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DATE
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FOR CIRCULATION:—
Mr.
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Secretary of State.

SUBJECT
IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Has discussed proposals with Trade Commr. Agrees with his tel. to D.O.T. States points of importance to Kenya.

Previous Paper
cc. 6 / 39727/23
General

Enc. of 5th July 23
MINUTES *Notes*
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see same
to re
Apr. 22-9
Mr. Grackley
Sir H. Roberts
Gen Sec Dept. *Sir J. Dwyer*
memo: within
Oct 27.5.23.

Subsequent Paper
Sp. 52949
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Col. Franklin (46781) appears to think
that we cd. get rid of the mandate
for Tanganyika & substitute British
Sovereignty for it!
S.P. 29.9.23
Gen 27/9/23

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

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This was embodied with other replies in a formal summary for the Board, for & may be put by
L.A.A.
[Signature]



I have marked in the Governor's telegram the various subjects with capital letters. I classify them as follows

(1) Matters on which I consider that nothing can be done.

(A) the question of revising the East African treaty obligations has been exhaustively considered in connection with the proposed trade agreement with the Union of South Africa. We are definitely informed by the Board of Trade that the advantages which the British Empire gains by the operation of the non-preference clauses of the Convention of *Saint Germain* are so valuable in ^{other} parts of the conventional basin of the Congo (that they would be able to assist us to get relief in ~~other~~ places.) Apart from this, I am confident that, if we asked for relief from, e.g., France, we should be inviting counter-proposals of the widest generality which it would not be possible to entertain.

no case of the terms of the mandate, quite a firm in Treaty terms, definitely to be giving licence to British products
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(B) The limitation of ^{destination} ~~this kind of~~ East African produce would be a restraint on trade which would only be regarded as contrary to our treaty obligations. As regards cotton, the Empire Cotton Growing Committee and its successor, the E.C.G. Corporation, have from the first refused to embroil themselves in this question of destination. At present in Uganda Japanese are only buying in association with Indian firms and it is I think politically undesirable both from the point of view of Japan and from the point of view of India that we should attempt to interfere with their business

This, again, is responsible in the under the terms of the mandate
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2) Matters which appear to be entirely domestic East African questions.

Under the e I classify **C P E F** and **G** although, if the questions under **E, F** and **G** come up before the Conference, the East African group will be generally interested. **G** is called by **G**. Kenya.

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K ... to the ... than merely wireless ... if the arrangement with the ... we shall be independent of the ... is of greater importance that we should have at least a motor road covering the ... miles between the ... navigable

navigable portions of the River Nile in Uganda and Sudan. So far we have not been able to induce the Sudan to co-operate. If we get the road it would not be a difficult matter to take a telegraph wire along it, and this would give us means of communication if the Marconi arrangement does not come to anything.

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Matters of general interest
I The Imperial Shipping Board is ... desirable that ... represented in ... to consider ... of the ... of African ... or ... of the ... of the Colonial Office ... matters ... in the regard, registered that this is entirely a "general" question and I do not feel able to make any comment.

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(4) Matters of general interest.

(I) If an Imperial Shipping Board is established it would certainly be desirable that East African interests should be represented in some way. It is perhaps premature to consider whether a special unofficial representative should be selected or whether East African representation, in common with that of other Crown Colonies, should be effected by the appointment of an official either of the Colonial Office or of the Crown Agents.

(1) As regards registered post this is entirely a "general" question and I do not feel able to make any comment.

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