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Mr. Corning 850

Coconut Beetle

1913

31 Oct.

Report on 6 measures proposed for extermination. Received further report

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Mr. G. P. Fiddler

want further report?

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 22nd 13
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

October 31st 1913.

No. 850

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Sir,

1/2
30/12/13
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 725 of the 3rd of September on the subject of the extermination of the coconut beetle.

2. When I first took up this subject at the Coast ten months ago, I told the heads of the Arab community in Mombasa and at Malindi that the apparent neglect of the coconut plantations and the consequent decline of the copra industry could not be allowed to continue, but that before taking action to effect improvement by legislation I proposed to give the owners of plantations reasonable time to do the work themselves, and that I intended to assist them in this by sending an officer of the Agricultural Department to indicate the lines on which they should proceed.

3. However, as it is apparent that no ameliorative action is being taken or can be expected from the native owners, I propose to proceed to legislation by means of a Bill which will impose upon the owners of plantations the obligation to take such precautionary measures as may be prescribed, will provide penalties

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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penalties for non-compliance, and will authorize the recovery from offenders of the cost of doing the work which they have neglected to carry out themselves.

4. To this end I have caused a small Committee to be appointed, consisting of the Provincial Commissioner of Seyidie, the Director of Agriculture and the Assistant Liwali of Mombasa, who after full inquiry have been requested to report as to the provisions which are recommended for inclusion in the Bill.

5. I will in due course address you further on the matter, but I have thought it advisable to make you acquainted with the reasons why the handling of the subject has taken time, and to indicate the nature of the action which I am now taking.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

C. M. M. M.

Deputy GOVERNOR.

(on instructions from Governor)

For 40285/1913

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E.A.P.
No 500
For Sir H. C. Belfield.

Sir,
With reference to your
despatch, No 850, of the 31st
of October, I have the
honour to ~~inform you that~~
enquire if you
are now able to
furnish a further
report on the subject
of the extermination
of the coconut beetle.

J.W.H. 22/5/14
Mr. Bottomley 22/5/14
V.D.

(Signed) J. HARCOURT.