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Dr G. Deane

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to Westey - 7 Jan 13
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OFFICES AT
LITTON-HOF, HAMBURG.

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

Sir,

Reference No. 43936/1913.

I thank you for your letter of the 7th inst., with regard to the establishment of cold storage business in the East Africa Protectorate. Both of our Managing Directors are at present abroad and upon their return, towards the end of this month, I will place your letter before them.

Yours faithfully,
THE UNION COLD STORAGE CO. LTD
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Secretary.

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~~AFRICA PROTECTORATE~~

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
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27th November 1913.



Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 907 of October 24th, 1913, in which you have commented upon the proposal of Sir William Vestey to establish a cold storage business in this Protectorate, I have the honour to offer you my observations on the particulars of the scheme as at present known to me. I regret that, in consequence of my recent indisposition and the fact that the whole of my time has since been engaged with other important matters, I have been unable to address you personally on this subject at an earlier date.

A good deal of stress has been laid upon the advantage that would accrue to the Protectorate from the installation of a cold storage plant on a large scale, and at first sight the proposition appears to offer attractions, but investigation has failed to convince me that the time is ripe for the commencement of such a scheme. Notwithstanding the attention which is being paid to stock-raising, sheep breeding, and dairy farming in

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THE MARQUIS, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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in the Highland districts, it is the fact that the available supply of meat, poultry, and dairy produce is insufficient to meet the requirements of the population of our townships, and the time is yet distant when any surplus of such supply will become available for cold storage and export. I have no doubt that Sir William Vestey satisfied himself that no business with the farmers and graziers could be expected for some time to come, and that it is for that reason that he desires to have recourse to the game, by the aid of which he would be able to work his plant at a profit until the time comes when supplies may be expected from the settlers. Therefore, pending the time when the farmers require an export market for their produce, the scheme seems to offer no particular advantage to the country. The removal of the game from a specified area would benefit nobody but the promoters and the settlers in the immediate neighbourhood of the area to be cleared.

3. I am, therefore of opinion that no sufficient reason exists why any specially favourable terms should be offered to the applicant, and I make the following suggestions as to the nature of the communication which should be made to him.

4. As pointed out in your despatch under reply, it is clear that no monopoly can be granted, but I do not think that Sir William Vestey expected this favour. I think he anticipates that if once his business is established

established in the country he can work it on a scale which will keep competitors at a distance.

5. I am in agreement with your view that no sort of special concession should be made to him in the matter of Customs duties. I consider that he should pay now and in the future in accordance with the tariff prescribed for the time being.

6. The erection of the substantial fence against the portion of the Southern Game Reserve which abuts on the land on which he desires the right to take game is a necessary condition precedent to the concession of that right in order to prevent the incursion of game from the reserve into the conceded area. The cost of the fence has now been ascertained by the Warden to be £10,200, towards which Sir William Vestey has offered £5,000. I consider that he should defray the whole cost and deposit the amount before any agreement is concluded.

7. If he agrees to do this, and accepts all other conditions, - I should be prepared to recommend that he be granted the right to kill and take game within such parts of the area specified in his letter as may remain unalienated, on the understanding that the Government retains full right of alienation at any time, and subject to such conditions as those specified by the Game Warden in his communication of June 10th last.

8. With regard to the 50,000 acres which he has expressed his desire to acquire, he informed me that he proposed to enclose it and to breed

breed game in it. He admitted that it was most questionable whether the experiment would be successful, but added that he was prepared to risk the capital necessary to make the attempt. I should therefore be willing to grant him a lease of this area for 99 years on the terms recommended by the Land Officer, and on condition that the fencing to be erected be of a type to be approved by Government and that it be maintained to our satisfaction. Also subject to the stipulation that the land be used only for the purpose of preserving game and that it revert to Government in the event of the experiment being abandoned.

9. I think that no permission should be given to export the hides of game animals. I consider it inadvisable to confer upon him any privilege which is withheld from others, and any general relaxation of the existing restriction would be most undesirable.

10. The question of a site for the erection of plant and the construction of wharf accommodation at the West is, in my opinion, matter regarding which he should make investigation and submit his proposals. It is out of the question to allot him a site on Mombasa Island, and I consider it most doubtful whether any suitable position could be selected on the mainland in any situation adjoining the inner waters adjacent to the Island. A large proportion of the Mainland foreshore is privately owned, and it will be necessary for him either to acquire it

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site from such owners or to make application for Crown land in the usual way. He should be informed that under no circumstances will he be permitted to discharge any sort of refuse into any part of the inner waters, and that any proposal for occupation of a site must be accompanied by a full explanation of the manner in which he proposes to ensure compliance with these conditions.

11. I am not prepared to advise that Government should provide him with a siding, but I consider that there would be no objection to linking up a connection with the Uganda Railway provided that he constructs a siding at his own expense over land acquired by himself, in conformity with the requirements of the General Manager.

12. If you should find yourself in agreement with the views above expressed, I suggest that the tenor of my recommendations be communicated by you to Sir William Vestey and that he be asked whether he desires to proceed further with the matter subject to the modifications which I have proposed. I anticipate that he will decline to do so, because he left me under the impression that he expected to receive Government assistance of an exceptional nature, but I do not consider that the withdrawal of his proposals will entail any serious loss to the country.

I have the honour to be,
Your humble obedient servant,

Herbert Bayard

GOVERNOR.

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7th Jan'y 1914

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~~E. S. Keating Esq~~

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- Mr. Harcourt 3

with reference to the
 from this office of
 16th May I am
 directed by Mr. Sir Harcourt
 to inform you that
 he has now received
 a report from the
 Gov. of the East on
 the subject of the
 proposal to establish
 a cold storage
 business in the
 East

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 reports that he can
 see no prospect of
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