in progress, except in Uganda.

It was suggested that the Conference should be held at Entebbe; further consideration, however, leads the Corporation to suggest that Nairobi would be a more suitable place. The distance from the coast is shorter and accommodation, etc. could probably be arranged with greater ease in Nairobi. Again, if the Conference were held there, it might be possible to arrange that a representative from India should attend, who could give the delegates information regarding the progress of insect and disease investigations in that country. If this proposal meets with the approval of the Secretary of State it is suggested that a letter might be addressed to the Government of India, asking whether it would be possible for

a European officer working on the insect pests of cotton in India to attend the Conference.

In our letter of August 14th, it was suggested that the full Conference might be preceded by a meeting of the Entomologists and Hygienists who might, after a preliminary discussion, be in a position to put before the full Conference their suggestions regarding control measures and the investigations mentioned in Mr. Sampson's tentative Agenda. On reconsideration the proposed Agenda appears to have covered so wide a field that such a meeting of specialists would require to sit for several days to issue their report. It would seem better in the circumstances for the general meeting to appoint small sub-committees during the proceedings of the Conference to discuss special points requiring purely technical elucidation.

The delegates that the Corporation would like to send to the Conference are as follows:-

Union of South Africa: Mr. Milligan and Mr. Parnell.

Southern Rhodesia: Mr. Cameron. Northern Rhodesia: Mr. Salter.

Nyasaland: Mr. Ducker.

In spite of the fact that in the letter from the Under Secretary of State, dated October 2nd, it was stated that information as to the suggestions arising out of Mr. Sampson's tentative Agenda would be forwarded to the Corporation when answers had been received from the various Governments who had been communicated with in this matter, the Corporation think that it would be as well to raise the points made in this note now, rather than to wait until the various Governments have replied, in order to save delay.

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Telegram from the Governor of Nyasaland to the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies, dated 24th October,

(Received Colonial Office at 4.2 P.M. 24th October, 1925)

*Eaf*  
24th October. Your despatch 28th August 245.  
37/58 Arrangements will be made for this Government to be  
represented at Conference. Subject of time will be  
convenient and there is no objection to its being  
held in Uganda.

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Your letter of 2 October 48

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Nairobi

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and I shall communicate

with you further. But in

the meantime I agree to

postpone the conference

originally proposed for December

1925 and you will no

doubt notify at once.