

which you were required to
 pay in 1905, I am
 to inform you that
 H. L. regrets that he
 is unable to meet
 your wishes in the
 matter

3 Will regard to your
 letter of the 1st of
 April, I am to ^{inform you} say
 that, if you will state
 clearly what claim,
 if any, for additional
 remuneration from
 the funds of the E.A.P.
 in respect of your
 survey of Lake Victoria
 you consider yourself
 to have, H. L. will
 give such claim his
 careful consideration.

L.H.W.



EAST AFR. PROT.
 No. 26009

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 1908
 27 July
 Previous Paper
 21085

(Subject)

Wash Forest Commission

Submit fresh proposals.

(Minutes)

10th Greyfell's Bay
 Cape 511 25th Jan 1908

Antarctica
 This should now come before
 the Commission etc + an explanatory
 memo: from the Dept. will be required
 being to the illness of Mr. Couch + Mr.
 Daulton the Dept. now consists of Mr.
 Davis, who has been lent by the Dominion
 Dept. + myself, & we are swamped by
 current work. I do not see, therefore,
 how had Walker is to have an early
 answer, unless all other work is to be put
 on one side. We had better ask + say that
 a reply will be sent as soon as possible after
 that some time must elapse before - + then
 return papers to me to prepare a memo.
 H. J. R. 21/7 1908

in any case, even when all the members of the East African Divⁿ are here, we are not in a position to do the work which Lord Waterman wants us to do.

As I pointed out in an earlier letter of his - ~~22nd/07~~¹⁶, we have set up all the necessary machinery for dealing with applications of this kind in the Protectorate, and they can be dealt with there. We have no staff for dealing with details here; and, even if we had the staff, we should not have the local knowledge. The Concessions Committee is useful for reviewing the proposals of local Govts, but it is not adapted to carrying on negotiations with seekers of concessions.

In this particular case, however, Mr. Reed will endeavor, with the help of the Concessions Committee, to arrive at an agreement with Lord Waterman;

but it will not be possible to carry it through so quickly as Lord Waterman wishes.

Akt. July 21.

Proceed as proposed. I realize the difficulties fully, but nevertheless I hope the delay will not be very great.

21.7.

I agree with Mr. Anderson generally. If this particular matter can be dealt with soon, it would be better.

22.7.

See memo 8/27039.

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Concessions Committee - XVIIth Meeting

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There will be a meeting of the

Concessions Committee on 348
at

Agenda Item.

Application of Lord Wateren ^{as to the} ~~that the~~ ^{certain} ~~allegations in the conditions of the~~ ~~existing leases~~
~~conditions of the proposed transfer to him~~
~~and Mr Cecil Greenfield of~~ ^{stars}
leases in the Mwele Forest, British
East Africa Protectorate, granted
by the Govt of that Protectorate to Mr
~~Mr~~ Macalister and Capt Dispecker
of the East Africa Development Syndicate
limited, and now to be transferred
to Lord Wateren and Mr Cecil Greenfield

The following papers are circulated
on this subject:-

- ✓ Lord Wateren to Col. Office 17 July 28 (26009);
- ✓ Minutes on that paper;
- ✓ Memorandum by Mr. Read, attached to that paper;
- ✓ Despatch N^o 234 of 14 Aug 28 from the Govt of E.
Africa - referred to in the memorandum (21023);
- ✓ C.O. to Lord Wateren 25 June 28, communicating
on this despatch to Lord Wateren (21023);
- ✓ Copy of the lease granted 19 Sept 26 to Capt Dispecker
(45251/25)

In August 1905 it was arranged verbally between the then Commissioner of the East Africa Protectorate and Mr. Macallister and Captain Diespecker, representing the East Africa Development Syndicate Limited, that the latter should be granted a lease of 200 square miles in the Mwele Forest. This was afterwards changed to separate leases of 100 square miles to each person.

It appeared that the commissioner acting in contravention of certain standing instructions but within the powers assigned to him by a Notice regarding rubber leases published in the Government Gazette had committed the Government to a grant in the terms of the draft leases, so far as the rubber rights were concerned.

We accordingly authorized the new Commissioner to grant the leases, but with the exclusion of timber rights.

A copy of the Agreement for the lease, which was the same in the two cases, is annexed.

Mr. Macallister and Captain Diespecker propose to transfer their rights to a syndicate of which Lord Waleran is Chairman. This syndicate require certain alterations made in the lease and we told them that we were prepared to consider favourably the question of enlarging the lease from a rubber lease to a general one, provided that adequate consideration was given in return, either by provision for increased rent and expenditure or by reduction of area, but that these were details which should be discussed in the first instance on the spot by an agent of the Syndicate and the local authorities. Meanwhile certain officers were detailed

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to report on the area, and it appeared that there were native rights over a quarter of the area in each case. Lord Waleran went to the Protectorate about the beginning of this year to look into matters on the spot, and the result is practically contained in the despatch from the Governor and the letter from Lord Waleran of which copies are annexed.

H.J.R.

29/7.

CARLTON CLUB

PALL MALL S.W.

July 21 1908

Dear Mr. Rutherford

I am very sorry that I
 can't leave London before

receiving a copy of my letter

of the 17th - with my kindest

send the amount to

Carl Rutherford Esq

4 Grosvenor Gardens, London

I stand for Hotel Bonanza

his la. name - for me

to my

P. J. [unclear]

William

9 H. Abraham House

Feb 7 1908
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Dear Mr. [unclear]

I am enclosing you
propose re [unclear] lease.

As the [unclear] of the
question is really very
important, should you be
willing to consult with
the [unclear], I should
like it as a [unclear] from

if you would communicate
with him by cable.

I am very sorry to hear
of the trouble you are
in.

Yours
M. L.

J. H. Seward
L. A. Seward



C O
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Ref
19 JUL

9. Wilbraham Place,

LONDON, S. W.

19th July, 1908.

Sir,

IN WHEEL LEASES.

With reference to the interview I and Mr. Cecil Grenfell had with Colonel Sawly on 15th instant, I now beg to make the following proposals.

- (1) Existing Lease to be transferred to me and Mr. Cecil Grenfell.
- (2) A new Lease to be granted to include rights to collect and grow all agricultural and other products.
- (3) The term to be 99 years.
- (4) The extent of land to be leased - which has been reduced from 120,000 acres, shall now be 97,000 acres.
- (5) That the present rent of £400 a year should be reduced to £250 a year, owing to this large reduction of area.

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6. That the capital to be expended to acquire possession of entire area, 97,000 acres, shall be £20,000. The money to be applied as follows: a minimum of £5,000 shall be spent within the first five years, every five years further a minimum of £3,000 in like manner, until the whole of the £20,000 has been spent.

In the alternative I and Mr. Grenfell to be given the ⁹⁵³ right after the expenditure of the first £5,000 and after every subsequent £5,000, to declare our intention of discontinuing the expenditure, in which event we shall only be confirmed in so much of the area as our actual expenditure bears to the total of £20,000. In the event, however, of our availing ourselves of this right, the rent to remain unchanged.

7. To have use of water other than that claimed by the Government. I was informed in East Africa that as regards our neighbours the question of water and timber was dealt with in this manner and I have accordingly framed our proposal with regard thereto on similar lines.
8. Right to timber over areas not exceeding a square mile.
9. Power to sub-let portions
10. Power to build houses

11. That Rent shall be payable in yearly instalments, commencing 12 months after the area, 97,000 acres, has been clearly defined.
12. Duty on indigenous rubber, which is at present left to be subject to the ordinances as they may from time to time be enacted; all other products also to be subject to the ordinances applicable to them.

The crux of the whole situation is an early decision in this matter. Mr. Diespecker has notified to us that he is leaving for British Columbia almost immediately and there is no saying when he may return. If anything is to be done it must therefore be done as soon as possible.

I am leaving for Aix-les-Bains on the 23rd (next Thursday) I shall be very glad if you could give me a reply to this before that date

Yours faithfully,

N. A. C. L.

~~By the~~ UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
for the COLONIES.

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23 July is
Monday

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Hatcher 22 July
- Mr. Rees 23
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

My Lord.

decided by the Earl of Cambridge
I am to ask the
recd. of your letter of the
17th inst. submitting proposals
for the transfer to yourself
of the Earl's property of the
agreement for leases of land
in the E.A. Prot. made with
Capt. Despecker, & to be
to inform you that
papers will be sent as soon
as possible.

R. L. Antrobus

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS

to the rest to Mr. Rees

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