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STATISTICS RE LAND AND LABOUR

Trans table giving required information

Sir H. Read

In entry 7 "without food" (Mr. Royce's own phrase) is a little ambiguous, but in the case of the Rs 6 rate I think the figure certainly means that food is given in addition. We need not go into this.

To get any value out of the returns for freehold & leasehold Mr. Royce should have asked for info. as to the areas alienated in cash tenure, but that again is his affair.

Mr. Coolidge to send him a copy of the document saying

- (1) that the a large part of the 10 mile coast strip is the subject of lease & other rights under Mohammedan law

which are not yet determined, &

To Mr. Royce memo tel. 14 June 20  
To Mr. Royce (cc) Dir. of June 20

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REC'D 2/ April, 1920.  
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My Lord,

*Attd  
Lodge, 1/2*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 1145 dated 3rd November last regarding statistics respecting land and labour in this Protectorate and to enclose a table giving the information desired.

Table

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's

humble, obedient servant.

  
 ACTING GOVERNOR.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &amp;c., &amp;c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

TABLE OF STATISTICS REGARDING LAND AND LABOUR IN  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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1. Total area of British East Africa.  
245,060 sq. miles.
2. How many square miles of it are of no or trivial value, grazing land only or fit for cultivation by means of artificial irrigation only, and arable.  
The absence of reliable information prevents the supplying of any details of sufficient accuracy to be of value.
3. Of the arable land how many square miles are  
(a) alienated to Europeans.  
(b) available for alienation to Europeans.  
(c) in native occupation.  
(d) unassigned to Natives and Europeans.
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|-----|-------------------|----------------------------------|
|     | 11,400 sq. miles. |                                  |
|     | 350 "             |                                  |
|     | 31,250 "          |                                  |
| and | 194516 "          | • Forest Reserve                 |
|     | 3125 "            | • 10 mile strip of coastal area. |
| and | 4439 "            |                                  |
4. The total sum paid to Government for land alienated in freehold to Europeans for each year since 1904.
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|------|--------------|---------------|
| 1904 | Rs. 93,678/- | (26,576.10.8) |
| 1905 | Rs. 23,733/- | (21,002.10.5) |
| 1906 | Rs. 81,235/- | (25,415.13.4) |
| 1907 | Rs. 67,316/- | (23,821. 1.4) |
| 1908 | Rs. 24,789/- | (21,652.12.0) |
| 1909 | Rs. 20,308/- | (21,367. 4.0) |
| 1910 | Rs. 10,293/- | (2, 686. 2.6) |
| 1911 | Rs. 6,610/-  | (2 440.13.4)  |
| 1912 | Rs. 4,678/-  | (2 311.13.4)  |
| 1913 | Rs. 5,165    | (2 345.13.4)  |
| 1914 | Rs. 4,600/-  | (2 306.13.4)  |
| 1915 | Rs. 9,500/-  | (2 639. 3.0)  |
| 1916 | Rs. 1,442/-  | (2 96. 2.8)   |
| 1917 | Rs. 2,012/-  | (2 134. 2.8)  |
| 1918 | Rs. 10,020/- | (2 668. 0.0)  |
| 1919 | Nil.         |               |

5. The total sum paid by leaseholders to Government during the last financial year, 1918/19.
6. The estimated number of Natives in the employment of Government and private industry for the whole or part of the last financial year.
7. The average rate of Native wages without food, in the Highlands and Coast Districts for unskilled and semi-skilled labour.

Rs.361,440 or £24,096.

(a) Government 18,500 exclusive of military.

(b) Private 54,000.

These figures are taken for an average month during the year 1918/19.

(a) In the Highlands:  
 Skilled Rs.15/- p.m.  
 Unskilled Rs.8/-

(b) In the Coast Districts:  
 Skilled Rs.20/- p.m.  
 Unskilled Rs.10/-

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- Mr. Parkin 14/8
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Road
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

Sent 3pm  
14 June '20  
at

Jewsharps  
14 June

Would be glad to receive  
an early reply to my  
note of 3 Nov. No. 448

land and labour statistics

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CS  
~~Handwritten signature~~

June 24th 1920.

Dear Sir,

You will, doubtless, remember that on the 22nd October, 1919, you asked two questions in the House with regard to the available land in East Africa Protectorate and Uganda. The Secretary of State has now received the replies to his inquiry from the Governors of these territories and I am enclosing copies of the statements they have furnished.

As regards the ten mile strip of coastal area in the East Africa Protectorate, a large part of this is the subject of Arab and native rights under Mohammedan law, which are not yet determined. In the case of Uganda, it should be stated that with the exception of the Rudolf province, which comprises a land area of about 1300 square miles, no portion of the Protectorate can be said to be of "no or trivial value" and even this province contains a fair amount of live stock. The Governor of the State reports that the area suitable for arable or grazing land in the remainder of the Protectorate is not known nor is it possible to

state what land is suitable for irrigation. There  
however, abundance of land available for agriculture  
without irrigation, in fact far more than can be  
coped with by the existing labour supply.

Yours faithfully,

Sgt A Cook

V.S. ROYCE ESQ. M.P.