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Concessions to Highlands of E. Africa Syndicate

previous Paper.

This copies of minutes & conditions for working forest areas & proposal to establish saw & beam sawing factory. Conditions factory not be beneficial to the small scale. Requests decision may be communicated direct to the Syndicate.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read The principal objection which I see to these arrangements is that there does not seem to be any provision making the erection of a beam factory for granted on a condition of the grant of the forests of the other lands (which form this proximity to the railway are of special value. The Syndicate must be asked to bind themselves to this - But first I think Mr. Hutcheson should be asked to express his views on the terms of the forest lease.

Signed: H.R.

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Commissioner of Lands and Forests
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Nairobi,

April 11th 1907.

WEST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 136

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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for Your Lordship's most favourable consideration copies of papers in connection with the establishment of a Gum and Bactericuring factory in this Protectorate.

2. The idea emanates from the Uplands of East Africa Syndicate Limited, whose Agent, Mr. J. E. Prosser, is at present in Nairobi and appears to be a very businesslike person.

Both the Commissioner of Lands and myself are very favourably impressed with the possibilities of the scheme and regard it as an enterprise which is likely to prove beneficial to the small settler, who at present

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H. N. Principal Secretary of State,

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

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finds life rather a struggle.

I trust therefore that Your Lordship's sanction will not be withheld, and would ask that whatever decision is arrived at may be communicated direct to the Syndicate at their London address No. 424 Salisbury House, London

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I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,


Acting Commissioner.

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CONDITIONS FOR WORKING THE FOREST AT ESCARPMENT
BY THE UPLANDS OF EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE.

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1. His Excellency the Commissioner agrees to grant to the Uplands of East Africa Syndicate the sole right to cut timber and fuel in 10,000 acres or thereabouts, of forest on the side of hills running from the Kikuyu Escarpment towards the Aberdare Sardinia Range.

2. The right to collect all forest produce other than timber and fuel shall be reserved to His Excellency the Commissioner.

3. All native rights in the area shall be reserved.

4. The Conservator of Forests shall exercise supervision over all felling and the Syndicate shall comply with all reasonable demands made upon them by the Conservator of Forests in matters concerning the exploitation and removal of the produce from the area.

5. Only trees marked as exploitable by the Forest Department shall bear the Government stamp at the base to be used. When felling a tree it is caught in another tree the second tree may not be felled unless specially inspected and marked for felling by the local Forest Officer. The trees required to be felled in order to open drag paths and slip paths through the forest will be marked by the local Forest Officer on the requisition of the purchaser. The penalty for felling an unstamped tree shall be reckoned at five times the rateable value, class, in the case of Cedar, Yellow-wood, Campher, Mona or any tree notified by the Conservator of Forests as specially protected a stamp fee of

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Rs. 45 per tree.

6. All trees marked for felling must be felled or killed by ringing or otherwise to the satisfaction of the Forest Department, unless special exemption be given to omit the felling or ringing of such trees.

7. The forest will be divided into felling sections, each section to be worked over in rotation.

8. The purchaser must declare his intention to work the exploitable timber in any section of forest (in writing to the Commissioner of Forests) at least two months previous to the date fixed for beginning work; and the Forest Department shall be considered to have exercised due diligence if the timber marking is done at the rate of 500 acres per month. Provided however that the Forest Department shall not, at any time, be required to mark timber in advance of the felling operation of the purchaser to the extent of more than 100 acres.

9. When a section of forest has been marked for felling, the exploitable timber in any section shall be marked till the whole of the exploitable timber on the first has been cut. 10. The diameter of the timber shall be at the following table for each tree, the cubic contents of each tree being measured and entered in the books of the Forest Department. This measurement will be based on the round cubic contents of the bole of the tree as it stands in the forest. Bark and unseasoned sap as far as it can be seen before felling, will be allowed for. No allowance will be made under any circumstances after a tree has once been felled.

Rate per cubic foot.

Camphor (Mozaitia)	20 cents
Cedar (Juniperus Procera)	15 "
Yellow wood of both kinds e.g. Podocarpus Milangianus	10 "
Moak do. Elongata	10 "
All other timbers	5 "

16. (a) The following will be allowed free of charge for purposes of fuel used in connection with the business:

(a) Branch wood of trees marked for felling at above rates.

(b) Branchwood of trees indicated by the Forest Officer as suitable for fuel.

(c) Trees so unsound as to be useless for any other purpose and marked accordingly by the Forest Officer.

11. The above rates shall be in force for three years after which they will be subject to re-consideration.

12. Should any timber rates at more than 5 cents per cubic foot be sold by the Syndicate, such timber shall be charged for at the full gazetted rates; the branchwood of all trees felled to be sold to be paid for at the current gazetted rates.

13. All trees shall be felled as near to the ground as possible, trees without buttresses to be felled not more than six inches from the ground.

14. The Syndicate will be responsible for all damage done to the forest including fires, committed by their employees.

E. BATTLECOMBE,
Ag. Conservator of Forests.

Mumbai,

April 5th 1907.

CONDITIONS FOR RESERVING AN AREA OF 10,000
ACRES OF FOREST AT EMBURGO FOR THE UPLANDS OF EAST
AFRICA SYNDICATE LIMITED.

His Excellency the Commissioner agrees to reserve an
area of 10,000 acres of forest on the North side of the
Railway Line and outside the Railway File Zone near Emburgo
for a period not exceeding eight years for the Uplands of
East Africa Syndicate to cut timber and fuel therein.

Until such time as the Syndicate shall commence felling
operations the right to cut timber and fuel in the area
shall be reserved to His Excellency the Commissioner, and
shall be subject to the orders of the Conservator of Forests that the
value of the forest is not lessened.

In the event of any dispute arising as to the boundaries
of the area the matter shall be referred to the Director
of Surveys whose decision shall be final.

Sd/- E. BATTICORNIA.

Conservator of Forests.

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