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Export duty on heat bulbs in German E. Africa

Previous Paper

Sends leaf from Berlin enclosing note from German  
to declining to reduce or abolish duty, & reporting  
on special case of contract for delivery of 50000  
bulbs made bet Kaiser, Mulmay & Coett & German firm.

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. 17234  
and address  
The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.

*J. C. [unclear]*

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the  
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State,  
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,  
May 10, 1909.

Reference to previous letter:  
C.O. December 18, 1908 (41897)

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Am. Ambassadors at Berlin May 5.	Export duty on sugar suckers and bulbuls

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No. 70 Commercial.

Berlin,

May 5, 1909.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, with reference to your despatch of this series No. 112 (23024) of July 28th last on the subject of the export duty placed on steel suckers and bulbils by the Governor of German East Africa, that I have now received from the Imperial Foreign Office a Note (of which I have the honour to transmit herewith copy and translation) in reply to that which my predecessor, Sir F. Lascelles, addressed to them on the subject in accordance with the instructions contained in your despatch under reply.

The note, after stating that the abolition or reduction of the export duty cannot as yet be taken into consideration, proceeds to refer to the special case of the contract for the delivery of 500,000 bulbils made between Messrs. Mildmay and Wavell and a German firm. It states that the impending issue of official regulations restricting the export of bulbils was generally known in interested circles

The Right Hon.

Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P.,

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circles a considerable time before the contract for the delivery of the 500,000 bulbs was given, and that therefore the seller of the bulbs had made a precautionary reservation in concluding the contract.

I have the honour to point out that there is no mention of any such reservation in Messrs. Alday & Wavell's letter to the Colonial Office of February 24th last which formed one of the enclosures in your despatch under reply.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

(55) W. E. Gordon

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(Sd) W. E. Gordon

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Enclosure to Sir E. Goschen's No. 70 Commercial of May 8, 1909.

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Copy of Note from the German Foreign Office.  
Berlin, den 28. April, 1909.

Der Unterzeichnete beehrt sich, Seine Exzellenz den  
Königlich Grossbritannischen Botschafter, Sir Edward  
Goschen, auf das Schreiben vom 7. August v. J. zu benach-  
richtigen, dass nach dem seitens des Herrn Staatssekretars  
des Reichskolonialamts eingeforderten Bericht des Kaiser-  
lichen Gouverneurs von Deutsch-Ostafrika die Erzeugnisse,  
die seinerzeit zur Einführung des Ausfuhrzolles für Sisal-  
bulbillen und Pflanzlinge geführt haben, auch jetzt noch  
als massgebend erachtet werden müssen. Eine Aufhebung  
oder Herabsetzung des Ausfuhrzolles kann daher einst-  
weilen noch nicht in Frage kommen.

Was insonderheit den Bulbillenlieferungsvertrag der  
Firma "Mildmay & Wavell" anbelangt, so war bereits geraume  
Zeit vor Erteilung des Auftrags zur Lieferung der frag-  
lichen 500,000 Bulbillen in Interessentenkreisen allgemein  
bekannt, dass behördliche Massnahmen zur Einschränkung der  
Bulbillenausfuhr unmittelbar bevorstünden. Seitens der  
Verkäuferin ist daher von vornherein bei Abschluss ein  
entsprechender Vorbehalt gemacht worden.

Der Unterzeichnete benutzt etc.

(Signed) Stemrich.

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Translation of Note from the German Foreign Office.

Berlin, April 28th 1909.

The undersigned has the honour, with reference to Sir F. Lascelles' Note of August 7th last, to inform His Excellency Sir E. Goschen that the report of the Imperial Governor of German East Africa, furnished in accordance with instructions from the Imperial Colonial Office, states that the considerations which at the time led to the introduction of the export duty on glass bulbs and seedlings must still be regarded as valid. There can therefore as yet be no question of an abolition or a reduction of this export duty. With especial reference to the contract of the firm of Wildmay and Wavell to deliver bulbs, it was generally known in interested circles a considerable time before the contract was given for the delivery of the 500,000 bulbs in question, that official regulations for restricting the export of bulbs were immediately impending. At the outset therefore a corresponding reservation was made as a precautionary measure by the seller in concluding the contract.

I avail etc.

(Signed) Stenrich.