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Western R.F.P.

Fibre Concession

1910

2 Aug.

Requests interview in conn. with his
appln for Concession made to Prot. Off.

Last previous Paper:
9/10/11
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W. Cos. Give him the substance of our
resp: on $\frac{9/10}{4511}$? Dyt. Linneth.

H. J. R.
6/11/11

TRIEA

See copy sent for 1477 & Aug.



Handwritten signature



2nd August, 1910.

Colonel The Rt. Hon. J. E. S. Seely, D.S.O.,
Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.

Sir,

About twenty-one months ago I was asked by Mrs. Ballin, Secretary of Native Affairs of British East Africa, to see you at the Colonial Office, at which time you conferred upon me the special honour to report to you personally upon the Labour question.

To-day I write to say that I should esteem it a favour if you would kindly grant me another interview with regard to the following East African affairs:

I hold a concession on wild growing fibre at Voi, British East Africa, which, according to the opinion of the East African Government, I have worked to their entire satisfaction, having spent on it about £20,000 in machinery and general development, and which is acknowledged to be correct by the Government in Africa, after examination by them of my books.

This fibre now being practically exhausted, I have applied for another area, which has been sanctioned by the Government out there, on the understanding that I should expend at least a further £5,000 in machinery, etc. In accordance with this

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request, I have purchased the machinery and intended shipping same by a boat leaving Hamburg within the next fortnight. In the meantime, however, I have heard that the British East African Government has received a communication from the Colonial Office to the effect that they should not finally grant me the Concession in question until they had received further news from the Colonial Office. They, however, retained the fees which I had paid for the survey and also the first year's rent, and I was informed that H.E. the Governor has sent the Commissioner of Lands to make further reports on the development of my Concession. I hear that these reports might lead to H.E. the Commissioner recommending that the Concession should be sanctioned to me.

This I should like to explain to you personally and also to put before you the bills from the factories from which I have purchased the machinery.

I should be very much obliged if you would kindly consider this matter an urgent one and grant me a short interview. I have come especially over here from Germany, as I am most anxious to do everything in my power to get this matter satisfactorily settled.

I might mention - and I suppose, Sir, you will remember



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from our personal conversation - that I am one of the oldest British East African pioneers, and that I have been out there for the last sixteen years.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply, as I must leave London on Thursday next.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. F. P. Hurbur



8 Aug 10

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R. F. P. Hunter Esq

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Sir, I am directed by
the Secy of Govt to inf.
you with refer to your
letter of the 2nd of Aug,
that a deop. has received
from the Secy of the
S.S.P. at its beginning of
the year, reporting that
the Santals - English over
Apika Komprague &
had taken over your post
consisting of 50 square miles
at Haborge and 35 square
miles

MINUTE

- Mr. Read. 6 Aug.
- Mr.
- Mr. Fiddes.
- Mr. Just.
- X Mr. Cox. 7 Aug.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir P. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Crewe.

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miles at Voi + recommending
the application of the Co. for
that a further grant of
50 square miles at Voi
should be made for the purpose of
expanding fibre should be
made to
2. Lord Curzon has
pointed out in reply that
the Kibuye concession
was granted in 1904
for the collection of
fibre but that it
appears that the land
is being used for planting
rubber, & further that
it was stated that the
concession at Voi abounded
with fibre, & that when
the new machinery arrived
the output should be
one ton or more of
cream like his den.

3. It appeared that
the land here that the
Co. had sufficient land
on their lands already
for fibre purposes, &
that they were acting,
in effect, for a further
concession to replace the
area which they had
diverted to rubber &
from which they would
probably derive large
profits not contemplated
when the original grant
was made. In this case he
is of the opinion that the Co.
had already been granted
as much land as it
was expedient to place
under their control &
was unable to approve
the application for a
further grant being