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(Subject.)

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Concessions to upland of 4000
Bacon Factory.

Paper

Suggests grant of right to cut timber for fuel ^{planting} ~~use~~
within reserved area of 10,000 acres ~~near~~ ^{at} ~~Lyons~~ ^{Lyons}
lease of 2000 acres on the swamp at Lyons

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(Minutes.)

Mr. Dutton

With regard to 1-4, I think
that we ought very well agree to their
being granted an ordinary grazing lease
of the 3000 acres which they require.
With regard to 5, I think that
we should reply on the lines proposed
by Mr. Hutchins in 19735 that
measures will be taken ^{as soon as possible} ~~at once~~ for
surveying, demarcating, & setting aside
as State forest the area of 10,000 acres
that the timber & fuel will be sold at
intervals of one or two years according
to the demand, that the forest will
be worked under the forest regulations
a fuel at the time & the rate payable
for firewood & timber will be made

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1907 10000 B. Dutton's request
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Government Paper

as far as possible or obtained at open
public competition, that the Syndicate will
be allowed to work the forest on their
terms, & will be afforded every reasonable
facility for doing so, & that every sale of
timber & firewood will be highly subject
to the Syndicate - & send copy of
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I told Mr. Goldmann that
he must not ask for anything
more than was absolutely
necessary to make the lumber
factory a success, and he
has cut down his applica-
tion accordingly. He fortunately
hadn't got Mr. Hatcher's mod-
ifications of the original pro-
posals with respect to the
forests, and so Mr. Goldmann
has asked again for the
rights, which the local authori-
ties told him he might have.
I agree with Mr. Reel that
we should insist upon the
conditions proposed by Mr.
Hatcher, and that subject

to this objection, but Gold 410
man's present prospects
may be accepted
We should explain to
him, as in Dr. Hatcher's
letter - 19735, that it would
not be advisable in the
public interest that this
forest, which is a valuable
and of good quality, should
be locked up or reserved
to any one interest for an
era of years, and that
it is not the policy of the
Govt. to grant exclusive forest
rights of which the value
cannot be gauged. But
that the importance of the
precautions of securing supplies
of timber for packing cases
and wood for fuel is
fully recognized, and that
therefore etc. as in Dr. Hatcher's
letter - 19735

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Salisbury House,

London Wall,

11th July, 1907.

LONDON E.C.

Sir,

With reference to the proposed Bacon Factory for British East Africa and my conversation with Mr. Antrebus on the subject today, I would respectfully submit for your consideration the advisability of offering us facilities which will ensure the permanence of the industry and at the same time provide a direct and immediate benefit to settlers in the country.

1. My Syndicate's Bacon Expert, Mr. Prosser, who inspected a number of farms in British East Africa, considers that very much will have to be done to improve the breed of pigs to make the resultant bacon suitable for competitive markets.
2. To secure this, he advises our purchasing a certain number of pure-bred pigs in this country for stud purposes. Further, to establish stud farms in British East Africa, and so to enable farmers to secure from us the right kind of pig for breeding. We propose that settlers should have the opportunity of acquiring these from us at actual cost-price or less.
3. Mr. Prosser inspected several localities and fixed on the swamp at Lisuru, having an area of about 2,000 acres,

as the most suitable for this purpose and for penning and feeding stock to finish them for the factory. This latter is an absolute necessity because of the condition in which most pigs will be delivered after feeding on relatively poor foods, such as grass and roots.

4. It is true that Mr. Prossor asked the local authorities for the right of freeholding the area, but as we understand that we are not to have any special terms for establishing the bacon industry, we will be satisfied with the usual terms of the ordinary grazing lease.

5. Timber is an essential for fuel, construction and packing cases. A saw mill will have to be created, and all we ask is that we shall be given the right within a reserved area of 10,000 acres adjoining Limuru, as agreed with the local authorities, to cut timber for such purposes at the usual fixed regulation prices and subject to the control of the Forestry Department, referred to in the letter of the Commissioner of Lands, dated 20th April, 1907.

I should like to point out that we are to be subject to the existing schedule prices applicable to all leases and that the only rebate allowed is to be on the inferior woods useful only for packing purposes and the like.

Seeing that a saw mill will have to carry a great deal of capital expenditure and the charges thereon, the small advantage to be given will only to a limited extent relieve that burden, and I hope you will see your way to accord us these facilities.

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As regards the area; 10,000 acres may carry us along until the business increases instead of 20,000 sought for in Mr. Prossor's application.

The point I venture to suggest is that we are not asking for any exceptional benefits or treatment, but merely for a few ordinary facilities which would be helpful in the starting of a new, untried industry that is to become an important economic factor in a country like British East Africa, and if conceded will minimize the possibility of failure.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



To:

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,

S.W.

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Y E.A.S.
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25 July 1907

DRAFT

Goldmann Esq.

Sir
I am directed by the Earl of Egin to ack. the recd. of your letter of the 11th of July, on the subject of the bacon factory which the Highland of East Africa Syndicate propose to establish in the E.A.C.

MINUTE

- Mr. Nettleton 19/7
- Mr. Reed 22
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Antrabus 22
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Egin

Copy for Mr. Reed 25 July 1907

2. I am directed to make with regard to heads 1 to 4 of your letter and will agree to the syndicate being granted an ordinary grazing lease of the 2000 acres which they require.

3. With regard to head

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A. J. G. R. E. F.

measures shall therefore
be taken as soon as possible
for surveying demarcating
and setting aside as
state forest the area of
10,000 acres. The timber
and fuel will be sold at
intervals of one or two
years according to the
demand, and the forest
will be worked under the
forest regulations in
force at the time, and
the rates payable for
firewood and timber will
be such as are gazetted
or obtained at open
public competition.

5. The syndicate will
be allowed to work the
forest on these conditions
terms and will be
afforded every reasonable
facility for doing so,
and every sale of timber