



DESPATCH

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No. 301

(Subject.)

1908

Island Trade

Previous Paper.

Sends memo by head of. of conference with
to. Union of Emperor navigation Co. resp.
proposals for. Considers that for the present
concessions of land shd be limited to the ports

(Minutes.)

Mr. Antrobus

I had an interview with Mr. Nashit
+ Mr. Inini before the latter of the 6th of
April (12548) was written. Ingallean
They referred to most of the matters mentioned
in the memo. in the deep, but I gathered that
the only matters which they wished to press
upon our notice at present are those referred
to in 12548. I do not think therefore that
we need communicate with Mr. Inini as
proposed in the 2nd para. of the deep
With regard to the report dated, you will
see that the firm of Inini that it will be
most inadvisable to allow any relaxation for
them. The dates appear to be as follows:-

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Chines 30% ad val
Duty 45%
See April 1898

Governor's Office,
Nairobi,

March 14th 1906.

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~~EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE~~

No. 100.

(Part I)

My Lord,

In continuation of the correspondence ending with this office despatch No. 48 of the 22nd January last, I have the honour to submit a memorandum by the Lieutenant-Governor of an interview with Mr. Irwin last month.

2. My remarks on the proposals made are noted in the margin of the memorandum and should they meet with Your Lordship's approval, I would suggest that they be communicated to Mr. Irwin who is now in London.

3. I concur in the view that the development of the trade in Jubaland will be a powerful factor towards the settlement of the Province, but we must proceed carefully and for the present I should limit concessions of land to the Goshu and the neighbourhood of our stations.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
 humble servant,

H. N. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, E. C.

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In Despatch No. 14 of 24.11.1908

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MEMORANDUM.

I saw Mr. Irwin of the Emperor Navigation Company by appointment to-day.

He is going home by the French Mail of the 28th to see his Directors, and he wishes to know if Your Excellency favourably consider the question of developing Jubaland Province through the enterprise of his company and others.

The questions touched on were:-

1. STEAMER. He is going to advocate his company sending out a sea-going steamer, costing about £4,000 that will be able to ply between Gobwen and Kismayu and also run down to Lamu to meet the Juba on her monthly run to that port. This will enable us to communicate with Kismayu ~~twice~~ monthly instead of once as at present. Probably a tri-monthly trip later on.

2. LAND. To be granted on usual terms to his company and others, in Goaha and elsewhere along the river, subject to native rights, for cotton and other exportable products.

3. RAILWAY. A short railway between Gobwen and Kismayu to be constructed by his Company costing about £20,000

4. PIER. The present old pier which does

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approved.

Yes, in the Goaha is location approved by Provincial Commissioner, Jubaland, at safe.

Yes, no land in this connection is asked for. Details of proposal will have to be first forwarded.

This should certainly be done by the Government.

not allow loaded barges to come alongside at low water to be extended another 150 feet at Government expense, or this Company to be allowed to construct a new one opposite the Customs House.

He told me that Captain Salkeld is of opinion that the present pier is so shaky that it would scarcely be worth extending.

I do not agree. It would be most inadvisable to allow any relaxation of Customs duties.

5. DUTY. In order to stimulate trade, a possible reduction of duty on exports for two years.

This must await the promulgation of the new Customs Ordinance. I should not be inclined to recommend any departure from its provisions.

6. TRANSIT DUES. As this Company is under contract to transport goods from Kisumu to Italian the station on the river, and this will be done by steamer, and not overland, will transit dues be charged?

7. SNAGS. There being a danger to navigation on the river when low, the cost of removal would be about £150. The Italians agree to pay a third. Will Government pay the third if the Company pay the other third or remove the snags to the extent of a third to the satisfaction of the Provincial Commissioner.

In this I agree but for the present attention should be confined to the Cocha so far as land concessions are concerned.

In the course of our conversation Mr. Irwin expressed the opinion after two years residence that the development of trade in Jubaland will go more towards the settlement of the Province than the strongly advocated solution of the problem

problem by the Military authorities, viz:
the establishment of a post at Isradu.

Ed/- W. J. S. C. S. S.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Madras,

February 19th 1908.

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Downing Street,

28 May 1908.

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Sir,

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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Governor
Mr. J. Hayes Sadler,
K.C.M.G., C.B.

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 121 of the 14th of March last, and to invite your attention, with reference to my despatch No. 197 of the

MINUTE.

- Mr. Lobb 26/4
- Mr. Ellis 11/2 29/4
- Mr. Jell
- Mr. Astorbus (12546)
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C.
- Mr. Lucas
- Sir E. Hopwood
- Colonel Seely
- Mr. Grove
- The Earl of ...

23rd instant, to the following observations in connection with the development of trade in the Jubaland Province of the East Africa Protectorate.

2. Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Irwin had an interview with a member of this Department shortly before Mr. Nesbitt wrote his letter of the 6th of April, a copy of which accompanied my despatch above mentioned.

3. The questions dealt with in the enclosure to your despatch under reply mentioned, this interview; but, since it appeared

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that the only matters which these gentlemen desired to press upon my notice at present are those referred to in Mr. Nesbitt's letter above mentioned, I propose to defer the action suggested in the 2nd paragraph of the present despatch.

4. The principal question at issue, therefore, is that of reduction of the duties on exports from Jubaland.

These duties appear to be as follows:-

Cloves	30 % ad val.
Ivory	15 % " "
Gum Copal	15 % " "
India Rubber	10 % " "
Bristles (Zanzibar poles)	10 % " "
Hides	10 % " "
Rhino horns & Hippo: teeth	10% " "
Tortoise Shell	10 % " "
Chillies	10 % " "
Ostrich feathers	10 % " "
Ebony & other fine woods	5 % " "
Cowries and other sea shells	5 % " "
Horses	21 Rs each
Camels	4 Rs each
Donkeys	2 rs each

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5. The facts regarding the situation in Jubaland and the lower rate of duty imposed by the Italian authorities on exports from the Bamadir district are as stated by Mr. Nesbitt in his letter of the 6th of April, then I am of opinion that it ~~will be~~ ^{is} advisable that the duties in force or proposed for Jubaland exports should be brought down to the same level as those in force in the neighbouring Italian territory.

6. I would point out that such a reduction would not necessitate a general lowering of export duties throughout ~~the~~ ^{the} Protectorate, for there is no reason, so far as I am aware, why it should not be confined to produce exported from the Jubaland Province only.

7. His Majesty's Minister at Addis Ababa has already reported that trade which

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ought properly, to have passed, through British hands, is being diverted to Italian territory, ~~and I gather from the information which I have received~~ that the trade of the Canal is rapidly increasing.

8. The policy of His Majesty's Government ~~in the matter~~ is to build up and develop British trade, and in these circumstances it appears to me highly undesirable to maintain high rates of duty on exported produce and thereby bring about the diversion of British trade to foreign ports where lower rates are imposed.

9. I shall accordingly be glad if you will reconsider the ~~matter~~ ^{question} in the light of the foregoing observations and ~~submit to me~~ ^{submit to me} an expression of your views at an early date.

I have, &c.,

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John S. Miller
Nevada

March 26 1966

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