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Kemba Forest Concession

Regret that his proposal are unacceptable and asks that they may remain open for the present with a view to possible modification later.

Mr. B. Stomberg, Mr. Read

It appears that Mr. Leeson will have the last word. We have already informed him that his proposal do not provide a basis for discussion, and he now asks that they may remain open at the present.

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H.F.D. 1/3

My minute on 6845 explains how this letter comes to be written. It leaves us free to discuss with Mr. Leeson later if it seems worth while and raises no trouble of agreeing with him now, then we have at least a chance of a deal with one of the other people interested.

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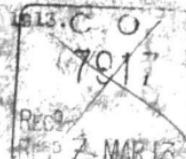
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c/o Royal Colonial Institute,

Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

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6th March, 1913. C. O.



The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of letter 9239/1510 of 4th inst., informing me that my proposals relating to the Mount Kenya forest do not appear to offer a basis for discussion.

I regret this, as, with regard to the Railway, the principle upon which they are based has proved to be eminently successful in practice elsewhere (an instance was given in my letter of 25th ult.), and the details are, with necessary alterations, those of a bona fide offer to the Government of Natal, which was approved by leading members of the Natal Legislature, including the Minister of Railways and Harbours, but the political conditions prevailing at the time prevented its acceptance.

I understand, however, from letter 1080/1513 of 21st Jan. 1913, that the regulations relating to the Mount Kenya forest and access thereto have not yet taken a definite form, and I ask that

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the matter of my proposals may be allowed to remain open for the present, in case modifications leading to mutual agreement may still be possible.

etc

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

N F Leeson