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LONDON AND SOUTH AFRICAN AGENCY LIMITED'S BANKRUPTCY
MR HOLLAN JAMES' APPLICATION

As he is unable to obtain any evidence of Mr James' financial status suggests negotiations for the transfer should be carried on in England. Thinks that unless he can produce satisfactory proof that the concession will be worked within a reasonable time and in a bona fide manner the assignment should not be sanctioned.

Hi Butler

It would have been better perhaps to have sent out to the former a copy of the previous letter. I think he would have been in a position to see the present position of affairs. He considers the question of asking for a deposit at the time (see minutes on 30/9/09) & he must I think stick to the terms of our letter to his power of yes but. The first thing to be done is to ask for a reply to that

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To Gen 780.31 Dec 9/12/22

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letter. If hard pressed we can,
as you suggested, borrow the equivalent
of a deposit but if we do so we
might demand some guarantee that
your side development is intended.
(But it is difficult to have what
guarantee is other than a deposit.)

WFB
9/12

On a suggestion from you I have told Mr
Fiddes privately that we await an answer
to his letter or that if as he told me, he wants
to see me, he should come to see you.

GAH
13 Dec

W Fiddes

I think we had better ask Mr Fiddes
officially for a reply to my letter of
the 2nd of October.

WFB

Dec. 14.

at home 13.14

GAH copy

letter. If hard pressed, we can,
as you suggested, waive the requirement
of a deposit but if we do so we
might demand some guarantee that
your side development is in order.
(But it is difficult to know what
guarantee to ask other than a deposit.)

MS
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On a suggestion from you I have told Mr
Fiddes privately that we await an answer
to his letter or that if we do not, we will
call some one, he should come to see you.

GH
13 Dec

with Fiddes

I think we had better ask Mr Fiddes
officially for a reply to our letter
the 2nd of October.

GH

Dec. 14.

at home P. 14

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Nairobi,

November 6th 1909.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 627



My Lord,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 479 of the 14th of August last, with reference to certain concessions held by the London and South African Agency Limited (in liquidation).

2. Mr. Holman James to whom it is proposed to transfer the concession is at present in England, and as I am unable to obtain locally any satisfactory statement as to his financial status, I would suggest for Your Lordship's consideration that the negotiations for the transfer should be carried on in England.

3. I do not consider that it is essential that an assignee of these concessions should be required to deposit any sums as a guarantee of his intention and ability to work the concessions, but Your Lordship will doubtless insist upon Mr. Holman James or any other proposed assignee producing satisfactory proof that the concession will be worked within a reasonable time and in a bona fide manner, either by himself or by some company ready and

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES,
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and willing to accept a transfer of the lease
from him.

4. Should it become clear that Mr. Holman
James wishes to obtain the assignment of the
lease to himself merely in the hope that he may
find some persons willing to purchase his interests
therein, I think that he should be informed that
the assignment cannot be sanctioned.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's humble
obedient servant,

W. J. G. G. G.
GOVERNOR.

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T. Geddes Esq.

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Mr. Naall 15/12

Mr. Butler 16 f. 3

Mr. Fiddes.

Mr. Just.

Mr. Coz.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

Lord Crewe.

Sir,
I am directed by the E of
Crewe to enquire whether
you are now in a position
to furnish him with a reply
to the ltr from this Office
of the 2nd of October relating
to the proposed transfer of the
two fibre concessions in the
Cap. now held by the
London & South African
Agency, &c. I am, Sir,
(Signed) G. V. FIDDES.

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~~Copy for 18/12/09~~
31 Dec 1909