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Thinks it present that B.C.F.A. should not take over work of increasing the cultivation. Every assistance will be given to their agents in purchase of cotton and experiments on their ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~land~~ ^{land}. So get them seeds from Egypt and propose to issue it free to natives.

~~W. Read.~~
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(Minutes)

The drafts on 18837 have been copied. It will be best to let them go & send a copy of this despatch to B.C.F.A. as soon as possible saying that the S. of S. Comdus is desirable to have over the question of cotton cultivation till the Com. has had an opportunity of conferring with the Amoini representatives.

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Commissioner's Office,
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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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My Lord,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 188 of the 6th ultimo, giving over to correspondence with the British Cotton Growing Association.

In view of the more favourable conditions now existing in Uganda owing to the higher civilisation of the Natives, abundance of labour, and the progress that cotton growing has lately made, I consider that the Association would be well advised to devote the greater part of their attention, at this particular time, to that Protectorate. I should be glad to confer with the Agents of the Association with regard to cotton growing in East Africa, but I am not at present inclined to

recommend

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

ing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

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...that they take over the work of increasing
cotton cultivation in this Protectorate just at present.
The natives are in a backward state and I am of opinion
that better results would, for some short time to come,
be likely to accrue from our own endeavours to stimulate
the natives to take up the industry than from any
outside work. I may qualify this opinion later but
such is my view at present. In the meanwhile every
assistance will be given to the Agents of the Association
both in the purchase of cotton and towards any experiment
they may wish to make on their own accord. Our
Agricultural Department has every confidence in the
Coast districts of the Protectorate as a good field for
cotton growing, but unfortunately reliable labour is
scarce. Personally I am inclined to think the most
promising field will be found in Kavirondo, which
climatically approaches to the conditions of Eusea
which I have always looked upon as one of the best parts
of the Uganda Protectorate for the development of this
industry. Kavirondo, moreover, is in most parts
thickly populated, the natives freely come forward for
work, and generally this part of the Protectorate shows

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signs of early development. In considering the question of the reorganization of the Agricultural Department, I shall probably recommend a cotton expert working on the coast as at present and another in Kavirondo. I may add that I am expecting a large consignment of the best Abbasi cotton seed from Egypt which I hope will arrive in time for this season's planting and that I propose to follow the system which has been found to answer so well in the sister Protectorate and issue seed free to all the districts where it can be carefully sown. The results for the first year may be small, but the great thing is to get the seed into the soil and encourage the natives to plant.

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I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient;

humble servant,

Henry Buller

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The Vice Chairman
at Cotton Growing Assoc.
(I suppose to be R Moor)

London 9 June 1906

Sir,
I am directed by the Council of the
to transmit

MINUTE.

- Mr. Scofield 7/6
- Mr. Lead
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir M. O'Mahoney
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lytton

to you, with reference to the
letter from the department
of the 6th of April last
the accompanying copy of
a despatch from the Comm^r
of the East Africa Prot^l on
the subject of cotton growing
in the Prot^l, and to inform
you that he considers it
desirable to leave over the
question of cotton cultivation
until the Commissioner has
had an opportunity of
conferring

~~East Africa 10 May~~

12 June 1906

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