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on the Const. and he thought that this could he extended for other products by the agency-The reliable buyer of native produce system. for export is only interested in bulk consignments, and is prepared to give good prices for them. All that has to be done is to settle how these bulk collections can best The arrangements may have to be organized. vary from district to district. I entirely disagree with the expression of opinion from the Provincial Commissioners that it would be a mistake to eliminate the small native buyer generally the agent of an Indian shop keeper or trader. It would eventually be in the best interests of the growers - and these are what count - to do so. Wherit would be a mistake is that, at present, the growers would have no means for the disposal of their produce. the Provincial Commissioners think of regulated markets and provision for produce disposal will then have been made, and the smell itinerating purchaser - nearly always a cheat & will go and the grower secure a square deal. From what I saw of Kenya I came to the conclusion that the merketing of native-grown produce was the most important economic problem connected with native development, and when Sir Joseph Byrne asked for my views on his arrival I indicated that I felt that no Colony such as Kenya could hope to be economically sound unless the mass of its people (and not only the handful of 2,000 odd Europeans/in the Highlands) were prosperous

be increased. I indicated that I had expressed this view in several quarters in Kenya, and that it had been accepted and that there would be no suggestion of opposition to a policy of development in Native Reserves. I had seen satisfactory signs of increased crop production, but there were no indications that improvements in production were of material benefit to the producers. Improved maize, for instance, gets no better price than the inferior stuff, and is bought in-order that it may be mixed with the latter, and thereby tend to give some semblance of improvement of the whole. This is the work of the Indian middleman. I was also very struck, after my experience in Ceylon, with the absence of any attempt at organized marketing. In Coylon markets have been established in all districts by administrative officers from local funds. They may be weekly markets in temporary ouildings or sheds, or even in the open, or they may be daily markets. In the principal villages and small towns permanent buildings have been erected and considerable loans have been given for the Central Government to provide for the increase or such buildings. In some cases the markets are free, in others smell charges are made for only stall-holders who sell manufactured articles, whilst in others charges are made on all. They are all, however, regulated. In Africa generally one sees, as yet, nothing of this.

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This is a direction in which marketing wants improvement and requires attention even before consideration is given to the marketing of export products. At the same time, material development is not to be expected until the marketing of export products is better organized. How this can best be done will have to be worked out in Kenya itself, but what has already been done for cotton - even in parts of Kenya - might also be done for other export Cotton would never have developedproducts. as it has done if the organization of markets had not been attended to. Special cotton markets have been set up and cotton auctions have proved successful in certain countries. Co-operative marketing is being organized for cecso in the Gold Coast and might be worth considering for such # products as wattle in But conditions are not ripe in Kenya yet for any considerable extension of co-operation. If this is done a vast starr or supervisors will have to be engaged to supervise the movement, and practically (1.e. except in name) run the whole show. If detailed supervision is not given, the movement will make no progress. I indicated to Mr. Moore that I felt that cooperation was a dangerous tool to play with for native agriculture until there was some degree of organization evolved for general marketing of produce, and that co-operative organizations on

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for European agriculture. It is regularized

marketing facilities that the Kenya native producer

requires. - He does not want, nor can he make use

of, co-operative credit, and to start off with

co-operative marketing would be a mistake. It was

for these reasons that I advised Mr. Moore that I

doubted whether the expenditure for a visit from

Mr. Strickland would, at this stage, be justified.

South-African lines were what was being worked up

The Ministry of Agriculture has a marketing branch and an Administrative officer from Kenya could there see what is being done in this country to effectively improve the marketing of agricultural produce, and can gather details of the development through the ages of the British system of marketing of agricultural produce. He can visit some of the organizations in the country concerned with the marketing of fruit and vegetables. He can also secure from the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation and Cotton Growers Association details of the various systems of marketing of cotton.

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10th August, 1931.

My dear Parkinson,

Mr. Moore - who has just departed on leave - hefore he left asked me to acknowledge your letter Ho.17073/31, and to thank you for sending Stockdale's memorandum on native marketing. This will be dealt with orrioially in a despatch in due course.

2. In the meantime the whole subject is receiving a great deal or attention but it is not easy to arrive at. a very definite policy. One school of thought advises co-operation as the panacea and another tells us that co-operation if it is to be successful must rollow the establishment of a system of controlled marketing. The native material with which we have to deal is averse from being dragooned into submission to any regulations for limiting or controlling marketing operations and infinitely prefers to sell its produce when and to whom and how it likes. nere and there we can see the beginnings of co-operative effort but the majority of our natives are instinctively (and not unjustifiably) so suspicious of each other's integrity that I am not very sanguine of any tangible results in the immediate future.

nowever, we will send an official despatch of some sort in the fullness of time. I am hopeful that we may at least achieve something in the way of marketing hides.

Yours sincerely,

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MAJOR A.C.C.PARKINSON, C.M.G., O.B.E., COLONIAL OFFICE, LONDON.

17073/31/Kenya. C. O. Bastwood. 18 S.O. for Mr. Parkinson's signature. Colon Downing Street Sir C. Bottomley. 23 .6 . J. Sir J. Shuckburgh. 30^HJune, 1931. Sir G. Grindle. Permt. U.S. of S. Parly. U.S. of S. Secretary of State. 'My dear Moore, This is to accompany DRAFTS for conion H. M. M. MOORR, ESQ., C. M. G. the Secretary of State's despatch No. 457 of the late about the thoulation 1 nature granther, 1 the development of marketing organization for native produce. The question does not sem to be so much one for co-operative marketing (in the technical sense of "co-operative") as for the improved organisation in marketing. were interested to/see in this connection that one of the points made by the native witnesses in thei memorandum to the Secretary of Stat was that there should be better stor storage facilities and godowns for native

native produce at the railway stations, A despatch will be coming to you shortly about these memoranda, copies of which have already been sent out. The real object of this letter is to send you a copy of a minute by Stockdale. Milaugh otated in the despatch, the Secretary of State does not propose to write at length about marketing organisation pending the further repert promised in the Governor's despatch No, 236 of the 29th April, we have obtained but he thought that you should see at once brelininas 1 il Leurs do walk this minute of Stockdale's in view of the to let you have at mice fact that he does not agree with the opinion a copy of his of the Provincial Commissioners as etated Intrict Especial as in paragraph 6 of the Covernorte despatch. he Esting diagness that it would be a mistake to eliminate the Who is Econoald this small native buyer, We feared that unless you know of this opinion you might be set or trader 0 ting to work on lines which the Secretary of State would be unable to approve. L hope there may be no long delay

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GOVERNMENT House,

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6 FEB 1931 COL. OFFIGE 14th January, 1931.

I have the honour to confirm my telegram

My Lord,

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No. 9 of the 7th January, 1931, in which I informed Your Lordship that as a result of consultation with Mr.

Stockdale I desired to cancel my telegram No. 449 of the 24th December, 1930, which proposed that arrangements should be made for Mr. Strickland to visit this Colony on the conclusion of his tour in Zanzibar.

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2. Your despatch No. 877 of the 8th November arrived within a week of the debate on the Report of the Select Committee on the 1931 Estimates in the course of which special attention was drawn to the desirability of improving marketing conditions in the Native Reserves.

In fact, Government was reproached by Elected Members for not having pursued a more effective and progressive policy in this direction. Quite apart from this criticism of Government, the question of improving the marketing con-

ditions of native produce is one which I consider deserves close consideration, and for this reason I welcomed the opportunity which appeared to be offered by Mr. Strickland's visit to Zanzibar of obtaining expert advice on the subject.

Subsequently.....

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,

DOWNING STREET.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

LONDON, S. J. 1.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

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ACTING GOVERNOR.

Subsequently, however, to the despatch of my telegram of the 24th December I took advantage of Mr. Stockdale's presence here to discuss the whole question with him. He explained to me that in his opinion Mr. Strickland sexperience and knowledge, which was primarily based on Indian conditions, would be of especial value where the problem to be faced was the provision of improved credit facilities, but that he doubted whether his advice would be of equal value in Kenya conditions, where the immediate problem was rather the organization of markets than the provision of credit. In these circumstances I came to the conclusion that in view of the present financial stringency the Government would not be justified in incurring expenditure on a project, the successful issue of which was open to doubt, and considered the better course to adopt would be to arrange for some selected administrative officer to make a special study of marketing conditions during his next leave. In this connexion I should be glad to be informed whether the Ministry of Agriculture at home would be able to render any assistance in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Dry luthore.

ACTING GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Golonies to the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya.

(Sent 5.30 p.m., 2nd January, 1931)

No. 2.

Your telegram of 51st December. No.456.

No action taken. Desirable I should know your wishes at earliest possible date after 5th January when Strickland will be back from America.

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