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Lambert Lt.

1917

Lt. Gray

See previous Paper.

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22325

Machinery for Hand Coffee / Mangle  
Pressing.

Sends list of machinery on order with forms  
in P.K. and requests assistance in obtaining  
necessary Priority Cert. / permit.

Mr. C. Conley

Re:   
Mr. Conley.

This is the result of two or three interviews,  
in the course of which I found your one  
letter is not being sufficiently definite.  
My promise was that, if they could  
furnish a statement which would  
show what items were so urgent that  
they could not wait for action by  
the local Priority Committee, I would  
put such items forward to the authorities  
here for a decision as to whether we  
could approach the M/P.

In particular, I said that we  
could judge the true requirements in the  
way of such items which would  
be of the greatest importance.

Copy of report to Mr. M.  
by Mr. Conley, 22 May 17  
Mr. Conley 1 June 17  
18 June 17

Not an hour, only 1/2 per

Col. Butler

I have received the books in view of the attached letter of 12 May from your drafts. A representative of the firm called yesterday and showed me (a) the original of the list and (b) a further indent, chiefly for nuts, most of which he thought could be supplied from stores of the War Office Dept. would permit export. I said they must look into this & generally, show cause for the further demand before they sent it to us. I also said that we could not undertake to support them in definite recommendations from the local Committee.

The telegram is not too clear, but as the items in the list in 23480 are all (except the military items) stated to be required for machinery we must assume that they are all covered by the Committee's recommendation.

I submit your drafts on this basis - of the 12/11. Subject we must I think cover till 1st Nov. & add that the local C<sup>o</sup> may be instructed to discriminate between the various indents, and, finally, to look at the matter from the standpoint of saving of fuel & transport under the national industrial law which would be an effective machinery of

various supplies.  
From the point of view of national importance I think we must decide whether or not, possibly,

(1) Supplies must be necessary for war production. We do not know yet that E.A. machinery required for food here.

to the greatest extent possible for the benefit of the community, & I have

written on the 14th to the effect that we must have a list of the machinery, & they will be required.

the rest must be referred to the local Committee. [It will be convenient to send them a copy of this list with the items in scope to be handled.]

Copy of complete to 14/11 sent for special consideration & provision accordingly.  
Copy of all to E.A. for info & guidance.  
6 Oct 1917

Done (2)

May 4th

1927.

# LAMBERTS LTD.

(NAIROBI).

23480  
5 MAY 17

55, SOUTHWARK STREET, LONDON, S.E.

C. Bottomley Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
Whitehall, S.W.

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Sir,

With reference to Mr. R. E. Lambert's interview on Wednesday  
April 18th, we herewith enclose a list of the Indents we have on hand  
at our Works in British East Africa, and which at the present time are  
held up for the reasons given in each instance.

We trust that in accordance with your promise made to Mr. Lambert  
we will endeavour to secure the necessary permission from the Ministry  
of Munitions, which will enable us to obtain the manufacture and  
shipment of these goods to British East Africa.

The Flax & Coffee Machinery is especially wanted because  
the Settlers have their crops growing and cannot put them on the London  
market unless they have the Machinery to prepare same. All Indents are  
urgently required so as to clear the crops, increase the Revenue, and  
provide tonnage for ships returning to England. In addition Maize is  
used as food in England, and the installation of the small amount of  
Machinery indented for will enable large shipments home.

At present a great many ships are only partly filled up on the  
return journey through lack of Machinery in British East Africa. The  
ships are going to waste and thus valuable Revenue lost. We urge that  
permission be granted to make and export these small Indents, provided the  
Ministry of Munitions and War Trade Department can possibly see their way  
to granting it, as the benefits obtained are so large in comparison to the  
cost of material involved.

Yours faithfully,

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF

L. A. ... Ltd.  
Secretary



- Indent No 141. 18/9/1916. 1 - 14" Sirdar Grinding Mill.  
 1 "Duffan" Hand Grinding Mill.  
 Ordered from E. R. & F. Turner, Ltd., Ipswich, but certificated work taking precedence, not yet completed.  
 Required for Grinding Maize, which is exported to England, for Food.
- A
- Indent No 143. 10/10/1916. † Ten Galvanized Flat Sheets, Unable to place order owing to refusal of Ministry of Munitions to grant certificates.  
 Needed for use in connection with Coffee Dryers.
- Indent No 140. 11/9/1916. 6 Screw Boss Pulleys, 8 x 8 x 2.  
 6 ditto do 8 x 4 x 2.  
 6 do do 8 x 8 x 2  
 6 do do 6 x 8 x 2  
 3 do do 24 x 4 x 2
- Indent No 143. 10/10/1916. 2 ditto do 12 x 6 x 3.  
 2 do do 18 x 6 x 3.  
 2 do do 18 x 8 x 3.  
 2 do do 24 x 6 x 3.  
 2 do do 24 x 6 x 3.  
 2 do do 28 x 6 x 3.  
 2 dozen Loose Collars.  
 All ordered from Smith & Grace, Ltd., Thrapston, but not completed yet, firm having to give precedence to certificated work.  
 Wanted for erection of Machinery for dealing with Flax, Coffee & Maize. (all of which are shipped to England).
- B
- Indent No 148. 7/12/1916. 1 Dozen Shafting Couplings, each 1½" 2" and 2½"  
 1 dozen lengths Wrought Iron Shafting each 1½" and 2½".  
 Ordered from C. F. Carver, Ltd., Alfred Street Mills, Nottingham, but not yet completed as War & Certificated Work take precedence.  
 Required for Coffee, Maize & Flax Machinery.
- B
- Indent No 140. 11/9/1916. 50 No 107 Axles, welded 2'8" between collars, ordered from Rigby's Wednesbury, Ltd., To be completed as soon as material and conditions permits.  
 Required for Congo Belgian Army Transport Carts.
- Indent No 149. 26/1/1917. 20 - 2½" Axles, Ordered from Rigbys under conditions as above.  
 Required for Transport Wagons for the British East African Expeditionary Force.
- A
- Indent No 149. do do A 2 sets Firebricks for Cupola, ordered from J. W. Jackman & Co, Ltd., Manchester, with permission from Director of Steel Production
- A
- necessary to carry on war work of all sorts in our boundary.

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Order No 150A 30/1/1917. (Ordered by Cable 13th Jan. 1917).

2 Coffee Drying Machines. (8 Ton each).

2 Coffee Peeling Machines.

2 Coffee Separators.

Order for 1 each of these placed with Messrs. John Gordon & Co, Dashwood House, New Bridge Street, E.C. who are manufacturing from material in stock, but require Priority Certificate to enable them to secure material to replace. Second lot cannot be ordered until Priority Certificate is granted. Application has been made by interview, through the Colonial Office, and by letter to the Ministry of Munitions for the necessary certificate (last date April 13th). but we are advised that this must come in the first instance before the Priority Certificate set up in East Africa, thus incurring another 15 or 16 weeks delay at the least. These goods are absolute essential to the settlers to enable them to gather the crop and place on the English and French Markets.

Order No 159. 26/2/1917.

2 Gross 2 x 1/2" Bright Hex Steel Bolts.

2 Gross 2 x 1/2" Bright Hex Set Screws.

Order cannot be placed as no manufacture can supply without a Class "A" or "B" Certificate. Required for Flax Machinery.

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Order 17th April.

16 Solid Pulleys, 33" x 4 1/2" ordered from Crofts Ltd., Engineers, Bradford, who require Ministry of Munitions Certificate before they can complete. Necessary for Flax Machinery.

CLAYTON & BOWEN, LONDON.  
Whitcomb Street, E.C. 4.  
Whitcomb Street, E.C. 4.

May 14th

1917.

# LAMBERTS LTD.

(NAIROBI).

55, SOUTHWARK STREET, LONDON, S.E.

V. C. Bottomley, Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
Whitcomb, S.W.

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Dear Sir,

With further reference to our letter to you of May 4th,  
we now have much pleasure in informing you that we have today  
received a cable from our East African Works, of which the following  
is a copy:-

"Priority Committee's recommendation received yesterday  
follows:- "Lamberts have the only Engineering Works in  
the Country is recommended all Indents required for  
maintenance of Machinery be allowed if such items are  
permissible signed Eastwood. Make every endeavour  
expedite position very serious. Lamberts. "

We hope this will be of assistance to you in your endeavours

on our behalf.

Yours faithfully,

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF

Lamberts Ltd.  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
Secretary

ent No. 141. 18/9/1916.

1 - 14" Sirdar Grinding Mill.  
1 "Umafan" Hand Grinding Mill.  
Ordered from F.R. & F. Turner Ltd., Ipswich, but certificated work taking precedence has not yet completed. Required for Grinding Mill, which is exported to England, for Food.

ent No. 140. 11/9/1916.

6	Screw	50's	Falleys,	8	x	8	x	2	1/2	Split
5	ditto		do	8	x	4	x	2		ditto
6	do		do	8	x	8	x	2		ditto
6	do		do	8	x	8	x	2		ditto
5	do		do	24	x	4	x	2		ditto
2	do		do	12	x	6	x	3		ditto
2	do		do	18	x	8	x	3		ditto
2	do		do	18	x	8	x	3		ditto
2	do		do	24	x	8	x	3		ditto
2	do		do	24	x	8	x	3		ditto
2	do		do	28	x	8	x	3		ditto

ent No. 143. 10/10/1916.

3 dozen Loose Collars.  
All ordered from Smith & Grace, Ltd., Thrapston, but not completed yet, firm have to give precedence to certificated work. Wanted for erection of Machinery for dealing with Flax, Coffee and Maise. (All of which are shipped to England).

ent No. 148. 7/12/1916.

1 Dozen shafting Couplings, each 1 1/2", 2" and 2 1/2"  
2 Dozen lengths wrought Iron Shafting each 1 1/2" and 2 1/2".  
Ordered from O.F. Carver, Ltd., Alfred Street Mills, Nottingham, but not yet completed as War and Certificated Work take precedence. Required for Coffee, Maise and Flax Machinery.

ent No. 149. 28/1/1917.

20 - 2 1/2" Axles, Ordered from Nibbs under conditions as above. Required for Transport Wagons for the British East African Expeditionary Force.

ent No. 149. 28/1/1917.

2 sets Firebricks for Cupola, ordered from F.V. Jackson & Co. Ltd., Manchester, with permission from Director of Steel Production. Necessary to carry on War Work of all sorts in our Country.



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18 May 1917

Dear Sir,

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I am directed by  
 Mr. Key: Long to acknowledge the  
 receipt of your letter of the  
 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of May,  
 and to inform you that  
 in view of the recommendations  
 of the Local Priority  
 Committee communicated

in the latter letter, he  
 is requesting the Minister  
 of Inventions to give  
 special consideration, if  
 possible, to the undersigned

Received by Mr. Key: Long, 22 May 1917

DRAFT

Mr. Lamberts Ltd

MINUTE.

Mr. Astor 16.5.17

Mr. Butler 16.5.17

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Read.

Mr. O. Pidd.

Mr. St. Maitland.

Mr. Long.

For copies  
 further minutes

which were detailed  
in your earlier letter

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BRUCE B. J. READ

May 19th

1917

# LAMBERTS LTD.

(NAIROBI),

55, SOUTHWARK STREET, LONDON, S.E.

C. Bottomley, Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
Whitehall, S.W.

*Ans'd 1/17  
Copy - [unclear]*

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Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your Office this morning Reference 23480/1917, regarding the Priority Committee's recommendation communicated to you on the 14th inst.

Will you kindly inform us whether we have now to send a list of our Indents direct to the Ministry of Munitions, or whether the list we handed you is sufficient for the purpose, as we are not quite clear on this point.

Apologising for again troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF

LAMBERTS LTD.

MANAGER

*Secretary*

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Dear Sir,

I have your letter of  
the 29<sup>th</sup> about the list of  
warrants which you sent  
to us in your letter of  
May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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We sent a copy of  
the list to the Ministry  
of Ammunition, so that  
they will know what  
orders are concerned, but  
I am afraid I do not  
know whether they will  
want anything further  
from you.

Perhaps it would be  
best if you were to ask  
the Ministry if they  
require any details other

than those given in the list  
enclosed to the Colonial  
Office letter of May 18<sup>th</sup>

Yours faithfully

W. C. S.

*SECRET*  
*PC*  
*1500*  
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May 23rd

1917

# LAMBERTS LTD.

(NAIROBI).

55, SOUTHWARK STREET, LONDON, S.E.

W. C. Bottomley, Esq.,  
The Colonial Office,  
Whitchall, S.W.

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Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst, for which we thank you.

As you suggest, we are writing the Ministry of Munitions, and trust we may soon receive the necessary certificates to enable us to secure Priority for our various orders.

Yours faithfully,

IN THE NAME OF  
LAMBERTS LTD

(NAIROBI)

*W. C. Bottomley*  
*Secretary*