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but sorry that the S. P. B.
is unable to entertain their
application - & send copy of the
correspondence to the O.A.S. for
info. etc.?

to S. P. B.
8/10/18

I agree there was no contractual
relation between the Co. & the
firm apparently & we cannot accept
liability of 7/18

agree
W. J. A.

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The Witu Rubber Estates, Limited.

CABLES
 CHAMPED, LONDON
 TELEPHONE
 307 AVENUE

REGISTERED OFFICE

101 LEADENHALL STREET

LONDON, E.C. 3

1911

The Secretary of State for the Colonies
 Downing Street, W.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Board of Directors of the above Company to invite your attention to the following facts -

(1) In March 1910 the above Company purchased the Witu Estates as a rubber growing project. At the time that the rainfall of the district of the Witu Estates was estimated, was correctly stated in the annual report issued by the Department of Agriculture of British East Africa at Nairobi.

The figures of the rainfall of the Witu Estates are as follows -

| Year | Rainfall (inches) |
|------|-------------------|
| 1907 | 41.0 |
| 1908 | 41.0 |
| 1909 | 41.0 |
| 1910 | 41.0 |
| 1911 | 41.0 |
| 1912 | 41.0 |
| 1913 | 41.0 |
| 1914 | 41.0 |
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| 1992 | 41.0 |
| 1993 | 41.0 |
| 1994 | 41.0 |
| 1995 | 41.0 |
| 1996 | 41.0 |
| 1997 | 41.0 |
| 1998 | 41.0 |
| 1999 | 41.0 |
| 2000 | 41.0 |

The figures of the rainfall of the Witu Estates are as follows - since June 1911 the Company has expended a sum of £100,000

upon 26,000 men labour, machinery and development work in connection with the planting and production of rubber.

(4) It has recently come to the knowledge of the Board of Directors that the statistics of the Lamu rainfall published in above mentioned Report are absolutely incorrect.

(5) Under date Lamu 30th April 1912 the District Commissioner forwards a statement showing the correct figures to be as follows:-

| | |
|---------|--------------|
| 1907 | 25.41 inches |
| 1908 | 36.94 " |
| 1909 | 25.63 " |
| Average | 30.72 " |

The true Annual Average is therefore only two fifths of the average shown in the Agricultural Report.

(6) The existence of a Rubber Estate is absolutely dependant upon an adequate rainfall and the corrected figures given above clearly demonstrate the impossibility of regarding this district as suitable for the production of rubber.

(7) These Government records were the only records available for that district and there is nothing in the Lamu figures as published in the Report to convey any suspicion that they were incorrect, nor is there any warning in the Report that they were not to be relied upon as authentic.

In bringing the above facts to your notice the Board of Directors would impress most urgently upon you that the property would not have been purchased by the Company if these false records had not been published with the authority of Government, and therefore the Board respectfully submit that in the circumstances the Company should receive from the Government special consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Edmund?

Secretary.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

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9 Aug 1912

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The White Rubber Estates

MINUTE.

- Mr. Kennard J.
- Mr. Butler 87-3
- Sir G. Fildes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,
I am to ask the receipt
of your letter of the 30th of
July to inform you that he
is unable to entertain ^{to} your
of the White Rubber Estates, Ltd,
application for special concessⁿ
on a ground of
~~in respect of work~~ regard to the

inaccurate
errors in the rainfall statistics
of the same district of the EAP,
as published in the Annual
Report of the Agricultural
Dept of the Prote.

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