

November is intended
 to take a passage for
 himself by the
 steamer leaving Ypsa
 on the 12th of November.
 It would be necessary
 for him to leave this
 country about the 10th
 of November, and I
 am to request that
 you will let me know
 early date of the
 as soon as possible if
 it is probable that
 there will be any
 difficulty in arranging
 for replacing him
 at Cardiff by that
 date.

R.P.



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Name of Individual
 Despatches R
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 38412

(Subject)

News of Forest Lease

Note receipt of local pay stamp fees
 when required

(Minutes)

Copy to Commr: L.F. refer to
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Lord Brouncker

I attach the specification
to Capt. Nicolson.

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He has obtained a lease of 100
square miles of land in the
Murch Forest for rubber cultura-
tion: & Mr. McAlister who was
acting ^{with} him got another 100
square miles in the same locality.

The terms of their leases are
generally those of the Straits
and 13 years & in 1905
except that we have well down
the right to cut timber granted
by ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{deeds} ~~deeds~~

The term of the lease is 21 years
the rent Rs. 5000 p. a

There is no provision for royalty
on the produce, or for the compensa-
tion of any particular sum or
by the Government on disposing the
property.

Capt. Nicolson according to the
report of Lord Selborne (38545)
is a man of no financial position
but is not known to be a rogue.

We should never have granted such a concession of our own accord. (see Lord Elyon's des. on 7413), but it was held that Sir D. Stewart the late Commr. had, acting in contravention of his instructions, practically promised that the concession should be granted.

It might well be worth while to grant the timber rights over the land on an intension of the lease, if on return we could take security for the spending of an adequate sum on development - the Commr. suggested £30,000 or £40,000.

But our present policy is (see Lord Elyon's des. on 7413) ^{in view of the fact} that Capt. Despatcher ^{has} being blamed through the negligence of our officers - being great then brought to law, to keep a close watch on his exercise any opportunity of declaring the lease forfeit for non compliance with the conditions of the Crown Lands Regulations as to disposal.

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Heads of 22/11

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ABSTOCK HOUSE,
WINDSOR.

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23rd October 1906

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Sir
I have the honour to
acknowledge receipt of
your letter No. 38412/1906
of the 20th instant, also receipt
of the leases mentioned
therein which I thank you.

I beg to inform you that
I am quite willing to pay
the necessary stamp fees
when required.

I have the honour to be

Sir,
Your obedient servant

R. Dispecker

The Under Secretary of State
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