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DEATH OF PIONEER J.B. TOSTEE

Last previous Paper.

Reports at Mgerigeri 4th June cerebral malaria.
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Putly *W.D.* *27.6.17* *at* *...*

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at subsequent Paper.

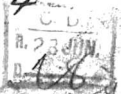
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^{suggestion}
views on the ~~subject~~
made in the letter ~~of~~ from
this Dept. of the 8th
(no: 28566/17),
of June 2^h to which their
attention was drawn in
the subsequent letter of
the 20th of June (no: 29465/17).

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G. R. E. J. READ

Co. E.A.P.

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Pres

8 June 1917

Sir,

I am etc. to request you

to inf. the Board of Trade that he has received

representations from the O.A.G. of the E.A.P. regarding

the seriousness of the position of the firms

concerned in the coffee industry in that

if it is they are unable to dispose of their produce

2. Mr. Long will be glad if it is possible for

the Board of Trade to furnish him with their

DRAFT.

The Asst. Secretary
Commercial Dept.
Board of Trade
MINUTE.

Mr. Bostonly 27/6/17

Mr. Boston 28

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Reid. 28

Sir G. Alden.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Long.

for Governor

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM: From the Officer administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 5.8 p.m. 26th June 1917.)

June 26th. I am afraid that shortage of shipping will very seriously affect local export industries such as flax coffee and sisal unless the prospect of shipment is reasonable, local Banks are unwilling to make advances against produce. Unless financial assistance is provided many valuable plantations will probably be ruined.

1. The Legislative Council at the recent session adopted a motion recommending that the local Government should make advances at the rate of £25 per ton as an average against coffee actually stored with Government; such advances to bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. which is the local Bank rate. Amount required for one year would be £20,000. Consider that proposal financially feasible. Coffee is rather special case owing to comparatively large number of individuals affected. Will you approve such advances against coffee?

2. Respecting other export industries no reliable figures are yet available but it is improbable that Protectorate could finance them to any great extent and I should therefore be glad to know whether there is any hope of assistance from Imperial Government.

3. I submit to you that it is a matter of imperial importance that industries in British Colonies should be sustained in order to be on the cessation of hostilities able to compete with other countries.

BOWRING.

I think that the D.V. has already proposed suggestions to Sir A. Stanley, in reply to a suggestion from him, but this C. Lee is especially much concerned on the general question as it affects the Dept. of Home Affairs.

The Sp. Telegram can be?

Ans. 3/7

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the situation there it is a great question for storage for the... the case of the E.A.P. office was not mentioned... it was suggested that it might be possible to find shipping to bring it here and the representative of the H. of Shipping proposed to look into the matter of suggestion that it should go to India was also mentioned (I understood that there are political objections to that course from the point of view of... but they are a matter for... rather than for us).

The Ministry of Shipping may be able to find a ship to sail

The indications are that for the reasons given above it will be a long time before the Committee sends its report but, if it is necessary, I could doubt report on financial assistance... practical question requiring speedy settlement (haul from E. Africa, we shall have to... the difficulty is that the... all storage space is full) then I know anything about the date of the next meeting I will speak to you about the... which should be taken on this point. Meanwhile I agree to proposed... C.W.D.

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H. J. R.
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of this country of a policy of concentrating ^{Britain} shipping in the North Atlantic. 303 & just after its appointment there was a further Cabinet decision that the various purchasing depts. & the depts. responsible for maintaining supplies of essential commodities to this country should consider how far it was possible for us to draw essential supplies from countries outside America & that, when this had been done, the I.O. & the C.O. should furnish reports through Sir H. Beltingford Smith, ^{Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry into the Importation of Goods from India, the Colonies & the measures necessary in consequence (i.e. financial relief)}

Owing to the fact that the purchasing depts. have not yet put in their reports showing how far the policy is practicable, it has not yet been possible to make much headway. There was however some general discussion at the last meeting 10 days ago as to the general principles on which financial relief should be given, if such relief should prove necessary. This arose out of the case of the Uganda cotton crop. The trend of the discussion was that it was not possible to regard any financial help given as compensation, seeing that compensation has not been paid for many other losses due to the war; what could be done was to give assistance to industries otherwise threatened with extinction. This would apply mainly to crops, where it is necessary to clear one crop of cultivation is not to cease entirely, as opposed to things like minerals which can simply be left alone. Two alternative courses were ^{mentioned} (a) that the Government should buy the crop and if it was not

general question of Govt financial assistance. We must say something to the O. A. G. about that.

HAB.

28.6.17

at once

H. J. R.

28/6/17

W. Read.

Please see draft telegram herewith. We can't very well say more at present, & I do not think we should say less.

HAB.

30.6.17

to Read
to Dinn

Draft altered after speaking to Mr Read & ~~submitting~~ to you. Mr Read would be glad if you ~~could~~ would state briefly the objects of the ~~the~~ Committee which has, I understand, questions of this kind under consideration.

HAB.

29.17

The original function of the Committee financial over by Gen H. B. ... Smith was