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MWELK FOREST TO THE EAST

As Lord Waleran appears to have taken up the matter since his letter of the 13th day suggests that he has been informed that the application is refused.

W. Read.

We can hardly take suddenly such drastic action as the Govt suggests.

Perhaps Colonel Seely will remind Lord Waleran that we have had no reply to the letter of the 1st of June last (on 16/5/09). I will tell him that the Govt is pressing for a settlement of the matter.

H.P.B.

March 1

H. Fisher

Yes - this would be the better plan.

W. 3 H.P.R. 2/11

I will write as proposed.

W. 3 H.P.R. 2/11
C. Seely file 5.3

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To Govt 20/1/10
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Nairobi,

January 26th 1910.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 46



My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence relating to the Awasi Forest Concession ending with Your Lordship's despatch No. 619 of October 14th last.

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2. As Lord Waleran appears to have taken no steps in the matter since his letter of May 12th last to Colonel Seely, I would suggest that he be informed that the application is refused.

3. In any case it appears that native rights exist over a large proportion of the forest land included in the proposed concession and many of the groves are regarded by the Shimba Digo tribe as sacred places containing as they do, the graves of their ancestors.

4. The grant of this area would therefore involve considerable reservations and difficulties and I am of opinion that, unless Lord Waleran and his friends display greater activity than they have manifested in the past, it would be desirable to terminate the negotiations.

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

[Signature]
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE EARL OF CREWE, K.G.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, S.W.

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10th March, 1910.

My dear Valeran,

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We have had a despatch from Sir Percy Croft
in which he presses for settlement of your
application in respect of the above forest concession.
He asks us to inform you that as we have had no reply to
our letter to you of the 4th inst., your application
is refused, but before that the course I thought I
would let you know privately, in case you may have anything
to say on the subject. I enclose for you the report of the
despatch that in any case the matter will be
considered in due season.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]