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had been a mistake about this Aberdeen lead of mine and
it had been promised away by my brother as he thought I
was not returning. However I conceded to his wishes
only to find that he had only recommended my applica-
tion at Teave. I have asked Mr. Underdown of Underdown
and Orichton to call and see you on the subject as he
is supplying the capital to work the concession. It is
easy to see about the payment of the machinery. As the
land in question only averages about 9 tons of fibre to
the acre and it takes 9 tons of material to make one ton
of fibre, this with 20 miles of transport through diffi-
cult country does not leave much margin for profit.
I hope you will be able to rectify this for me, as I am
very keen to start work at once and I have already spent
a good deal of money in this country and am very interest-
ed in it.

I remain etc.,

(Sd) R. Berkeley Cole.

1930

Commissioner's Office,
Re: 30 May 06
Nairobi.

May 1930

AFRICA PROCEEDINGS

No. 221.



My Lord,

1491

In reply to your Lordship's despatch No. 171 of March 30th forwarding correspondence on the subject of Mr. R. H. Cole's application for one hundred square miles of land near Mwea for the purpose of obtaining, creating and exporting siseneviera fibre, I have the honour to recommend that, in the event of Mr. Cole producing proof that he has command of sufficient capital to work the concession, his application may be favourably considered.

£2,000

I am informed by Mr. Cole's local agent that he is willing to bind himself to expend ten thousand pounds in developing the property if the lease is granted.

The Director of Agriculture informs me that the

land

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

land in question is useless for agricultural purposes.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest respect,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Humble servant,

George Sullivan

DRAFT.

R.B. Cole for *and 30993*



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MINUTE

- Mr. *18/6*
- Mr. *18*
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- * Sir M. Ommannoy *19/5.*
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

See I am directed by
 the Earl of Elgin to
 inform you with
 reference to the letter
 from this Dept. of
 the 28th of March
 that a report has now
 been received from the
 Comrs of the F.A.P.
 on the subject of
 your application for
 land for collecting
 growing fute near
 Tsavo, and that
 H.C. is prepared for

*On second thought, I shall be
 inclined to limit the area to
 10 square miles. We are only
 being here to spend one day
 what he is called to be
 only to spend 2,000 square
 miles is more than one man
 can work properly.*

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Copy to Ommannoy

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