



EAST AFR. PROT.

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Mr. Cobb's Land Concession

Reports on present state of the case

Mr. Fisher

ask: say that the 1st. to
which ref. is made in the 3rd para:
if this ref. cannot be traced -
ask if ~~letter~~ ^{to} obtain a copy from Mr
Cobb & forward it to this Office?

H. J. R.

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A. J. R.

P. R. 20

Mr. Read

I had a distinct recollection of some
telegram, having gone to Mr. Cobb & therefore
had the office keeper book searched
& find that a telegram was sent to

on W. Cobb the responsibility of putting himself in communication with the hand Dep. as soon as possible after his arrival in the Pte.

Even now the matter is not clear. The telegram was sent on the 1st of Dec^r & therefore could not have said that he would get through the C. Gov. a reply to his letter of the 2nd of Dec^r (39452/09), which did not reach his office till the 3rd of Dec^r.

Moreover, owing to his later departure, it was possible to have a detailed discussion of all his letters with W. Cobb on the 6th of Dec^r. The record of his interview is attached to C 39452. It was again understood (see p. u. of the memo. attached to that paper) that he would put himself in commⁿ with the hand Dep. on his return, & that the C. Gov. would settle things with him finally. I submit a draft

only a
take for
later copies
W. Cobb (39452)
P. B.

reply

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July 22

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Nairobi,

June 20th 1910.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Confidential (65)

My Lord,

With reference to the correspondence respecting Mr. Gebb's concession ending with Your Lordship's Confidential despatch of April 5th I have the honour to report as follows on the present state of the case.

E. In Your Lordship's despatch Confidential of December 10th 1909 I was informed inter alia that Mr. Gebb had been requested to place himself in communication with the Land Office on his return to the Protectorate. He came back, I understand, in January last, but he did not approach the Land Office or make any reference to his Highland interests

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

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interests until May 16th when he wrote to the Secretariat asking for replies to his letters of November 18th and December 2nd 1908 which he said had been promised to him through me by Your Lordship.

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20/5/12*

5. I did not understand this and asked Mr.Cebb to come and see me in order to arrive at some definite understanding. At our interview he produced a telegram from Your Lordship stating that he would receive replies to the letters mentioned above through the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate.

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4. This telegram was not alluded to in the previous correspondence nor were any replies forwarded to me. I gather, therefore, that there must have been some misunderstanding between Your Lordship's office and Mr.Cebb.

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5. I then took up with the latter the various land questions arising from his concession on Mau. I informed him that I was prepared to go with him to the land in question and finally adjust the matter; that it would be impossible to concede any general use of forests over a period of years, but that in the interests of forest preservation and his own I would be quite prepared to include some portions of jutting and shutting forest lands. He enquired whether it would be possible for him to acquire the whole of the land available on the Mau, which is estimated to be 70,000 acres. I informed him that I could not support this proposal. He then requested that, if possible, the development conditions of his own land and of any other


farms

Farms on this Man area should be made somewhat more stringent than usual. This matter I told him would receive my consideration on the spot. He asked me to visit the land in September as the present time would be unsuitable owing to the rains. To this I have agreed.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's humble,

obedient servant,


(In the absence of the GOVERNOR.)

Gov. E. A. P.
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25 July 1910

E. A. P. (Conf.)

Sir P. Girouard. Sir,

MINUTE.

- Mr. Parker. July 22
- Mr. Read 22.
- + Mr. Fiddes. 23
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Crewe.

for revision.

I have the honour
to acknowledge the receipt
of your conf. despatch
of the 20th of June
relating to Mr. Proys
Cott's concession.

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2. With ref. to
paras. 3 + 4 of your
despatch, the only
objection which can

words may have been
used in the telegram
it was not intended
to suggest that the
questions at issue
would be dealt with
otherwise than in the
manner indicated
in the letter addressed
to Mr. COW on the
following day, the
2nd of Dec^r which
contemplated his
putting himself in
communication with
the land Dept^t as
soon as possible after
his arrival in the
Pt. A copy of this
letter was enclosed

FN 2272
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of the 2nd of Dec^r 154

In the event
Mr. Cott postponed
his departure for
the Ple for a week,
and all his letters
were discussed with
him in detail at his
Office on the 6th of
Dec^r. A record of
the interview was
enclosed in my conf.

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MINUTE.

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Mr. Fiddes.
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Sir F. Hopwood.
Col. Seely.
Lord Crowe.

desp. of the 10th of
Dec^r. You will see
from
that despatch and the
memo. enclosed in
it that it was again
understood that

matter was not
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me. -- I shall
in the future
I trust that you will
be able to settle
all outstanding
questions with him
when you visit the
land in September.

6. I should be
glad if you could
obtain from Mr. Cott
and forward to me
a copy of the telegram
which forms the
subject of his despatch.
I have to

Mr. Coll should put
himself in command
with the land Dept
on his return to the
PL

5. I regret the
misunderstanding
which has occurred,
but I ~~feel~~ ^{from} ~~am~~ ^{am} ~~glad~~ ^{glad}

~~You will be able to~~
settle the outstanding
questions with Mr. Coll
at an early date when you
visit the land in

~~Sept.~~ I infer from
the fact that he took
no steps to ~~appear~~
revise the question
until the 16th of
May that the

matter was not
settled
I trust that you will
be able to settle
all outstanding
questions with him
when you visit the
land in September

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and forward to me
a copy of the telegram
which forms the
subject of his despatch
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