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(Subject)

Tama Rona Conception  
Endors part of report & amounts recently  
issued to shareholders having wealth of  
Co's profiting with foreign capital  
they can have a loan of \$100,000  
about \$5,000.

(Minutes)

Minutes within  
M.L.

Proceed as proposed in  
the 11th's minute of the  
1st of Oct

11th Dec

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The Mongolia Co. Application for a  
grant of land for cultivating etc on Terms  
1906

Messrs. Woodhouse

See also 13830 (Commissioner's despatch on sub-

ject)

Details as to the constitution of this Company  
will be found in the P.O. ~~paper~~ marked with a green  
stamp ~~attached~~ in the Report of the District Commissioner.

Total capital is £5000 of which some £3000 has  
apparently been paid up and spent on preliminary in-  
vestigations.

Some of the would be concessionaires are  
mentioned in Mr. Gardner's letter of 7th October. It appears  
that the Board of Trade were consulted as to their  
status and reported favourably upon it. I have heard  
well from other sources of Messrs Woodhouse as old  
established tea and produce brokers.

The Foreign Office have already referred the ~~above~~ <sup>present</sup>  
proposal to the Board of Trade in our letter of the 25th July <sup>1906</sup>  
there was held water in it, on the ground of vagueness  
and want of financial guarantees.

The Foreign Office accordingly ~~has~~ <sup>did</sup> not commit  
themselves in any way, and we have quite a free hand.

The land proposed for 500 square miles of land  
on lease for 99 years, rent free for 5 years, and  
then at 2l a square mile with right to convert into  
freehold at 8d. per acre and power to sublet.

The Commissioner recommended not more than 200 square  
miles, at a higher rent, for 50 years only, with right  
of renewal for a further 49 years, and that the right  
to convert into freehold should be limited as to area

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and should be granted at 1/- per acre - and that the power to allot should only be given with the consent of the Commissioner.

Mr. (The East Africa) ... were granted 500 square miles of lease for 50 years - seven years free - and then at £1 per square mile and right of purchase at £2 per acre.

This, however, was recognized as being an exceptional case and not to be made a precedent).

The block asked for consisted of the land for 10 miles on each side of the Tana River from Kidori (140 miles from the mouth) northward.

Very little is known, according to Sir C. Elliot, of the upper waters of the Tana but so far as known they are fertile as the river overflows its banks like the Nile, only twice in the year *instead of once: which is rather common*. In their reply *for Mr* they offered a lease of not more than 100 square miles for a longer term than 50 years, rent free for the first 7 years, and afterwards at a yearly rent of £2 per square mile, with a right to convert up to 25 square miles into freehold at one rupee per acre. We told them if they accepted these terms an agreement would be made to grant them a lease, when a Company had been formed, and a certain proportion of its capital paid up under conditions as to the application to the purposes of the Concession.

~~We did not mention any particular sums, and they now suggest a sum of £5,000 as sufficient.~~

*Wlog*

... fixed money ...

... with the terms which we are offering. People who want a similar concession for a similar activity in the ... part of the ...

500 acres per year for 5 years.

... have been ...

A ... of 2500 acres at a ... of ...

... that ...

(b) that 1000 acres ... years, and are ...

In view of this, it is ... these people 100 square miles ... are only prepared to spend \$5000 ... \$5200 they have already spent on a plot.

I am inclined to reply that ... for Mr. ... such a large area as 100 square miles ... \$5000 available capital ...

The ... to approve the ... on the same conditions, ... reports that ... a further area of 10,000 acres might be granted on the same conditions.

Add that in order to form an opinion on this subject it will be necessary for them to forward to us for transmission to the Commissioner the map and reports referred to in ...

... 11/10

London, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1905.

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The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London.

In reference to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> May last no 14281/1905 and my letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> October my Directors venture to hope they may anticipate a favourable reply to their enquiry as to the sum of £5000 suggested by them as additional capital for the purpose named. They are desirous of making some financial arrangements on the Company's account, which would be much facilitated by your sanction to their proposal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
P. E. H. S. J.  
Secretary.

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30, Mincing Lane,

AFRICA, LIMITED.

London, E.C.

9<sup>th</sup> October 1905



C.O.  
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The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> May last no ~~reference~~ <sup>reference</sup> was made by my Director to enclose a part of the report and accounts as really issued to the shareholders, showing the result of the Company's proprietary work.

You will note from the accounts that the Company has been duly registered in London and a sufficient sum raised to cover the preliminary work undertaken by the members of the expedition despatched last year, both these matters being mentioned in your letter under reply. The grant of the concession further depends upon the amount of capital for its development. I am to ask whether under the circumstances set out in the report you would be prepared to authorize the issue of the loan to the Company in the event of an additional sum of £5000

London,  
E.C.9<sup>th</sup> October, 1905

being secured on terms which would permit  
for its application to the purposes of the  
concession.

The Company having already incurred  
considerable outlay in the various national  
waters to acquire the benefits due to its  
enterprise in exploring the river and  
preparing a water chart map of the district -  
through which it passes. For further work  
on the river drawings have been made in  
England of a new type of launch specially  
suitable for its navigation.

I am, Sir, &c.

Your obedient servant,

P. H. H. H.  
Secretary

To  
The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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The Secretary  
Mongolian Club

(13) December

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- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...

Per  
 You directed by  
 Secretary of the  
 Mongolian Club  
 to refer to your letter of the 1st  
 of the 12th inst.

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 report the ...  
 of the ...  
 Mongolian Club ...  
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W.H.A.L. ...

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of £5000 is provided  
by the Co. and for  
the purpose of developing  
the lands  
I am to the extent of  
your offer was

a statement showing  
the terms on which land  
is now being granted  
in the neighbourhood  
of the land  
from which it will be  
seen that the confer-  
ence of £5000 is  
made a condition of a lease  
of no more than 10,000  
acres without option  
of purchase.

Contract from 2004

2. It is evident, therefore, that  
the Government of India would not  
therefore be justified  
in

It would accordingly  
be a breach of contract  
for the Government to  
refuse the grant of  
100 square metres well  
- fenced off for purchase

The Director Co.

then a sum of £5000.  
in addition to the  
sum of £2206 already  
spent on exploration

unless you can  
that you are able to  
nothing to expect a  
much larger sum  
on the development  
of the land  
is proposed to offer  
the grant of no more  
than 10,000 acres  
to be on the terms  
outlined to you  
of which the Government  
is of the opinion that  
- kind of your offer  
has been made  
to purchase nothing  
to mention the  
grant of a further  
10,000 acres on  
the same conditions

J. Law, 20  
R. J. Armitage