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FOR CIRCULATION:-

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr. Grindle  
Sir H. Lambert  
Sir H. Read  
Sir G. Fiddes  
Mr. Wood  
Mr. Churchill

SUBJECT

AGRICULTURAL DEPT

States that if Colonial Research Committee would provide a Botanist it would be of great value but Kenya cannot afford to pay at present for such a luxury. Is about to recommend Chemical & Research Dept should be brought back under the Director of Agriculture.

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## MINUTES

~~Recd~~  
Recd. in 10 days - for discussion with Mr. S. Stanley.

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G. J. M  
atm

~~Mr. S. Stanley~~

(1) Chem. Res. Dept

We shall have tremendous resistance, + paroxysms from Mr. Kirkham.

? wait for Michael's report.

(2) Botanist

I fear that Col. Res. Com.

would

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would not welcome such a proposal - if Kenya is expected to pay anything it shall itself, it could not.

? W. D. Murray to see + make any terms that he wishes.

Recd

9.7.21

W. D. Murray

20.7.21

Mr. Parkinson,

Owing to the recent Treasury circulars the Colonial Research Committee has been precluded from undertaking any new financial commitments. In these circumstances it seems unwise to discuss the question of assistance to the Kenya Colony at present, but I may remark that the Committee has always refused to undertake responsibility in connection with any permanent appointments. Consequently, a proposal of this kind would only be in order if it was limited to the engagement of an officer for a definite term. The period for such engagements has hitherto in no case exceeded three years.

Enc 29/

W. D. Murray

I shall do what I can to give Mr. Murray when he comes the importance of W. D. Murray's minute orally.

+ 1st with  
Mr. F. M. E. Waller

Act

30.7.21

Problem explained to Mr. E. Waller  
today.

by myself, when this topic was introduced you mentioned saying that "after all it will be a question of economy".

Right?

See Act

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26.8.21

W. D. Murray

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Nairobi,

EAST AFRICA.

31st May 1931

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8 A.M.

Dear Mr. Battenfield,  
Mechanical Research.

I have had no  
proper answer to your letter of 18 February because  
at that time I was away in Australia making  
an economic survey for the Commonwealth Bureau, so  
that we could not get down to it.

First let me say that it is at present, even impossible,  
for the Special Dept. to do what you want them to, but we  
should like to if we could get funds to carry on research  
in the field of Institutions, Commerce, etc. We may  
simply not be able to raise, and there  
are some estimates on

the cost of the Bureau, but I am not able to give you any definite figures. The Bureau  
will need to earn its own expenses, and it will be difficult to do this unless  
we can get some kind of systematic  
collection of the data, and  
therefore the Bureau's economic importance is very  
meagre. It is difficult to estimate what should be  
done, but I think a good deal can be  
done by the Bureau, and I hope to make a report  
as soon as possible.

COLONIAL OFFICE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

KENYA,

EAST AFRICA.

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made of Botanical survey; local poisonous and medicinal plants should be determined and investigated. A Botanist who is skilled on the systematic side of the work would be of great assistance to the agricultural Department in connection with the work of introducing and testing the behaviour of plants from other countries. If the Colonial Research Fund could provide us with a Botanist to work on the staff of the Director of Agriculture, it would be of great value, but we could not afford such a luxury ourselves.

Holm objects very strongly to the arrangement whereby, before he came here, it was decided to make the Division of Chemical Research a separate Department under Kirkham.

This arrangement does not work well: I will write an official despatch on the subject.

As long as Kirkham remains Head of a separate Department there is an absence of that close relationship which should obtain between officers associated in investigating matters affecting the same industry.

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