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previous Paper.

Trans copy letter from Coy and suggests that enquiries be commenced in Tanganyika now as to the suitability of the forests there for the introduction of the Powell process, and that question of payment should be allowed to stand over for the present and requests that he may be informed of the results of such investigations

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He told me when he last called that although he had worked the process it was always with materials ready mixed.

Therefore probably to the effect that he can't send anything out to T.T. or elsewhere unless he formulates his suggestions in writing.

W.B. 16.11.20

Colonel Amery.

This is surprising. He doesn't even know the process & seems to be a man of straw, who is hunting round for some sort of a concession. I think that we had better drop him as soon as we can.

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I do not really think we have arrived
with surprise that he is not a
fully authorized agent for the
Powell Wood-Process Syndicate or
that, before we can put any further
schemes on his behalf the local authorities
we must have precise details in
writing & also, if it is a question of
a concession from forest, definite info
as to the financial position which he
has obtained for the purpose of working
it.

H. J. R.
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C. Bostonley Esq.,
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West Anstey,
W. Iverton, N. Devon,
15th November, 1920.

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Dear Sir,
In my letter of the 8th inst. I informed you that I was awaiting certain decisions to be taken by the Board of the Powell Syndicate.

I attach a letter from the Secretary, from which you will see that the Board does not yet put forward the three alternative proposals regarding the sale of the Powell Process for use in Tanganyika Territory, Kenya Colony and Uganda which I outlined to you on the 8th inst.

You will notice that the Board still decline to instruct me the Process, although I have battled in their interests, at some expense, for more than four years.

I mention these points because, in the same letter, it is suggested that I may be disposed to continue to negotiate with the Colonial Office in respect of Tanganyika Territory, Kenya Colony and Uganda, but under the terms of an Agreement of March, 1918, which I do not intend to vary.

It is clear that, in addition to a very small share of royalties, if they may procure through my agency, I am left to bargain for myself with the Colonial Office, or with the Government of the various territories concerned.

I do not like that arrangement, as it was for that reason that I reserved my right to make my own bargain, and agreed to accept what I could get from the Powell people under any one of the three alternative proposals already referred to; these proposals, as I have stated out, are not now put forward.

I will probably take the Colonial Office many months to alter their minds whether there are forests in Tanganyika Territory which can be worked on the lines I have suggested. I submit, therefore, that enquiries might be commenced now and that the question of agreement to the Powell Syndicate be allowed to stand over until it is known whether my proposals can be carried out.

I beg that the results of such investigations be communicated to me at any address I may furnish.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

C. Bostonley

All Communications to be addressed to the Firm and NOT to individuals.

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Replying to your

In reply please quote

K. 255

12th November 1929

H. P. [unclear] Esq.,
East Anstey Rectory,
Durrerton, N. Devon.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 8th instant came duly to hand and a copy of it was immediately sent to each Director of the Syndicate for consideration.

At the Meeting of the Board yesterday, it was decided that your proposals were not acceptable.

The Board, however, see no objection to your continuing negotiations in regard to Tanganyika, Kenya Colony and Uganda if you are disposed to do so, under the existing terms of commission already agreed between yourself and the Syndicate. In the letter of the 15th March 1919, which terms the Board's offer fair and reasonable and regret they cannot see their way to accept.

With reference to your request that the Board in their fiduciary position towards the shareholders can only repeat what has already been explained to you, that they cannot entertain the proposal to disclose the working of the Process except on the justification of an actual contract or substantial consideration.

Yours faithfully,

FOR THE POWELL WOOD PROCESS SYNDICATE LTD.

J. A. Green

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