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From
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Date
10th September 1924.

For CIRCULATION :-
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Secretary of State.

LOAN FOR SUGAR DEVELOPMENT.

Request information as to prospects of a loan under Trade Facilities Act being sanctioned

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MINUTES within

Mr Bottomley

Mr. C. N. M. Harrison, a settler near Ruiri, & a representative of the people now growing sugar in those parts, called this morning. He people have written to him saying that the mauritians have applied for a lease of 20,000 acres (out of a native reserve) for growing sugar & that the Gov. is backing the proposal. I stated position as we knew it as in your name all written & ~~made~~ made it clear that we had not

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heard of the alleged scheme
for a grant of land. I
suggested that he should
write telling us what he
had heard & asking that
if such a scheme came
under consideration he might
have an opportunity of
stating his case.

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but. I do not want
in advance of the facts.

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Mr. Henderson
Pl. see on 27197 & my
minutes on 35662.
I reply that the scheme referred to
was ~~examined~~ examined here & that it
was found not to be within the
provisions of the T. F. Act & that the
only possibility would be under
the Ottawa Trade (Credit &
Finance) Act, by which the
B. of T. are empowered to give
credit to the suppliers of machinery
in this country for use overseas.
I do know that it is
understood unofficially that
the scheme has been abandoned.

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DERBY, 10th September, 1924.

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PLEASE WRITE Sales IN THE DERBY

The Rt. Hon J.H. Thomas, M.P.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
LONDON-S.W. 1.

Dear Sir,

We understand that a group of people from Mauritius interested in the Sugar industry have recently visited Kenya Colony and have made a proposal to commence what may very well prove to be a very large and profitable business for the Colony, to lay down a Central Sugar Factory providing the assistance of the Imperial Government by way of a loan under the Trades Facilities Act can be obtained. Being specialists in the design and construction of this kind of plant and having just supplied a modern plant to Uganda very much in advance of any of the existing equipment for this purpose, we are naturally very interested in this matter and we should be glad of any information you can afford us as to the prospects of the scheme going through and who are the leading parties in the concern.

Thanking you in anticipation,

We are, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

J.R. Roberts
DIRECTOR

LR/KC

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Deering Street

12th September, 1924

Dear Sir,

In Mr. Thomas' absence in South Africa I ventured to open your letter of the 10th September. I have been making enquiries and I find that the scheme referred to was examined here and that it was found not to be within the conditions of the Trade Facilities Act and that the liability would be under the Oversea Trade (Credit and Insurance) Acts, by which the Board of Trade are empowered to give credits to the suppliers of machinery in the country for use overseas. I would add, however, that it is understood unofficially that the scheme has been abandoned.

Yours faithfully,

F. Roberts, Esq.

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