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Agricultural & Veterinary Dept.

Report received after discussion with relevant  
Concerned that Policy Dept. has remained under  
Control of Dept. of Agriculture

Joint Conf. 6 April 21

to be agreed to by the Board

This is an old, old question  
Kenya. The Vet. Officers have  
always wanted to form a  
separate dept. In Uganda,  
we have agreed to the separation  
of the Vet. from the Agric. Dept.  
but of course there is a difference  
between Kenya & Uganda  
in the work of the Agric. Dept.  
The matter has clearly been examined  
in Kenya very carefully - it  
will be difficult now, even if we  
decided, to reverse the previous  
decision.

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Protectorate of Kenya.

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H.M. K. A. B. S. S.

CONFIDENTIAL.

21 February, 1921.

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Sir,

With reference to Lord Milner's despatch, Confidential, of the 27th August 1919 in which the question of the relations between the Agricultural and Veterinary Departments was raised, I have the honour to inform you that after fully considering the matter, I have finally decided that the latter Department should remain under the control of the Director of Agriculture, an arrangement which was approved in Mr. Long's despatch No. 509 of 9th July 1917.

2. In accordance with Lord Milner's instructions Mr. A. Holm was requested to give his opinion, which favoured the existing arrangement. As I was not fully convinced by Mr. Holm's arguments, the opposing point of view was, at my request, stated by Mr. R. E. Montgomery, Veterinary Adviser to this Colony and Uganda.

3. The question as argued in Mr. Holm's and Mr. Montgomery's memoranda was then referred

to

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

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to the Executive Council who recommended that before a final decision was reached, the rival arguments should be placed before a conference of Stock owners and also before the Legislative Council.

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4. A warm interest in the question was shown by both these bodies, whose recommendation was that the Veterinary Department should remain under the general control of the Director of Agriculture, the Chief Veterinary Officer to retain the status of Head of a Department.

5. My decision stated above was arrived at as the result of these recommendations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Edward Northey*

GOVERNOR.

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Mr. Parkinson *off*

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindley.

Sir H. Lambert,

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Pender.

Col. Amery.

Mr. Churchill.

Sir, herewith is the receipt  
of your <sup>original</sup> despatch no. 40  
21<sup>st</sup> February regarding

the relations between the

Agricultural and Veterinary

Departments, ~~the contents of~~

~~which have been added.~~

(2) I note the discussion  
at which you have  
alluded after careful  
consideration of the question,  
that the Veterinary  
Dept. should remain  
under the General

called the Director of Agriculture  
while the Chief Veterinary  
Officer is to retain the  
status of head of a department

(1914) L. S. AMERY.