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Mr. Hon. Viscount Milner,
Colonial Office,
Whitehall, S.W.

I should be much obliged if you would kindly cancel my previous letter of the 1st and substitute this one.

I have been thinking of Mr. S. Bland's services to the Company, and for the opportunity of seeing a collection of Percival's lot at the end of February 1919. The way in which he gives, founded on his experience with regard to the training of Elephants and fauna is appreciated; such work would in my opinion be a minor part of our operations which would be principally concentrated on the exportation of Ecological specimens and on the breeding and exportation of fowl.

For the purpose of collecting and exporting animals of different Ecological variety throughout the world we require:

1. The rights of capturing animals, birds and reptiles anywhere in British East Africa.
2. That we should be granted the right of using Rugebeek's game farm at Moseni near Kilimnjaru. This must include at least 3,000 acres of land for feeding purposes.
3. That we be granted the same rights of 3,000 acres in the neighbourhood of Mida for a game reserve to breed animals and experiment.

To establish the Mida Farm on the basis suggested by Percival, we should require the following:

1. The same rights of 14,000 acres of land to be increased over two years to 20,000 if the enterprise proved successful. At least 10,000 acres of land will be required to feed the beasts. We shall require the right of purchasing this land from the Government on a 'Concession' basis.
2. The rights of capturing Mida in E.A. for stocking the farm apart from individual animals sent out of the country to zoos etc. The shooting of Mida should be prohibited or very greatly restricted during the experimental stage.

For the Mida Farm we should like land near Londiani and Eldama Ravine, as this country is free from tsetse.

We should be prepared to pay an export duty of 5% on the value of each animal. In E. Africa we have prepared to spend from £10,000 to £15,000 on the Mida Farm within the next four years. We guarantee that no shooting will be done by employees of the Company other than in self defence or without the employee having a proper license. We do not intend to shoot or capture Elephants for Ivory.

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Brig. Genl. Staden, O.M.C., D.S.O., I.C., Rifle Brigade
is shortly leaving the Army and is going out to take charge
of our enterprise in British East Africa

Trusting this application will meet with your favourable
consideration,

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Robert Scott White

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To see to it that you are well & content

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Downing Street,

29th May, 1919.

My dear *Rhys Williams*,

I return the prospectus of the Zoological Trading Company. The Company seem to have no holding in British East Africa so far and their application to be given rights there has been referred to the Governor for his consideration. As regards German East Africa the Company have been told that the Secretary of State is not willing to consider their application at present.

As game may be shot there is no intrinsic reason why it should not be taken alive with suitable limits of numbers.

Yours sincerely,

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Lt.-Col. Sir Rhys Williams, Bart., D.S.O., M.P.

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Forecourt Bungalow,

Montagu House,

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23rd May, 1919.

My dear Amery,

Enclosed is a prospectus of the Zoological Trading Company about which I spoke to you. I wish you would let me know whether this Company is under the aegis of the Colonial Office, and whether the exportation of wild animals has been authorised by your Department.

yours sincerely,



R. G. S. Mitchell

Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.

The Colonial Office,

Downing Street,

S.W. 1.

Forecourt Bungalow,

Montagu House,

Whitehall, S.W.1.

5th June, 1919.

PRIVATE

My dear Amery,

I have just received this private and confidential letter from Mr. Shepstone about the World's Zoological Trading Company, of which I spoke to you a fortnight ago. This Company looks to me like a fraud, and I suggest that licences to kill or capture game should only be given to the promoters of it after careful investigation.

Yours, etc.,

(SD) Rhys Williams

Amery, M.P.,

Parliamentary Office,

Downing Street,

S.W.1.