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Secretary of State

Previous Paper

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ASTRONOMICAL EXPEDITION TO FATTER ISLAND.

Fwd's memo showing climatic conditions and furnish general information regarding the Island.

8 JULY 1925

Then I was the things in hand
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sentance of all the research
and so on

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(should be to see the research
from historical investigation
they may make out. but I suppose
we cannot very well ask)

Subsequent Paper

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affairs

There can be no objection to
communicating to you the Office, in

of who do I think it would be legitimate to add
to T.O.T. [presumably that, in the event I may
such investigation after ^{any} time carried, the authorities
of the Police were to be prepared to communicate
the results to the P.D.C.B.]

~~processes a copy of each of these papers
and the following will be done accordingly:~~

10th July 1916

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[I enclose for the benefit of other readers of these papers]

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA

19 JUN 25

12th May, 1925.

SIR,

Memorandum.

With reference to your despatch No. 247 of
17th March transmitting a copy of a letter from
Mr. J. A. Miller of Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania,
I have the honour to forward a memorandum showing
climatic conditions in the neighbourhood of Patte.
January is generally a dry month and although no
observations of cloud conditions have been recorded
it may be confidently stated that the atmospheric
conditions at Patte during that month are likely to be
very good.

2. The Island of Patte is only a short distance
from Lamu whence it can be conveniently reached by dhow.
Malaria is prevalent in parts of the Island but the
Arab town of Faza is reasonably healthy and it contains
a good stone house the upper storey of which this
Government would be pleased to place at the disposal
of the expedition. If Faza is considered to be
unsuitable there is a healthy camping ground at Mtangu
Wanga in the South west of the Island where temporary
huts could be erected for about £25.

3. Supplies of timber and lime can be purchased
at /

RIGHT HONOURABLE
M. COL. L.C.M.S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
LONDON, S.W.1

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4. It is worthy of note that Pate is one of the most interesting islands on the East African coast and contains the ruined cities of Pate and Tundwa, the former of which was at one time the capital of Arab civilization in Eastern Africa. The Island is famous also as the home of the "Muzems," the gernships mentioned in the Periplus of the Erythrean Sea and described in detail by Marco Polo; the methods which the latter found at Ormuz in the 13th century are identical with those employed at Pate at the present day.

5. The early history of the cities of Pate is little known and I am of opinion that the Island would repay investigation by qualified historians and antiquarians.

The promoter of a scientific expedition to Pate would probably be glad to know of the historic interest of the island and might be inclined to send a qualified man to explore the ruined cities. I can offer an assurance that such a visit will be welcomed and that every possible assistance will be afforded.

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Sir.

Your most obedient, humble servant,

M. J. A. Hain.

ACTING GOVERNOR.

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Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

W. J. Graham

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P.O. BOX NO. 525

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NAIROBI. 28th April, 1928.

The Hon'ble Acting Colonial Secretary.

Re: ISLAND OF PAPUARe: Your No. FO 2300/4 of 26th Inst.

Reference the above and enclosures, the following climatic conditions, as recorded at Lamu (adjoining Patta), are submitted:-

All figures refer to the month of January.

Temperature.

Average maximum shade temperature,
Minimum " "
(period 11 years).

87° F.
75° F.

Extreme shade maximum recorded,
Minimum "
(period 1914-1924).

90° F.
70° F.

Humidity.

Dry bulb	63.4
wet "	75.8
Deg. of wet "	43
Vapour pressure	.300 ins.
Humidity (saturated 100)	97%

(Applied 6 years, readings 9 a.m.)

Rainfall.

Average precipitation over a period of 17 years, 0.15 in.
Reference to period 1914-1924 (11 years) shows
that no rain was recorded for January in 9 years.
1.09 ins. in 1917.
1.53 " 1921.

No observations of cloud (cumulus or form) have been
made at Lamu Station.

The above figures, combined with the remarks of the senior
Commissioner, Coast Province, would indicate that conditions
on Lamu Archipelago at the period of polio should be most
favourable for observations.

S. G. Allen

JG/FJ.

STATISTICAL OFFICER.

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June 15

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for 26.7.2.02

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Mr. Secretary
Sir J. G. Grey
Sir D. Grenville
Sir J. Alderson Bt
Mr. Ormeau Gove

DRAFT:



8 June

A. Miller Esq. with ref to the letter from
the Office of the 16th April
referring to the proposal of the
Burmahine College to send
an expedition to Malacca
to secure a total collection of birds
of the Island. It appears that the
proposal was made in consequence
of reading a memo. showing
the climatic conditions of the
island, of which a copy is
enclosed. I enclose also a copy
of self foot of Kenya

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of cloud conditions have
been recorded, it may be
confidently stated that the
~~atmospheric~~ conditions at
Port Moresby during that month
are likely to be very good.
~~for a month~~
~~is indicated by the~~
~~climate of Port Moresby~~
is at a distance from Fama
whence it can be conveniently
reached by shore. Malins
is prevalent in parts of the
island but the Arab town
of Faga is reasonably healthy
and it contains a good hospital.

shore the upper part of
which the N.W. of the town will
be pleased to place at the
disposal of the Captain.
If this is considered to be
convenient there is a
rafting camp found
at Mungo Wanga in the
W. of the island where
timber which could be
erected for about £0.5-
Supplier of timber & lime
can be purchased at Tamu
lime can be obtained
at Mungo Wanga & transported
by Native
3. The staff
It is worthy of note that
Native is one of the most intelligent