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PRESERVATION OF GAME

Sends with remarks copy of letter from Lord Cranworth respecting the proposed reduction of the Southern Game Reserve and proposals for the erection of fencing.

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Dear Mr Earle,

The enclosed is an extract from a letter addressed to me by Lord Cranworth who has a farm to the North of Nairobi and has, I think, the experience of several years on the spot. It is a private letter, but I think I may send so much of it for the information of the Secretary of State.

As far as Nos. 2 & 3 go, you will see that he independently confirms what Sir A.E. Pease said when we approached Mr Harcourt.

As to No. 4, for reasons connected with the habits of many wild animals, who must follow the grass to exist, I disagree with Lord Cranworth. Moreover, if the fence extended only along the line and did not completely enclose the Reserve, it would be ineffective. If, on the

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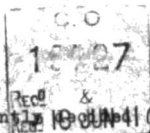
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other hand, it did enclose the Reserve, it would
be exceedingly difficult to watch the remoter
parts of the fence.

Excuse my troubling you at such a busy
time. This letter obviously needs no
answer.

Yours sincerely
W. Barton

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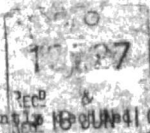
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