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PLEASE COTTON  
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 1920  
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COTTON GROWING

Requests letters enclosed re possibility of cultivation on a larger scale may be forwarded to U.S.A., Nyala, Rhodesia, T. T. & Uganda.

at previous Paper.

*Enclosure in this letter - 8/2 - please return for return to L.A.*

36873/1920

*Mr. Mackay*

*20 Nov 20*

*Mr. Tait - N. Gann*

*The Nyasaland specimen is the only one of these I have seen in draft.*

*A somewhat similar letter has been forwarded to the Gov. of Nigeria with a request that he will forward an amount of 1/2 of the reply. That will see a case of Nyasaland & Uganda.*

*The Uganda specimen includes the stool which is a duplicate of the first that Uganda is the other thing.*

*referred to. Indeed, Sir R. Coryndon thinks he has the specimen of last year*

*Uganda  
 Letters sent to Nyasaland of 30 Nov 20 & Tanganyika of 29 Nov 20*

subsequent Paper.

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perhaps from the C<sup>o</sup> [I do not think  
specifying to refer back to the Union].  
As regards the Union of S.A. - they  
the C<sup>o</sup> telephoned for details as to  
head & tail but they have not  
followed my advice. As regards  
the body of the letter, I ~~think~~ think  
that if the Board Dept think it  
will give offence they will say so  
there is no need either of the fact that  
the Union is a self governing Dominion  
and there is too much assumption  
that the Union will be ready to  
accept use of the amendment &  
staff - offered by the C<sup>o</sup> (and found  
on the large water supply)

Copies of the memo (for  
the Secretary) are in 55070 U.S. 87/1/20

to say "to send in the letter  
for S.A. Dept with a view  
to see in what way keeping  
copy of it - asking for a copy of  
either as proposed

to the Union  
the letter is not sent in the form in which we  
should send a copy to the Union, but I hardly think  
it will give offence by any means  
stand & not with Union's report

arrived

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It is rather common that the N. Burching  
should have forgotten that the N. Burching  
is no longer Administrator of N. Rhodesia  
& he might be asked to alter the address on  
the letter

Dr. B. M. M. M.

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10/11/20

I've had a long discussion  
with my wife & the N. Burching  
He will submit revised version of the  
letter to the N. Burching as S. G. of U.S. Africa.  
He took back the original version of the letter  
He the meantime he visits the other letters  
S.G. of

The letter for C. H. R. Rhodesia  
should be sent with the financial section of the  
letter to the B.S.A. C<sup>o</sup> 'He laid before  
him 'minutes' - they did he described  
letters sent for the Chairman of the  
S. G. C. for comparison to the letter  
of S. & N. Rhodesia

He has also sent long a letter to the  
N. Burching as H.C. regarding affairs of the  
Rhodesia letters & asking for the H.C. views  
as to Swaziland

Mr. Burching

and the T. T. & other letters  
(with financial & administrative) which has been  
submitted by the N. Burching - and letter to  
be sent through C. O. [unclear]

The Uganda Ministry as a record of

Oct 26/1930

Em 27/1/30 above

JRS - Tanganyika letter disposed of

By 27/1/30  
(Nyasaland & Uga letters sent)

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BOARD OF TRADE

GREAT GEORGE STREET

LONDON, S.W.1.

5th November 1920.

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 Recd  
 Recd 8 NOV 20

BT  
 48033  
 Nigeria

Sir,

With reference to your letter of August 12th (ref. 26876/1920), and my reply of September 28th acknowledging despatches from the Governors of Nigeria and the Uganda Protectorates dealing with the possibility of cotton growing in those territories on a larger scale.

My Committee has asked me to state that they will be very glad if you will be good enough to forward the enclosed letters to the Governors of the following territories:-

- (1) The Union of South Africa.
- (2) The Nyasaland Protectorate.
- (3) Rhodesia.
- (4) Tanganyika Territory.
- (5) Uganda Protectorate.

asking for their assistance and advice in regard to the development of cotton in the territories administered by them.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Henry T. Buchanan*

Chairman.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
 Colonial Office,  
 London, S.W.1.

EMPIRE COTTON GROWING COMMITTEE,

BOARD OF TRADE,

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.

5th November, 1920.

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2. Since the publication of the Report the energies of the Committee have been devoted to the formation of an Executive Organisation to carry into effect the recommendations made in the Report.

3. It is proposed to form a body to be known as the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation which for brevity we will call the Corporation. The steps necessary to give this body a legal status, are now under consideration.

4. In regard to provision of finance, it has been provisionally agreed by His Majesty's Government to place at the disposal of the Corporation the sum of £50,000 per annum for 5 years, and it has also been provisionally agreed by the organised "bodies" representing the Cotton Spinning Industry to levy a cess of 6d. per bale on all cotton used in Great Britain and in this way to provide approximately an additional sum of £100,000 per annum. If more money proves to be needed it is possible that additions may be obtained from other sources.

5. The Committee have also made an attempt to estimate the amount of money which would be required in the near future, so as to make substantial progress in Empire Cotton Growing. And for this purpose they have considered on broad lines what staff will be necessary at home and abroad to produce the desired result. The conclusions they have come to in regard to these matters are embodied in the enclosed Memorandum on "Future Organisation".

6. It is hoped that before the end of this year the Executive Organisation may be established - at least in part. This may be gathered from the Memorandum. The General Director will be responsible to the Administrative Council of the Corporation for the conducting of all operations. The Committee feel, however, that it will be of very great assistance to the Council if the Director is able to receive information directly from the Colonial Administrations in the various Colonies from the very beginning.

The Committee do not forget that they are in

possession

London, N.C.B.S.

of the Uganda Protectorate.

vision of a large amount of information provided by your  
Department in response to the Questionnaire sent out by the  
Colonial Office for the information of the Committee at the  
commencement of its enquiry. All material of this kind has  
been carefully preserved and will be handed over to the  
Director of the Corporation for his information. At the same  
time the Committee will welcome any additional advice that you  
can give. The fundamental principle underlying the schemes of  
the Committee may be defined as Co-operation with the Governments  
and the Agricultural Departments of the different Colonies.

8. The Committee therefore wish to ask your assistance  
and advice in regard to the practical application of this  
scheme of operations to the country under your Administration.  
They venture to suggest that a new element is being introduced  
into the study of the question. For the first time a great  
industry is providing (with the co-operation of the Home  
Government) a substantial sum of money in order to combine the  
development of the growth of cotton together with an increase  
in the prosperity of native agriculture.

The Committee desire to draw your particular attention  
to paragraph G of the accompanying memorandum. It is hoped  
that you will agree with the procedure which is set forth,  
and the Committee asks you to be kind enough to consider as  
precisely as may be possible, the number of men (Europeans)  
for whom useful work could be found in the Agricultural  
Departments of Uganda for the purpose of increasing the  
growth of cotton.

10. With regard to the provision of facilities for ginning  
cotton, it is expected that the Corporation will make the  
arrangements that prove to be necessary. They will be in a  
position to utilize the experience of the British Cotton  
Growing Association and it is probable that in most districts  
in which cotton growing is an infant industry assistance of  
this kind will be helpful. The Committee will, however, be  
glad to know your views on the matter generally, and also  
if it is likely that additional ginneries will be needed in the  
near future, they will be obliged for the information.

As regards the supply of improved seed and the  
measures necessary to maintain purity in the cotton crop,  
the Committee consider that proper control of ginneries is  
the necessary foundation on which control of planting seed  
must be based. They are sure that the Corporation will be  
ready to give any assistance in the matter that you may  
consider necessary.

11. The marketing of cotton is another matter in which  
the Committee feel that the Corporation will be willing and  
able to assist. There are many branches of this subject.  
There is the possibility of making advances against growing  
crops. There is the fixing of prices, or of minimum prices,  
at the time of planting or possibly for longer periods ahead.  
It is true that the Committee feel that the Corporation will  
necessarily have to exercise a careful discretion in this  
matter, since the fixing of prices much above those justified  
by the probabilities of the market would rapidly dissipate  
the funds available for the promotion of cotton growing. The  
Committee only wish at the moment in connection with this  
matter to draw your attention to the fact that by its

consistently



constitution the Corporation will be deferred from the distribution of profits, and that this will be kept in view in all the details of conducting its commercial work. The Committee hope that you will give the Corporation the benefit of your advice in regard to the steps to be taken.

13. In another Colony it has been suggested that Agriculture might be benefited and Cotton crops increased if machinery for clearing land were available, or if a limited number of motor ploughs were provided to be used on reasonable terms for the benefit of the native farmers. It would be interesting to know if any assistance in either of these ways would be useful in your districts.

14. As regards transport the Committee feel that it would be premature to ask for any remarks on the development of the Railway systems of the country. But in regard to what may be called minor transport, viz., the improvement of roads, supply of motor vehicles, etc., the Committee invite any concrete suggestions to be put before the Corporation for consideration.

15. It is probable that in most Colonies there will be areas in which cotton growing can be increased by means of irrigation. It is obvious that careful inquiry will be necessary before anything of this kind can be undertaken. The Committee will, however, be glad to know if there are any opportunities of this kind known to you, to which attention should be paid at an early date.

16. The Committee will be deeply indebted to you, if you will give your careful consideration to the points named and to any others that appear to you likely to be useful to the Corporation when it is in a position to commence active operations.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Herbert D. ...*

Chairman.

to the Genl. to the 65th Regt in the barracks  
to the person who has & add address

Wed 10/10/90

W. C. Boston, Esq. 0-13-90

W. Holton.

to the Genl. the missing copy of the Colonial Office  
Each letter to be kept the letter

to the R. O. for S. A. is despatched  
we shall require copies of the 2 letters  
to Adams S. & N. Alexandria to go with  
it. Will you please have 2 copies of each  
sent for telephane by each the letter  
have for receipt. W. C. 10/10/90

2 copies of  
S. A.



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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

BOARD OF TRADE  
INDUSTRIES AND MANUFACTURES  
DEPARTMENT,  
GREAT GEORGE STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

Any further communication should be  
sent to  
**THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,**  
at the address given opposite  
of the foregoing letter and number should  
be stated:

1 M.

Telegraphic Address:  
**INDUMANDEP. PARL. LONDON.**  
Telephone No: 3840 Victoria.

5th December, 1940.

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Dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the above matter.  
The Board of Trade is sorry that it is unable to supply you with the information requested.  
Yours faithfully,  
The Assistant Secretary

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is for the fur fur  
the other is for the  
H.C. for S.A  
CP 10/12/40*

*Henry Birchington*

Dec 11 1922

Dear Sir

I beg to forward 2 copies each of the letter addressed by the Empire Letter Service Committee to the Administrator of Northern & Southern, for enclosure with the letter to be forwarded to H.R. H. Prime Minister & Comptroller as High Commissioner for Switzerland. I regret that there were omissions when the letter was originally forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

J. C. Hayes  
Gen. Secretary

EMPIRE COTTON-GROWING COMMITTEE.

BOARD OF TRADE.

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.

8th December, 1920.

Sir,

1. The Empire Cotton Growing Committee consider that it may be advantageous to put before Your Royal Highness a statement describing the plans which are in process of elaboration for the purpose of carrying into effect the recommendations made in their Report to the President of the Board of Trade, published in January, 1920 (Cd. 523), a copy of which is enclosed.
2. Since the publication of the Report the energies of the Committee have been devoted to the formation of an Executive Organisation to carry into effect the recommendations made in the Report.
3. It is proposed to form a body to be known as the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation which for brevity I will call the Corporation. The steps necessary to give this body a legal status are now under consideration.
4. In regard to provision of finance, it has been provisionally agreed by His Majesty's Government to place at the disposal of the Corporation the sum of 250,000 per annum for 5 years, and it has also been provisionally agreed by the organised "bodies" representing the Cotton Spinning Industry to levy a cess of 6d per bale on all cotton used in Great Britain and in this way to provide approximately an additional sum of 200,000 per annum. If more money proves to be needed, it is possible that additions may be obtained from other sources.
5. The Committee have also made an attempt to estimate the amount of money which would be required in the near future, so as to make substantial progress in Empire Cotton Growing. And for this purpose they have considered on broad lines what staff will be necessary at home and abroad to produce the desired result. The conclusions they have come to in regard to these matters are set forth in the enclosed memorandum on "Future Organisation".
6. It is hoped that before the end of this year the Home Organisation may be established - at least in part. As may be gathered from the Memorandum the General Director will be responsible to the Administrative Council of the Corporation for the conducting of all operations. The Committee feel, however, that it will be of very great assistance to the Council and to the Director if information directly received from the Governments principally interested is available from the very beginning.
7. The Committee are in possession of information mostly relating to agricultural research forwarded by the Trade Commissioners for the Union of S. Africa and all material of this kind has been

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H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught,  
K.G., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.

carefully preserved and will be handed over to the Director of the Corporation for his information. At the same time the Committee would welcome any additional advice that your Government could give. The fundamental principle underlying the scheme of the Committee may be defined as Co-operation with the Governments and the Agricultural Departments which are interested in the development of the cotton growing industry.

8. The Committee therefore wish to ask for your good offices in obtaining the assistance and advice of your Government in regard to the practical application of this scheme of operations to the Union of South Africa. They venture to suggest that a new element is being introduced into the study of the question. For the first time a great industry is providing (with the co-operation of the Home Government) a substantial sum of money for a purpose which will assist in the agricultural development of a large part of the Empire.

9. Your Royal Highness will observe from Paragraph 4 of the Memorandum that the proposals of the Committee have been framed with special regard to those parts of the Empire which do not possess responsible government, and the Committee recognise that their adoption in a Self-Governing Dominion must depend upon the extent to which the Dominion Government is desirous of availing itself of the Co-operation of the Corporation. In particular, it is possible that your Government may see no necessity for availing themselves of the arrangements for additional staff outlined in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, but if the Corporation can be of any assistance to your Government, they would be glad to learn for what number of men useful work could be found in the Agricultural Department of the Union of South Africa, for the purpose of increasing the growth of cotton.

10. Similarly with regard to the provision of facilities for ginning cotton, it is expected that the Corporation would be in a position to make any arrangements which your Government might desire. The Corporation would be able to utilise the experience of the British Cotton Growing Association and it is probable that in most districts in which cotton growing is an infant industry assistance of this kind would be helpful. The Committee would, however, be glad to know your views on the matter generally, and also, if it is likely that additional assistance will be needed in the near future, they will be obliged for the information.

11. As regards the supply of improved seed and the measures necessary to maintain purity in the cotton crop, the Committee consider that proper control of ginners is the necessary foundation on which control of planting seed must be based. In this respect also they are sure that the Corporation would be ready to give any assistance in the matter that your Government might desire.

12. The marketing of cotton is another matter in which the Committee feel that the Corporation would be willing and able to assist. There are many branches of this subject. There is the possibility of making advances against growing crops. There is the fixing of prices or of minimum prices, at the time of planting or possibly for longer periods ahead. It is true that the Committee feel that the Corporation will necessarily have to exercise a careful discretion in this matter, since the

Prices of produce much above those justified by the probabilities of the market would rapidly dissipate the funds available for the promotion of cotton growing. The Committee only wish at the moment in connection with this matter to draw your attention to the fact that by its constitution the Corporation will be debarred from the distribution of profits, and that this will be kept in view in all the details of conducting its commercial work.

13. In the case of one Dependency it has been suggested that Agriculture might be benefited, and Cotton crops increased, if machinery for clearing land were available, or if a limited number of motor ploughs were provided to be used on reasonable terms, for the benefit of the native farmers there. It would be interesting to know if any assistance in either of these ways would be useful in any part of the Union of South Africa.

14. The Committee will be deeply indebted to your Royal Highness if consideration can be given to the points alluded to and to any others that appear to you likely to be useful to the Corporation when it is in a position to commence active operations.

I have the honor to be,

Your Royal Highness,

Your most humble, obedient  
Servant,

Ed. J. Harcourt, Esq.

Chairman

EMPIRE COTTON-GROWING COMMITTEE,  
BOARD OF TRADE,

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.

12th December, 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to your Royal Highness copies of letters which I have addressed, on behalf of the Empire Cotton-Growing Committee, to the Administrators of Southern and Northern Rhodesia in regard to the application to those territories of the Committee's scheme for improving and increasing the supply of cotton.

The Committee would be deeply grateful to Your Royal Highness, as High Commissioner for S. Africa, if the observations contained in these letters could be considered also in respect to Swaziland, and they would greatly appreciate any recommendation that you may be good enough to make with regard to that country in connection with the scope of the work of this Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Your Royal Highness,

Your most humble, obedient  
servant,

Chairman.

H. P. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught,  
K.G., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O..

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BOARD OF TRADE,

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7. The Committee do not forget that you are in

Yours faithfully,

Sir L. G. Wallace, K.B.E., C.M.G.,  
Administrator of N. Rhodesia,  
N. RHODESIA.



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9. The Committee desire to draw your particular attention to Paragraph 9 of the accompanying memorandum. It is hoped that you will agree with the procedure which is set forth. And the Committee asks you to be kind enough to consider as precisely as may be possible, the number of men (Europeans) for whom useful work could be found in the Agricultural Departments of Rhodesia for the purpose of increasing the growth of cotton.

10. With regard to the provision of facilities for winning cotton, it is expected that the Corporation will take the arrangements that prove to be necessary. They will be in a position to utilise the experience of the British Cotton Growing Association and it is probable that in most districts in which cotton growing is an infant industry assistance of this kind will be helpful. The Committee will, however, be glad to know your views on the matter generally, and also if it is likely that additional gineries will be needed in the near future, they will be obliged for the information.

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Henry Buchanan

Chairman.

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6. Dec. 1920

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MINUTE. 27.11.20

- Mr. *Creary* 8.12.20
- Mr. *Tait* 4/12/20
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.

- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Reud.
- Sir G. Fadder.
- Col. Amery

- Lord Milner* 5 Nov
- Sir C. Wallage* 3 Nov
- Sir D. Chaplin* 5 Nov
- Specs of Memo* in 55070

I am etc. plans met  
to you to be laid before  
your Decisions the  
accompanying letters  
from the Chairman of the  
Empire Cstt on Finance  
Committee for transmission  
to the Administration of  
S. and N. Rhodesia, relation  
to the possibility of etc.

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