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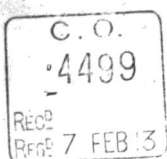
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(sd) L. Harcourt

July 7th 13.

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country, and who have themselves ~~been~~ been
actually carrying on operations, over applicants
who may be coming into the country at the present
moment.

Believe me, *etc.*

~~Yours very faithfully,~~

John Gilmore

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- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Jast.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

See Robinson 15.2.13
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Sir, your observations on accompanying copy of a letter* received from Captain John Edmondson re-
 relating to an application made by his brother-in-law for a grant of Government land in the East Africa Protectorate. His brother-in-law is the undersigned in a Mr Wilson.

* No 4499

Done etc

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