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Letters for Coast Plantations

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Call attention to present shortage, & submit proposals for recruitment of labour from Somaliland. Suggest that enquiry be made of Commr in Lewis indicates to enclosed draft.

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Mr. G. Fildes

I cannot believe that there are many opportunities in the Somaliland Protectorate of which I could find anything for some of the people from the friendly states mentioned at it near to be a good thing for both parties. Assuming that the scheme is feasible the conditions of occupation - no indentured permanent to settle, optional repatriation - are, I think, unquestionable. But he must make sure that the Govt of the S.A.P. is in favour of the scheme.

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Telegraph to W. Byatt as in the one.

in the letter, but add :-

"You will understand that this is only a preliminary enquiry and that before any suggestion could be permitted the first of the E.A.P. would have to be granted."

H. J. R.

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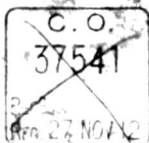
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11d, Regent Street,
London, S.W.

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.



Sir,

SOMALI LABOUR

We have the honour to submit for your approval a suggestion that the labour resources of Somaliland might be employed to supplement the present great deficiency of unskilled native labour on the Coast Plantations of the East Africa Protectorate. At the present time several large properties are approaching the producing stage, and unless an adequate supply of labour is immediately forthcoming very great losses will be incurred by those who have invested in Coast enterprises and a corresponding set back to the prosperity of the East African Colony will be the result.

We have heard on what we believe to be good authority that there are in Berbera many homeless Somali natives, agriculturists from the hills of the Hinterland who are at present without work or means of livelihood. We suggest that these might well be transferred to the British East African Coast to our mutual advantage. The climatic conditions are approximately similar, and work can be given to the women and children as well as grown men in conditions and at a rate of payment which we believe would be attractive to them.

Before embarking on the expense of sending a representative to effect the collecting of the number we immediately require and to investigate the possibilities of Somaliland as a recruiting ground, we are anxious to make sure that the proposal will have the approval of the local authorities and at the same time to have the advantages of their views as to the practicability or otherwise of this idea.

With this object we suggest that a cablegram on the lines of the enclosed may be sent to the Commissioner. This expresses in general terms the steps we propose to take.

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As the matter is one of great urgency to us we hope that it will receive your early and favourable consideration. We are prepared to defray whatever expense your department may incur in cabling to the Somali ^{land} Authorities.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants

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Chairman Dept British East Africa Ruthers
etc. etc. etc.

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Cardwell Dept Wavel

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Managing Director
British East Africa Corporation

John Thomas
General Manager, East African States

ADDRESS FOR REPLY
A. J. B. Cavell,
21d, Regent Street,
London, S.W.

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Suggested cablegram to the Commissioner of Somaliland.

Coast Planters of British East Africa wish to know whether natives could be recruited in Berbera for work on Coast Plantations step would send representative to make all arrangements step proposed to export and settle entire families step no indenture but optional repatriation at end of annual contract step please cable your opinion as to possibility of recruiting approximate numbers available rates of wages and suitability of natives.

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Byatt Berbera

Coast planters

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- Mr. H. Just.
- Mr. J. Anderson.
- Lord Brough.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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