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H. G. Grindle
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Secretary of State.

Growth of native produce.

Review steps taken to stimulate — during past eighteen months.

Previous Paper

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This is all to the good: native economic development is one of the points emphasized in the recent pronouncement by Govt. on the Kenya question.

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30th July, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to address Your Grace upon the work which has been performed by the Agricultural and Administrative Departments in fostering the growth of native produce in the Kavirondo Districts of the Nyanza Province during the past eighteen months.

2. In February 1922, Mr. E. Harrison, Deputy Director of Agriculture, visited the Districts in question and inspected the areas most suitable for development.

His proposals in short were:-

(a) To station an Agricultural Officer at Kisumu, the headquarters of the Province.

(b) To train native apprentices for demonstration work in the Kavirondo native reserves.

(c) To increase the number of Native Agricultural Instructors.

(d) To improve the quality of native produce.

(e) To establish a fund for equalising values should prices fall, and later, in the light of the experience gained, to extend the activities of this Section of the Agricultural Department to other native reserves.

3. By March 1923 an amount of cotton seed, maize, rice, sesame, beans, linseed, ground-nuts and chillies had been issued and also a number of Rhode Island Red Cockerels -

HIS GRACE

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S. W.,

Cockereals.

On 16th March, 1923, His Excellency Sir Robert Coryndon addressed the Kavirondo Chiefs and Elders at Kisumu and laid special stress upon the scheme of increased native production which was being attempted, and the benefits which would accrue to the natives themselves.

Shortly after His Excellency's visit, the Agricultural Staff in Nyanza was augmented; there is now a Senior Agricultural Supervisor at Kisumu with two Junior Supervisors in North Kavirondo.

4. The work done under the direction of these officers was reported upon favourably by the Deputy Director of Agriculture in May of this year on the conclusion of a tour of some 850 miles in the Nyanza Province.

He proposed to establish a training and control centre at Butere in North Kavirondo of some 200 acres in extent, the present centre at Kibos to be abandoned.

The natives concerned have expressed their concurrence with the proposal and are willing to allow the land to be occupied by the Agricultural Department as a training farm so long as it is utilized for the benefit of the Reserve, and, on the advice of my Executive Council, I have approved this arrangement in anticipation of Your Grace's sanction; no excision from the Native Reserve is contemplated.

He noted that large areas of land had been prepared for cotton, wheat and sesame near Wamia and Kakamega in North Kavirondo; that demonstration fields of maize had been planted and the seed issued had proved satisfactory; that a number of nurseries for trees had been established; and that the issue of poultry had proved a success.

He advised that the crops upon which the departments concerned should concentrate should be cotton, sesame, ground-nuts and maize, and in connection with the latter that the natives should build improved stores and so preserve the character of the seed, and erect grist mills and so eliminate the more easily ground and less valuable millet grain.

Crops such as rice and chillies he recommends should be regarded as incidental to the main scheme.

A bulletin on cotton has been issued and others on the management of the various crops in the native language are to be prepared.

He concluded with a generous tribute to the aid which had been afforded to his department by the Administrative Officers concerned.

5. With regard to the other recommendations in paragraph 2 of this despatch proposals are now under consideration in connection with the 1924 Estimates for an increase of European supervising staff, and Native Instructors and native apprentices. The proposal to establish an equalising fund is one which cannot be considered at present juncture, but I am not without hopes that funds may become available if the necessity should arise.

6. In presenting this report upon the work accomplished by the Agricultural and Administration Departments in the Nyanza Province, I would refer to the probable increase in freight on the Uganda Railway as native production increases.

I trust that I may convey Your Grace's commendation to the Officers concerned.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted and
most obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.



Bowring Street,

5 September, 1923

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Sir,

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I have the honour to

acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 1184 of the 30th of July giving an account of the steps taken and contemplated for native agricultural development in the Nyansa-Province.

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Mr. Brett. Aug. 31

Mr. Parkinson

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Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Duke of Devonshire.

2. I have read this account

with satisfaction and I give the covering approval asked for in

respect of the action reported in paragraph 4. I shall be glad if

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Mr. Bettensley to see
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you will convey to the officers
concerned my commendation of their
work.

3. I shall await with interest
further reports on this subject.

I have the honour etc.

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE