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Prince Sotchakoff's Expedition

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req. facilities for shooting & customs to  
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and address—

The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,

September 13, 1911.

Reference to previous letter:

Colonial Office No. 28678. Sept. 7.

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<p>Russian Ambassador, September 13</p>	<p>Prince Gortchakoff's Expedition to E. Africa</p>

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Your Excellency:-

As I have already had the honour to inform you, I have been in communication with the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the special facilities for which Your Excellency asked on April 18th last on behalf of His Serene Highness Prince Alexander Gortchakoff, who has been charged by the Imperial Academy of Science in St. Petersburg to proceed on a hunting expedition to British East Africa in order to collect some One hundred and fifty specimens of the local fauna for the collections of the Zoological Museum of the Academy.

The list of animals which His Serene Highness desires to kill, forwarded in Your Excellency's note of June 14th last, is a very large one, and His Majesty's Government feel that it would not be unreasonable to ask His Serene Highness to take out the

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Excellency

The Count Benckendorff.

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usual sportsmen's licences for himself and the members of his party. Three licences at least would probably be needed which, in that case, would cover the list of animals required with but very few exceptions. These exceptions such as the female specimens of the Buffalo, Roan and Kudu Antelopes and Gicaffe would then in all probability be granted as special privileges to His Serene Highness by the Governor of the Protectorate. Permission could also probably be obtained from certain landowners, if necessary, to shoot the extra wildebeest and impalla on their farms.

Applications for complimentary licences to members of expeditions such as this are yearly becoming more numerous, and entail a very considerable loss of revenue to the Protectorate.

I trust therefore that the concessions above mentioned, together with the grant of customs facilities for the baggage of His Serene Highness, will be regarded as reasonable, and that the Russian Govern-

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Government will realise the efforts of His Majesty's  
Government to do as much as lies in their power to  
comply with Your Excellency's request.

I have the honour to be, with the highest  
consideration,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

Humble Servant,

*(for Sir E Grey)*

ROBERT LOUIS MALLET