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Individual:

Hill

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abolition of Slavery

I think papers show slaves were really suffering very little hardship as tho if coast strip would be bought by the Sultan when effect of total abolition could be seen

W. Reed.

The difficulties in the way of annexation or acquiring the coast strip are indicated in the papers below, particularly $\frac{7.0}{516/07}$ & $\frac{7.0}{630/07}$. In the last par of the latter the F.O. says that Sir G. Grey is of opinion that the annexation of the mainland could at the present moment hardly fail to lead to friction with Germany & France.

I don't know whether Sir G. Hill expects a reply to the last par of his letter

A. S. W. 1000/07

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If he does, the answer might be
suggestion made has not been
looked, but that there are difficulties, at
present insuperable, in the way of adopting

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Col. Seely

John

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Copy of Colonel Seely's letter
to Sir C. Hall attached

15th March, 1909.

My dear Sir Clement Hill,

In your note of the 5th inst. you asked me whether it was possible for us to purchase the coast strip from the Sultan of Zanzibar, so that we might try the effect of a total abolition of slavery. I can only say at present that this suggestion has not been overlooked, but that there are difficulties in the way which, at the present moment at any rate, appear to be insuperable.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Colonel Seely,
Many thanks for the
information about each
African slave -
I am glad that
the Ordinance was passed
I think the figures show

that the slaves were
suffering very

hardly
but you manage to
buy the cash that
from the cotton
goes by the West
that a better

Yours sincerely

Wm. Miller