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Cotton Cultivation on Juba River.

Submits ideas on proposals by B.C.G.A. Consider it unnecessary to plant so large an area as 50 acres as a preliminary experiment & undesirable to grow several distinct varieties of cotton in close proximity to one another. Suggests alternative methods.

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and a copy also to Col. de la...
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? Copy to B.C.G.A., with ref. to B.C.G.A. 1899 & our reply, & ask whether they agree that Sir P. Girouard should be instructed in the sense of the last part of this letter.

J.P.B.

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March, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to the proposals submitted to the Colonial Office by the British Cotton Growing Association in Mr. Hutto's letter of the 19th January in connection with the experimental cultivation of cotton on the Juba River, East Africa Protectorate, I beg to make the following observations.

It does not seem necessary that so large an area as 50 acres should be planted as a preliminary experiment, nor is it desirable that several distinct varieties of cotton should be grown in close proximity to one another. It is probable that in this case, hybridisation would occur to some extent between the different varieties and, in consequence, the seeds from the resulting crops, even if each kind was kept separate, would give rise to cottons of mixed and irregular character. There is also a danger of the seeds of the different varieties becoming mixed, whereby the unevenness of staple of subsequent crops would be still further increased.

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Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.

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I would suggest that it would be a better plan to test the possibilities of the various cottons on small plots (of about $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 acre) at considerable distances from one another. From such preliminary experiments, an indication would be obtained as to the variety which would be the best to grow, and a more extensive trial might then be made with the seed of this one particular variety. The seeds of the other varieties grown in the preliminary experiments should be destroyed in order to avoid the risk of their being planted. In this way it should be possible to obtain a pure strain of cotton suitable to the country which would ultimately become acclimatised.

I am, Sir, &c

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. A. D. D. D.

I would suggest that it would be a better plan to test the possibilities of the various cottons on small plots (of about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 acre) at considerable distances from each other. From such preliminary experiments an indication would be obtained as to the variety which would be the best to grow and a more extensive trial might then be made with the seed of this one particular variety. The seeds of the other varieties grown in the preliminary experiments should be destroyed in order to avoid the risk of their being planted. In this way it should be possible to obtain a pure strain of cotton suitable to the country which would ultimately become acclimatised.

I am, Sir, &c

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. A. D. Dunlop

22 March 1911.



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The Chairman
B.C.G.A.

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- Mr. Tanning 24/3
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- Mr. Fiddes.
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Crewe.

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With reference to your ltr. of
 the 19th. of Jan. ~~1911~~ & to
 the ltr. from this Dept. of the
 23rd idem. in reply, ~~dated~~ Jan.
 directed by Mr. Sec Harcourt
 to transmit to you the
 accompanying copy of a ltr.
 from the Director of the Imp.

Just, submitting also on the
 of the B.C.G.A.
 proposals contained in your
 above quotes in connection

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with the experimental
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the Jaba River.

The War Court would be
glad to be informed what

~~you consider in the suggestion~~
that ^{Mr} P. Girouard should

be instructed in the sense
of the last para. of the

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