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WATER DIVISION

Reports made for erection of drying
and limbering plant at Kilindi and requests
attached to purchase

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I am very doubtful about the relevance
Paragraph 25 of the Kenya Improvement Report
where that 10% water content was fixed for
the reason the quantity of water to 100%
to be considered later. It was rather
unhappily that the reduction would be by
slightly more than 10% of the water content
I shall say much whether a 10% reduction
to 10% is necessary or not with
general agreement. The estimate of volume
in fact to come to no way of calculation.
Multiplying the figure of 200,000 bags each of
European and native grain weights, they about
the same of the water content, is reduced

report standards. It is clear 784
the Mays Conference Report that
there is a considerable difference of
opinion as to whether or not a

writing contract as 85% necessary
for a gas plant - should any
contract be better than the Mays Conference
and be approved of this nature.

It is held that the
part of the gas plant for selected
estimate of the cost of the plant
of ~~the~~ ^{the} plant is not that the

individual of change from the
policy of the Mays
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producing and delivery of gas is
considered sound and practical
the question of the location of the
plant by a private company
representation of the different
interests affected should be
considered.

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These - completed here
by you.

I should not contempt the
day of water being a short
land. They could be broken
land, the water could be
a long distance. We
with the soil & rain & the
at present in the.

We regard revenue, from
the monthly figures - a
Conference report I should
say that the estimate of
work was considerable. It
was a long time that
they have been shown to believe
is the probable & already of a
place & that that capital
will be raised.

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stage than to say that, while
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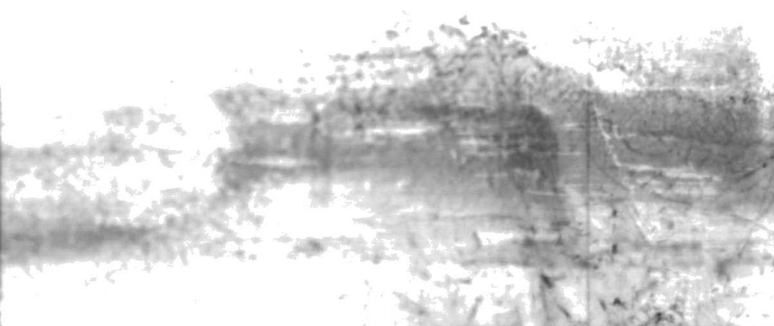
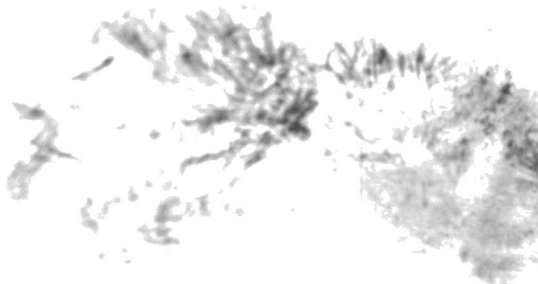
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SECRET
No 1403.



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Government House,
Cape Town,
October 22nd, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

With reference to Your Grace's telegram of the 1st ultimo, relating to the provision of a Drying and Cleaning Plant at Durban for the treatment of maize which failed to pass the tests prescribed in the Maize Grading Rules; have the honour to inform Your Grace that as soon as these Rules come into operation rejected maize will be left in the hands of Shippers to dispose of as best they can subject to Part III of the Public Health Ordinance, 1921. In order that the quantity of rejected maize may be kept as low as possible the moisture content of 14% was fixed and the arrangements made for preliminary voluntary inspection at Klamma as reported in paragraph 6 of my despatch No. 1403 of the 1st ultimo. The aim of the Director of Agriculture is however to reduce the permissible moisture content to the South African Standard of 12% when the Drying and Cleaning Plant has been set up. Already there is evidence that some Kenya maize - particularly native-green - has obtained a bad reputation in overseas markets and it would have been unwise to postpone grading until the Drying and Cleaning Plant had been established and in the meantime to continue to permit the export of ungraded maize.

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HIS GRACE
THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., F.R.S., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., 2. The
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

2. The erection of the Plant will not of course remove from shippers their responsibility for the disposal of their rejected maize but it is reasonable to assume that the Plant will be very freely used not only to bring maize up to standard but also, to improve the quality of shipments which would pass the ultimate test. The knowledge that the quality of maize can be improved by the processes of the Drying and Cleaning Plant will be of very great importance to purchasers of maize from native growers.

3. I regret that I am not yet in a position to submit final recommendations as to the control of administration of the Plant. These points are still under consideration between the Railway Council and Government and I will address Your Grace further at a later date.

4. On the basis of an export of 300,000 bags each of "European" and "Native" grown maize and an estimate that 25% of the former and 20% of the latter will require to be treated before export it is considered that 75,000 bags will pass through the Plant. At Beira the cleaning charge is 4d. per bag but this figure does not include any charge on capital expenditure. It is the intention of this Government to pay off the capital cost of the Plant plus interest in 20 years and consequently an annual sum of £1,200, i.e. 30 cents per bag on 75,000 bags must be provided in addition to the revenue necessary to cover recurrent working expenses. It is therefore probable that a charge of

1/70 cents a bag (including re-bagging) would be made but I am advised that, if later experience showed that a charge of 1/- a bag were necessary, the mine industry could support it. Your Grace will, I trust, agree that it is hardly possible at this stage to fix a definite charge - the principle of fixation will however be that the charge will re-imburse Government fully without exceeding the capacity of the trade.

8. I regret that an Indent for the Plant is not yet ready for despatch. Tenders have just been received from the Crown Agents, but they require careful examination and consideration. The submission of the Indent will I hope not be long delayed and I trust that Your Grace will now give final sanction to the purchase of the Plant and the erection of the necessary buildings etc., required for its use the cost of which is included in the figure of £20,000/- given in MR Charles Dering's telegram No. 252 of August 20th last.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted
and most obedient servant,

P. J. Courtenay

GOVERNOR.

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I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most devoted
and most obedient servant,

P. J. Courton

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For Consideration
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- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
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- Mr. [unclear]

Si,
I have to act the rest
of you despatch No 1603 of the
22nd of Oct^r, regarding the
provision of a drying &
cleaning plant at Kikindin
for the treatment of maize
which fails to pass the
test prescribed in the
Maize Grading Rules.

2. With regard to the
permissible moisture content,
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of the ~~subject~~ plant

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