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(Signed R. L. ANTIBUS)

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(Subject)

Coffee leaf Disease Ord. 1908

It appears doubtful whether in view of
 fact that disease has been introduced into
 S.A. it is any use maintaining the Ord.
 (reference made to file for 1908 matter)

Mr. Rieley

(Minute)

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of the Ord. is in order, I
 think that we had better sanction it
 but send a copy of the Ord. in 1903
 with a copy of the (without me) to
 the Com. for info

Mr. Antibus

Salute

Approved

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for (N.B. It was from the Govt
 rather than the Law Office's that a
 report was wanted - see Mr. Rieley
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Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

January 29, 1906

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 25 (1905/06-6) transmitting papers relating to the prevention of Coffee Leaf disease in the East African Protectorate.

1. This disease, as is well known, originated in Ceylon and now affects every Coffee-growing area in the Old World from Natal to Fiji.

2. It appears from the enclosure to Sir Thomas Sanderson's letter of July 24, 1896, on the Report of the German East Africa Company that the disease has obtained a firm hold of its Coffee plantations.

3. It further appears from Leaflet No. 10 of the British East Africa Department of Agriculture that the disease has made its appearance at Bura where Coffee cultivation was first started in the Protectorate in 1895.

4. As far as is known it has not yet made its appearance in either British Central Africa or in the Uganda Protectorate.

5. A good deal of correspondence from 1903 onwards has taken place between the Foreign Office and Kew on the subject of these Ordinances and I now enclose for your information a copy of a demi-official letter which I addressed on May 25, 1905, to the Director of Agriculture, Nairobi.

L. Antrobus, Esq., C. B.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,

S. W.

6. 134-156

7. It appears to me doubtful whether, in view of the fact that Coffee Leaf disease appears to have been introduced into the Protectorate, any useful object can be attained by maintaining the Ordinances.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. T. Johnston - Esq.

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Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

May 25, 1905.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of February 13 has been before me for some time but press of business has prevented my giving it consideration.

As a rule regulations have had very little effect in checking the spread of plant diseases. The elaborate Phylloxera regulations which were at one time in force on the continent have largely fallen into abeyance.

The difficulty is to hold the balance between what is reasonably practicable and what would injuriously affect desirable enterprise.

It is a pity that the cotton growers mix the sorts they grow. They will realise their foolishness when they try to market their produce. Cotton spinners require a uniform staple and any admixture will pull down the price very seriously. In America the most scrupulous pains are taken to maintain a high standard by selecting the seed.

I do not know that I have any remarks to make on the draft regulations. Experience will be your best guide as to whether they are beneficial and workable. The most elaborate precautions will give no absolute security against the introduction of diseases. If disease makes its appearance, its progress can often be checked by destroying the affected plants in situ. This is as much in the interest of the individual grower as of the community.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) V. T. Thistelton-Dyer.

W. Minton, Esq.,
Director of Agriculture,
Nairobi.

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Dunsmuir Street,

6 February

1906

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the power of

disallowance will not be exercised with respect to the ~~...~~ *entitled the Officer of the Bureau dated 1905*

No. 9 of 1905 of the said Africa Protectorate ~~...~~

~~...~~ *entitled* ~~...~~ of the 10th of October 1905, and

to be transmitted to you, for your information, the

accompanying copy of correspondence with

the Director of the Botanical Gardens, Kew,

relating to the ~~...~~

~~...~~

a transcript of which accompanied your despatch No. ~~...~~ of

the ~~...~~ of ~~...~~ 1905.

I have the honour to be, *Yours*

~~Sir,~~

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

The Officer Administering

the Government of

the said Africa Protectorate.

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