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DATE

25TH MAY 1921

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OR CIRCULATION:-

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Read

Sir G. Fiddes

Mr. Wood

Mr. Charnfield

SUBJECT
OFFICERS - IN - COUNCIL

CROWN LANDS COURTS ETC

Requests alterations be made in wording
of memo. by Attorney General enclosed indep.
1st April.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

Mr. Bailey

Mr

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(On trans. my paper back
in any case)

Mr. Bottsby, Belgrave
for H. Read

This relates to the insertion of the word
"ordinarily" in clause 4(3) of the
first M. Dec with DSS&I.

It does not affect the meaning of what we
are typewritten now. It is that before
for omitting the word, or the
decision which has been taken
that it shall be omitted.

I now put up four copies of the

Subsequent Paper

See also 2261 (2nd C)
1921
140 32862 (2nd C)
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MINUTES.

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE.

2 off Orders with 25541

~~3 I think the first (Clean
Land Plan) should have
margin and notes and I have
consequently altered them.~~

We do not usually have margin
notes for Boundary Orders
as Council

There is a Council on the 27th
other off orders will reach
the Council Office next Friday
the 24th

[3 find that none of those
Orders to print in S.R.O.
have margin and notes, so
I send as we 2 off without.

They are therefore ready, without
any further copies being
made, ~~and~~ ^{ready} for
transmission to the
Council office]

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22.6.21

at once

H. J. R.

23/6/21

NY & PROTECTORATE OF
KENYA.
AFRICA PROTECTORATE
No. 122

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,

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~~BRITISH EAST AFRICA~~

25th May 1921.

CONFIDENTIAL.



sir,

With reference to my Confidential despatch No. 96 of 21st April, I have the honour to inform you that the word "subordinate" occurring in the fourth line of the sixth paragraph of the memorandum by the Attorney General enclosed with that despatch, should be "circuit", the passage thus reading, "The Chief Justice points out that Circuit Courts constantly sit etc."

2. I should be obliged if this correction might be noted and I regret that the error was overlooked in the preparation of the memorandum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Edward Innes

G O V E R N O R .

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WINSTON CHURCHILL, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
10 Downing STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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GOVERNOR NORTHEY
TELEGRAM NO. 275

DATE

26TH MAY 1921

FOR CIRCULATION:

Mr.
Mr.
Mr.
Mr. Grindle.
Sir H. Lambert.
Sir H. Read.
Sir G. Fiddes.
Lord Amery.
Mr. Churchill.

SUBJECT

INFERIOR FLAX SEED

Reports Attorney General's opinion on question of latent defect. Contends defect arose not from storage but from defective packing for transit through tropics and that flax control board responsible. Re Wigglesworth's claim agrees Kenya not responsible as only forwarding agents.

Previous Paper

to
26409.

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MINUTES

Mr. Enhardt. Bastable or Bostocky

We have discussed this.

If the Attorney-General's opinion is correct as to there being an implied warranty under Section 114, it is of no use to argue further the question of there being or not being a latent defect under Section 116, as it would be the Attorney-General to be right, as looks as though the Flax Companies who bought in East Africa from the local Government, would have a good case against the Government in the local Courts if they chose to bring an action.

As against these claimants it seems clear that the Kenya Government and not the Flax Control Board are liable. It appears from 36768 that the seed was good when it started and the deterioration must have been due either to (1) faulty packing, or (2) faulty storage either in the boat or in the Colony on landing. As to (1) the Crown Agents consulted the Flax Control Board who consulted Wigglesworths who in turn

Supplement Paper

by
29259

referred

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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 26th May.

(Received Colonial Office 11.55 p.m. 28th May. 1921)

275 26th May your telegram 9th May crossed Attorney General considers question of latent defect to be one of fact depending on question whether usual tests would have discovered defect. He doubts whether latent defect could be successfully pleaded as transaction appears to fall under section No. 114 which implies want of care. Reference inquiry as to justification of setting germination tests were made by local Government bearing to variability seed low germination was not proved until May. By that time greater portion of consignment issued. It must be remembered that this was only seed available and consignment contained some good bags but facilities were not available to test each individual bag in so large a consignment moreover issue of seed could not be delayed as sowing season was due. This Government contends defect arose not from storage but from defective packing for transit through tropics and that flax control board responsible. Reference Wigglesworth's claim I agree no responsibility on this Government as we were only forwarding agents.

NORTHEY.

TELEGRAM

PROBLEMS WITH SEEDS FROM PERESKIES
FACILITIES SHOULD BE ORDERED

See attached

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under Section

by my

appears to

ALNATHAN FALL & ROYALRICH WELLBOAST WHICH

IMPLIES WARRANTY SILVERGOD REFERENCE INQUIRY

as to intercepted ANNULATING JOSTLINGS SELLING GERMINATION

TESTS WERE made by MAGNETS AND local govt GLIBROSE BUT

owing to OXIDENLO VARIABILITY SEED LOW GERMINATION

WAS not found PROSERITE & AT THE BY THAT BUTLERSHIP TIME
greater portion of amount PERESKIES CONNATE ISSUED I want to remember that SILVERGOD REFERENCE
there was SUDARY ONLY SEED AVAILABLE AND CONNATE

CONTAINED SOME GOOD BAGS BUT FACILITIES

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TO THE HEAD OFFICE, EASTERN AVENUE, LONDON, E.C. 2.
REPLIES SHOULD BE ORDERED

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ONLY FORWARDING AGENTS = NORTELEY

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9 June

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Your telegram of 26th May

DRAFT. TELEGRAM (CODE)whaleman ticpolonga
No. 375 Flaxseed. In view of

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Attorney General's opinion that
sum of Attorney General

substrate

there was implied warranty under

royalrich wellboat computaris adarcist
Section 114 I am advised that

eaglestone

Growers who purchased in East

grantes

Africa from Kenya Government

centaloupe

have good case against Government

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and there seems no alternative

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but to make best terms possible

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with them I note from your

unfranked

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telegram of the 4th May that

hippologue

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you hope to be able to settle

prior博物館 substantant

claims for £8930. There are

(22053)

Draft for coram.
 This draft is rather
 long but I don't see
 how to make it shorter.

crocius guanacoue
be of course no question of consequential

sd
damages Flax Control Board disclaim

reform absolute admiral irresponsible
responsibility and I am advised that it

blamed transfer dangerous
is impossible to shift liability on them

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as it is agreed that the seed was good

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dicalice must have taken place
when shipped and deterioration took place

oxidens

owing to either (One) faulty packing,

or (two) storage in ship, or (three) storage

choughs sd
in Colony on landing

annulatus

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As to (One) Board consulted Crown Agents who

alcahest
took best advice possible and as to (two)

cuneal retendant

Crown Agents were responsible for shipping.

canterbury aloesta cerveral
In any case therefore it appears clear

that Government legally retendant sd
locally responsible

recolemos

Deeply regret that Colony should

coalstone monosulcata off colour
be compelled to find this sum at present great

billet aginato
financial stringency but I see no alternative.

It

touchpiece maloma almond

It would be hopeless to make appeal

Touchéal yosthamer
to Treasury with any prospect of

success

sd

annoyment

As regards Wiggiesworths

attorneys

appose

I agree with Mr. Attorney General

anecdote bought

position different as they buy direct

dingthrift

from Board and Government only

amputatis

carrying agents. I am informing

larceny

them Board repudiate liability and

anyways

alehouse

teretaria

that I am unable to press Board

further.

Roughier

DRAFT.

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Cust. 27/Recd.

Downing Street,

10 June, 1921.

SWORTH & CO. LTD.

FLAX DEPARTMENTMINUTE.

Mr. Batterbee. 7.6.21

Mr. Elshardt. 8.

Mr. Kellomby 8/6/21

Mr. Grindle.

Sir H. Lambert.

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Col. Amery.

Mr. Churchill.

Gentlemen,

I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th May (25149/21), with regard to flax seed supplied to you by the Flax Control Board and in reply to state that we can only repeat that the Flax Control Board repudiate liability for the loss sustained by you in the matter, and that he is unable to press the claim on them further.

2. So far as concerns the part of the Kenya Government in acting as carrying agents, I am

further than I am
able to say as to what
was done. So far as
I am aware there was
no claim against the
agents for the loss
sustained by you in
the handling of the
flax seed.

Japan that it would be better to omit para 2.

(Signed) E. H. J. REA.

to point out that the seed was packed in accordance with the advice given by the expert, viz Major Leggett (now Sir Humphrey Leggett), and that special care was taken with regard to the stowage on board ship to see that the seed was stowed in a well ventilated hold.

I am, etc.,