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on the subject, please quote

No. 31267/C.

and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
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Sir:-

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With reference to the letter from this Department of the 8th. ultimo relative to the proposed Journey in Africa of Mr. C. Thoms, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to inform you that further information in regard to this gentleman received from the French, Belgian and Norwegian Governments, make it appear that he is personally unobjectionable. I am accordingly to suggest that, unless the military authorities have any objection, the facilities originally proposed should be granted to him.

I am however to add that Mr. Thoms is connected with two companies, the Société du Médal and the Mozambique Trading and Plantation Company which at present figure on the Black List of firms in Portuguese East-Africa. Their case is however being re-examined by the Foreign Trade Department and a further communication will be addressed to you in due course as soon as a final decision has been taken in regard to them.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

E. Grey A. Crow

The Under Secretary of State,
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I am to add the rest of your

letter of the 24th of Feb (No 31257)

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- Mr. Jewell 25/2/16
- Mr. Bottley 26/2/16
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

regarding the proposed visit of Mr
C. Thomas to East + South Africa

Mr Bonar Law would suggest

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if Sec. Sir P. Grey concurs, that the
further consideration of the matter
should stand over until the result
of the examination referred to in the
latter part of your letter is known.
In any case, however, the S.F.S. will