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Received by
M.A.

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of previous Paper.

Kisumu Forest Concession

will be prepared to proceed subject to certain
terms re railway rates & royalty

Mr Fiddes.

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In his letter of the 3rd of January (reporting his discussion with Mr Frewen, Sir Percy Girouard referred both to a royalty not exceeding that conceded to Messrs Grogan and Longham and to a ^{railway} ~~lease~~ rate not exceeding 1d per ton mile. He did not express any opinion upon either point, or State definitely ~~what~~ ^{had} he was prepared to recommend these terms. (The royalty arranged with Captain Grogan is Rs. 1.38 per 100 cubic feet). He did, however say that the construction of a railway to the forest (a possible 120 miles) if the Government do not construct the Nairobi-Thika (Tracy) within a definite period should be made a side condition in the wording of any concession.

I think we had better reply to Mr Herston Frewen in this sense, and tell him that, in the circumstances, Mr Percourt must ask the Governor for a final opinion on the question of the railway rate and the royalty, and send the Governor a copy of our correspondence with Mr Frewen for his observations.

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I do not think that a certain amount of further delay
in this matter is at all harmful. The whole question, like
the forests, is very much in the air and it will be seen
that in the Postscript to his letter of the 3rd of January
Sir Percy Mordaunt was quite prepared to have the grant
of forest concessions at Kenya held up indefinitely.

Feb
April 23

Lord Curzon

Mr. Mordaunt

~~12.2.5~~
at a meeting

Kenia Timber
E A P
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April 26th 1911



Referring to your 12846/1911, per mit me to say that we are quite ready to make application for a lease on Mt Kenia. It was on my memory that Sir Paddy Brouder was to confirm a railway rate over the Uganda road of one halfpenny per ton per mile, & was to give the same royalty (not at that time decided) which Mr Drogen was to be asked to pay for the Kavira Forest.

If these two conditions are known to your Department, I & my friends will tender for a lease without delay

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Under Secretary of State

Colonial Office.

Thomas Finlay



Rowing Street,

5 May, 1911.

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OF FRENCH, ESQ., M.P.

MINUTE.

Mr. Butler 3 May

Mr. ...

Mr. Fiddes.

Mr. Just.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Lord Lucas.

Mr. ...

Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th April, I am directed by Mr Secretary Harcourt to inform you that, in his letter reporting his discussion with you on the 2nd January last, Sir Percy Girouard referred to a royalty not exceeding that conceded to Messrs Gwynne and Lingard and to a railway rate not exceeding one ^{half penny per} ton mile, but did not ~~however~~ express any opinion upon either point, nor ^{did} ~~say~~ definitely that he was prepared to recommend these terms. ^{He} ~~did~~ ^{however} say that the construction of the railway to the Kenia forests, a possible

Ans'd 14/5/11

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1/2/11 of this dft
to Col (20) for
to you

