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on his assigns has to do so to spend £5000 within 5 years
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lands if any of the stipulations or conditions other than those
mentioned in the transfer

Mr. Read,

This is a very inadequate sequel to our inter-
view with the representative of Messrs J. F. Spencer-
Cridland & Co. In addition to that representative, Mr.
Raymond mentioned in this letter, was present, and also
another solicitor who stated that he represented Mr.
Holman James

It appeared that Mr. James is now anxious to
withdraw from these negotiations, if the leases at present
held by the London and South African Agency can be trans-
ferred to Mr. Raymond on the terms already approved.
The details of the arrangement are somewhat obscure but
it would appear that, if this can be done, the London and
South African Agency, out of the consideration given to
them by Mr. Raymond for transferring the leases, will be
able to satisfy the claim of Mr. Holman James against the
Agency

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Agency, which at present stands in the way of the satisfactory liquidation of the Agency.

The line we took was that we could not enter into the arrangements behind the scenes between the parties concerned, but that if Mr. Holman James expressed his readiness to withdraw from the negotiations with us, and Mr. Raymond applied for the transfer of the leases on the terms already approved and could give satisfactory financial guarantees, the Government would consider whether there was any objection to the leases being transferred to the new transferee. Broadly speaking, and subject to the necessary financial enquiries, it would seem that the Government stands to lose nothing by the proposed ~~change of hands~~ ^{change of hands} as we never felt sure that Mr. Holman James intended to develop the properties himself.

Before we can proceed further with this application two things are necessary. Mr. Holman James or someone authorised to ^{act} ~~do~~ for him must tell us plainly that he desires to withdraw from the negotiations. We must ~~then~~ ^{then} tell the Governor that it is now proposed to transfer the leases on the terms approved to Mr. Raymond, subject to the necessary financial guarantees, and ask what are the points of importance depending on local conditions referred to in his despatch of the 24th March, and whether he still considers it necessary to insist that the deed of transfer shall be seen locally, pointing out that it is a question only of the transfer of existing leases and not of imposing any fresh conditions other than those ^{already noted} of the further expenditure on development and of the payment of ^{interest} ~~interest~~ of rent ^{which has} ~~been~~ ^{already} ~~paid~~. It is necessary to clear up this point with the Governor, because Mr. Raymond, like all these people, is very anxious to get the matter put through quickly

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REC'D 24 JUN 10 23rd June, 1910.

My Lord,

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His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward
the Seventh to The London & West
African Agency Limited, leases
of land in the Province of Bechuanaland.

Referring to the interview with your department on Tuesday
last, we understand that the conditions and agreements in these leases
have all been complied with as regards the payment of any money or
performance of any works thereunder, and as the matter now stands
that our client, Mr. Raymond or his assigns who are the proposed
transferees or transferees, of the above leases is to expend the
sum of £5,000 within 5 years in the development generally of the pro-
perties and the cultivation of fibrous your department raise any fur-
ther stipulations or conditions other than that we have mentioned on
transfer.

We are, Your Lordship's,

Most obedient servants,

The Hon. the Earl of Crewe, K.G., F.R.S.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S. W.

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Recd 24 JAN 10 23rd June, 1910.

My Lord,

18254 1910
His most Gracious Majesty King Edward
the Seventh to The Honorable
African Agency Limited, leases
of land in the Province of Natal.

Referring to the interview with your department on Tuesday
last, we understand that the conditions and proposals in these leases
have all been complied with as regards the payment of any money or
performance of any works thereunder, and as the matter now stands
that our client, Mr. Raymond or his assigns will be the proposed
transferees or transferees, of the above land to be expended the
sum of £5,000 within 5 years in the development generally of the pro-
perties and the cultivation of fibrousness your department raise any fur-
ther stipulations or conditions other than what we have mentioned on
the above.

Yours most obedient servants,
[Handwritten signature]

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Crewe, K.G., P.C.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S. W.

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LONDON, S.W.

15th July, 1910.

My Lord,

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His late Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward
the Seventh, to the Editor & South African
Agency Limited.
Leases of Land in the Province of Bechuanaland.

Referring to our letter of the 23rd ult., we should feel
much obliged if you would give us a reply as soon as possible and
also inform us whether you are now prepared to have submitted to you
the references of our client, Mr. Raymond or his assigns, as to
his or their financial ability to expend the sum of £ 5, 000 in the
development generally of the premises for the cultivation of fibre.
We think we should point out that Mr. Raymond is transferring his
interest to a Joint Stock Company with a nominal capital of £36,000,
£11,000 of which is available for cash working capital, so that any
necessary consent from you, as the Secretary of State for the Colonies,
would be given direct to such proposed Company with the approval of
Mr. Raymond and Mr. James, the present beneficial lessees of the
premises.

We understand that the Governor of Bechuanaland is give

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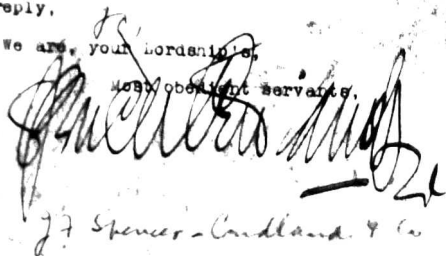
15th July, 1910.

With consent to the proposed transaction, do you arrange for this
 to be done for us?

Awaiting your reply,

We are, your Lordship's,

Most obedient servants,



J. F. Spencer-Crossland & Co

to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Crewe, K. G. P. G.,
 Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 Colonial Office, Downing Street,
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Mr. Spencer called etc

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20 July 10

father,

I am directed
by the Earl of Leveson
to ask the rest of
your letter of the
15th of July + to
ask you that the
part of the S.A.R. was
asked by tel. on the
2nd of July whether he
consented to the proposed
transfer of the lease of
land in the Province of

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29 July 1910
S.A.R.

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instead of to Mr Holman

James

2. No reply has yet been received from Sir P.

Forward + another tel: + No 21004

has now been sent calling his attention to the matter.

On the receipt of his reply - further comm: will be made to you.

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H. V. Fisher

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Prof Sent 5.20 pm
W.M.
19/7/10

~~Jeppoon~~
19 July

revised me
When may I expect reply to my tel: f

Jeppoon
2 July regarding

Holman James

Commission

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DRAFT Telegram to
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Nawala

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Mr. Read. 19 July.

Mr.

X Mr. Fiddes 19 at home

Mr. Just.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

Lord Crewe.

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21/7/10

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