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Kenia Forest Concession

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

Mr. Baskerville to Read

It appears that Mr. Lesson will leave the last week. We have already informed him that his proposals do not provide a basis for discussion, and he now asks that they may remain open for the present.

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HFD 12/3

My minute on 6845 explains how this letter comes to be written. It leaves us free to discuss with Mr. Lesson later if it seems worth while and saves us the trouble of arguing with him now, when we have at least a chance of a deal with one of the other people interested.

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c/o Royal Colonial Institute,
Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

25th March, 1917
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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of letter 2230/1016 of 4th inst.,
* informing me that my proposals relating to the Mount Kenia 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 1520/1013 of 21st Jan. 1915, that the regulations relating to the Mount Kenia forest and access thereto have not yet taken a definite form, and I ask that

* No

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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,

W. F. Leeson