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MR TALBOT'S CONCESSION  
COMPLAINT AGAINST NAIROBI ELECTRIC  
LIGHT AND POWER COY

30th June

Submits for consideration.

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Mr J. Zeller

see para 5 of our l<sup>r</sup> of the  
5<sup>th</sup> of June 13 (print with No 3) + para  
of the l<sup>r</sup> reply (print with No 3/13) -  
also Mr Talbot's l<sup>r</sup> of 27 Oct 13  
(No 3/1386)

and say that the matter has not been  
set right if in accordance with the  
representations which the l<sup>r</sup> + the Electric Co  
but that we do not know the exact nature  
of those representations at the present time  
but that we will make inquiry of the  
l<sup>r</sup> - a copy of same to the l<sup>r</sup> -  
for report 27<sup>th</sup> 14

Mr Butler  
27.14  
alone

J.R.  
27/14

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Mr Talbot's concession  
 complaint against Nairobi Electric  
 Light and Power Coy  
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East Africa Dept.

Copy of reply to R. I. Stewart

attached.

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copy.

Dowling Street,

3rd July, 1914.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th of June enclosing a statement as to the Nairobi Electric Light and Power Company. The question of the relations between Mr. Talbot and this Company has not been lost sight of in connection with the negotiations between the Government of the East Africa Protectorate and the Company. I am not aware of the exact position of these negotiations at the present time but I will make enquiry of the Governor of the Protectorate.

  
(Sd) E. HARCOURT.

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To The Right Honorable  
 The Colonial Secretary.

Dear Sir,

A friend of mine  
 who is managing the  
 Nairobi Estate, British  
 East Africa Agency  
 & being developed by Mr. Talbot  
 has asked me to bring  
 to your notice and invite  
 your consideration of a proposal  
 & insurance under which  
 Mr. Talbot is suffering  
 as explained in the

type written enclosure  
It looks as if the  
Nairobi Electric Light  
& Power Company are  
acting in a "dog in  
the manger" spirit - &  
thus hindering the  
development of the Country  
I shall feel obliged if  
you will kindly give  
the matter your consideration

Yours faithfully  
O. R. Spear

THE MAIN POINTS ARE THESE:-

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1. All water rights situated on the Marera Estate in the East African Protectorate should be vested in Mr. Talbot for the proper development of his Estate.
2. The Nairobi Electric Light & Power Co. were granted a concession of the falls and plot of land situated on this estate, under date July 26th, 1906, and these falls have been put to no practical use over a period of 8 years.
3. The Nairobi Electric Light & Power Co. are seeking a further concession, with a desire to increase their head of water, and thus gain extra power at their present generating station near Nairobi, the falls on Mr. Talbot's estate being therefore of no use to them.
4. That the East Africa Protectorate when considering the new concession toward the Nairobi E. L. & P. Co., should very earnestly consider the restoration of the falls, and the plot of land severed from the Estate, in view of the considerable development already undertaken, and the future outlay decided upon to bring the Sisal to the producing stage, added to the cost of installing machinery and obtaining power to drive same.
5. It is submitted that the East Africa Protectorate should give Mr. Talbot ~~the~~ authority over the severed plot of land falls by inserting a term, on which they grant a new concession to the Nairobi E. L. & P. Co., that the plot of land and falls be restored to Mr. Talbot's estate.
6. Prima facie the water power & plot of land should belong to the owner of the estate, and it is thus further submitted that the power and plot of land not having been made use of ever all these years, Mr. Talbot's estate should regain the benefit of these appurtenances, as left in the hands of 3rd. parties, who, while not requiring either power, or land, for their own undertakings, would be in the position of dictating their own

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terms to Mr. Talbot, the owner of the estate.

7. That a decision be arrived at shortly, in view of the fact that Mr. Talbot is about to erect a factory and requires the use of the falls and plot of land, to generate power for his machinery at a reasonable cost.