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FOREST POLICY

Suggests reconsideration of proposal that question should be referred to certain recognised forest authorities for opinion.

Mr. Reed:

Sir G. Fiddes

The Forestry section of Sir Percy Girouard's 1910 Confidential report is registered as G/24539/1910.

You will see that, as a result of the discussion of that section, Mr Hutchins's appointment as Chief Conservator of Forests was abolished and the policy of the Forest Department was modified in certain important particulars. I cannot find anywhere a reference to the memorandum which Mr. Hutchins says he submitted to Sir Percy Girouard, or to his proposal that the forest policy of the Protectorate should be submitted to the authorities whom he mentions. In any case such a proposal is impracticable. It is not to be thought of that the Secretary of State should put the forest policy of the Protectorate into commission in this manner. However eminent the authorities named may be, they cannot possibly have any adequate appreciation of the immediate requirements and financial conditions of the East Africa Protectorate. Even if an unanimous opinion ^{were} extracted

from

from them, which is very unlikely, it would probably be in favour of a forest development on a scale entirely beyond the resources of the Protectorate.

? Reply that the Secretary of State considers that it would be impracticable to submit the forest policy which has been adopted in the Protectorate to the consideration of a number of unofficial advisers however eminent, in the manner suggested.

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July 31

- let Mr. Relfield see the papers?

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Issue.

2. It seems probable that for some time to come the present policy which has been adopted in the Protectorate will be sufficient to ensure the effective preservation and administration of the areas respecting which Mr. H. J. R. appears to be somewhat readily concerned.

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Under Secretary of State
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With reference to your letter no 16318/12 of
10 May last, I venture to suggest a reconsideration
of the proposal contained in the Memorandum on
the policy in British East Africa submitted to Sir
Henry Gurnard for your consideration when he visited
England in 1910. The proposal was that, before losing
the results of the previous four years work (on Forestry
in Brit. East Af), outside advice should be asked. I
stated the chief point at issue, and suggested that they
should be referred for opinion to Sir William Schlich
of the Oxford School, to Mr. G. Pinchot (1615 Rhode
Island Avenue, Washington D.C.) lately Chief of the
U.S.A. Forest Service: or other recognized forest authorities.
No one in this generation has achieved greater results
in the face of great opposition than Mr. G. Pinchot: and
this

work in forest nearly coming into working like those of
 East Africa. It might be useful to consult Mr. Elwes
 Dr. Henry of the Cambridge Forest School. They are the
 authors of the great work, now approaching completion
 The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland; and they have
 travelled widely in the forests of other countries.
 Mr. Elwes F.R.S. is a former President of the English
 Horticultural Soc. He has recently returned from a
 tour in the mountain forests of the island of
 Corsica where the climatic factors are closely
 resemble those of the highlands of British East
 Africa.

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your obedient servant
 E. Hutchins

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- Mr. Butler Aug 2
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. Vane
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott,
- Mr. Harcourt.

I am directed by
 Mr Secretary Harcourt
 to acknowledge receipt
 of your letter of the
 24th of July relating
 to press policy in the

Belfield to see
the despatch

EAP

Mr Harcourt
 is grateful to you for
 the interest which
 you