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concession involving so large an area it is an essential preliminary to further discussion that the Secretary of State should be fully satisfied both with regard to your financial ability to carry through the undertakings contained in the concession, and as to the prospect of your success in obtaining suitable labour in the necessary quantity.

I am, etc.

DOWNING STREET

June, 1921

Handwritten note: Suspended pending reply to the Baron

DRAFT

KENYA

M. W. Northey.

Sir,

With reference to my

MINUTE. (22796/21)

despatch No 833 of the 20th May, regarding Baron de Warntreu's application on behalf of the East Africa Trading Company for a concession in Tangaland, I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration the enclosed copy of the letter from Baron de Warntreu.

Mr. Battersby 2/6/21.

Mr. Bottomley 3.6.21

Mr. G. P. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. G. P. ...

Mr. Wood

Mr. Churchill

Mr. ... to see as to ... labour.

Stamp: Received by the Secy. of State 20th May 1921

Handwritten: To Baron de Warntreu (after interview)

You will observe from this letter that Baron de Warntreu now proposes to work the concession with native African labour, and suggests that the labourers immediately required not exceeding 5,000 should be recruited in Tangaland or Tanganyika, and that further labourers to the number of 5,000 to 10,000 should be recruited later in Liberia and Portuguese African Possessions. I understand that as far as Tanganyika is concerned the

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the proposal is impracticable, but I shall be glad to have your observations as to their feasibility generally, and in particular whether, in the event of there being any surplus of local labour available, there are other works of public utility to which the labour could be directed with greater advantage in the Colony. Assuming that you are satisfied as to the great probability of the concessionaires being able to obtain suitable labour, it would not appear reasonable to refuse to grant any concession until they actually proved themselves able to procure the labour, as they could hardly be in a position to furnish such proofs until the concession was granted. But on the other hand, I do not think that the Government should, at the end of three or six months, if it is sufficient, it should, I suggest, be made a condition of the concession that it should become null and void unless within a certain limited period, say, twelve months from the grant of the concession the Company proved themselves able to procure labour acceptable to the Colonial Government and unless within a further limited period, say, 6 months they actually procured a defined number of labourers. I shall be glad to have your views on this suggestion, and if you favour it, as to the length of the periods and the number of labourers to be inserted in the concession.

Unless

Unless, however, you are satisfied that there is some reasonable prima facie likelihood of the concessionaires being able to procure suitable labour, I cannot approve of any further steps being taken with regard to the concession.

3. If it is decided (subject of course to satisfactory information as to the financial position of the applicants) to proceed with the concession there are certain points with regard to its proposed terms which appear to me to require further consideration:-

(i) I understand that the proposal is to grant to the Syndicate 1,500 square miles, exclusive of native rights, the cost of survey of which is to be borne by the concessionaires, that is, the gross area of 1,500 square miles is subject to the deduction of the area over which natives have rights, and no promise is to be made as to giving compensation elsewhere for the area excluded as being covered by native rights, such as has given trouble in other cases. I approve this method of procedure.

(ii) Though the requirement to spend £500,000 in the first two years may be regarded ^{as} excessive, I regard

rent of ten cents per acre laid down in the Ordinance. Under Section 6 (1) of the Ordinance the Governor has power, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State to grant land on any terms and conditions that he may think fit.

(v) I cannot agree to the proposal to lock up indefinitely a further area of 1,500 square miles, and I think that this condition should be deleted. The area now applied for is very large and should be ample for the requirements of the Company.

(vi) The promoters' proposals for navigation, contained in the letter to the Land Officer of September 10th 1920, appear to require examination, in view of the report on the river of which a copy was enclosed in the Earl of Elgin's despatch No. 568 of the 18th of October, 1907.

4. I shall be glad if you will send me a brief expression of your views by telegraph in answer to this despatch.

I have &c.,

regard to its proposed terms which appear to me to require further consideration:-

(i) I understand that the proposal is to grant to the Syndicate 1,500 square miles, exclusive of native rights, the cost of survey of which is to be borne by the concessionaires; viz. ^{that the survey area} ~~grant of a definite area, minus native rights, and no promise to be made as to~~

^{being} giving compensation elsewhere for the area excluded as covered by native rights, such as has given trouble in other cases. I approve this method of procedure.

(ii) Though the requirement to spend £500,000 in the first ^{two} years may be regarded as excessive I should like to see ^{at least} the concessionaires would be required to spend ^{some} definite amount within the first two years, and I ^{shall} be glad to be favoured ^{with} your observations as to the amount. If the applicants ^{intend to} ~~intend to~~ ^{take the} ~~take the~~ ^{long term} ~~long term~~ they cannot object to such a stipulation.

(iii) I am not quite clear as to the form of lease proposed, but I ^{understand} ~~understand~~ that the intention is to grant a special lease for the first ten years under the terms of Section 6 (1) of part 2 of the Crown Lands Ordinance of 1915, to be followed by an ordinary agricultural lease under the terms of part 4 of the Ordinance at the end of that

that period. I ~~shall~~ be glad to receive further information on this point.

(iv) I do not understand why the Govt. should not attempt to derive any revenue from the undertaking during the first five years. I agree that the suggestion that the Govt. should take ~~5%~~ ^{of all genuine profits is not desirable}, but there seems no reason why some rent should not be imposed, either a fixed rate on the whole area or ^{the} ordinary rate of ten cents per acre for each acre occupied and utilized. In this connection, I do not understand the statement in Mr. Martin's memorandum of the 21st Nov. that the Govt. has no power to alter the rate of rent of ten cents per acre laid down in the Ordinance. Under Section 6 (1) of the Ordinance the Governor has power, subject to the approval of the S. of S., to grant land on any terms and conditions that he may think fit.

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I am, etc.

*in the letter to
Lord Alton of Liverpool
1900, also to
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of October 1900*

Communications on this subject
should be addressed to—

Tax Office, Treasury or Exchequer,
Custodian Office,

London, S.W.3.

and the following
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DOWNING STREET,

June, 1921.

Handwritten signature
Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary
Gurnahill to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 20th May, submitting new
proposals for the provision of labour in
connection with the concession in Tangland,
for which you have made application on behalf
of the East-African Trading Company.

2. Mr. Gurnahill is in consultation
with the Governor of Kenya on the matter, and
a further letter will be addressed to you as
soon as possible.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: H. J. Head

ARON DE WAHRTREU,

MANAGING DIRECTOR,

EAST AFRICA TRADING COMPANY.

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Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) H. J. READ.

ARON DE WAHRTREU,

MANAGING DIRECTOR,

EAST AFRICA TRADING COMPANY.

at the time) telephoned or
the (19th) of August that
the R.S. T.H. & Co. had
written to my father (father)

(1) Henry (Aug 20th)

(1) John of D. & Co. had
inquired but that he would
very well carry on his
work as part of his
advising duties in
19 years.

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coming to me on Friday
as proposed at the
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at the time) telephoned on
the 18th of June 1944
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in the vicinity of the (other)

(1) survey (by 3° 20')

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road as part of the
adjoining estate in
Lyons.

Prof. Simpson said the
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T. G. White company

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see annex (2) 25/3/44
from Lt. Port. who is
coming to see me on Friday
as proposed & only

W.D.

In the presence
of the Board

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John W. G. moved what
Dr. Bepphame, Sec. of the
Soc. did me yesterday: -

(1) The Resolution was moved
through precipitately
& prematurely

(2) It is absolutely
unjust to Prof. Simpson
& said it was, as all
concerned said so thro'
the Sec.

(3) The Council is going
to consider through
the meeting - a matter
the Prof. Simpson
insisted to wind his
own business.

Of course Dr. Bepphame
agrees that we must
sell the letter as
proposed

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J.R.

26/1/71

W. H. H. H. H.
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how like to meet what
Dr. H. H. H., Sec. Y. H.
Sec., etc. me yesterday: -

(1) The Resolution was reached
through precipitately
spontaneously

(2) It is absolutely
vital for Prof. Simpson
to send it to us, as all
concerns are for this
the Sec?

(3) The Council is going
to concede through
the airport - a transfer
till Prof. Simpson
imposes to mind his
own business

Of course Dr. H. H. H.
agrees that we must
act. The letter was
prepared

all
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J. H.
26/1/4

to Mr. [unclear]
to [unclear]

from the [unclear] what
Dr. [unclear], the [unclear]
see, [unclear] me yesterday.

(1) The Resolution was pushed
through precipitately
& prematurely

(2) It is absolutely
impossible for Prof. [unclear]
to send it [unclear] as will
concern [unclear] for this
the [unclear]

(3) The Council is going
to consider & discuss
the [unclear] & [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

Of course Dr. [unclear]
agrees that we must
act [unclear] in all [unclear]
proposed

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J. R.

26/1/21

25th May, 1921.

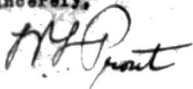
Dear Sir Herbert,

Perhaps you will remember that some little time ago I spoke to you about the work which had been done by Doctor Marshall in connection with Trypanosomiasis and suggested that this deserved some encouragement.

There was, as you have of course noticed in the "Times" a meeting of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine, at which a paper on his method and the results obtained was read and discussed. Although one or two members were inclined to criticise it unfavourably, yet, in my judgment, the results are sufficiently good to render it advisable that a further investigation should be carried out, and this was the general feeling of the meeting. As an investigation would, of course, involve Doctor Marshall being taken off his ordinary routine work and a certain amount of laboratory apparatus and assistants and so on would be needed, the Tropical Diseases Prevention Committee are prepared to give a sum of £5,000 towards the expenses of this investigation for the first year, and would probably be able to find more if necessary.

Do not you think that this matter might now be seriously considered? If it is not done in one of our Colonies it is pretty certain to be taken up by the Belgian Government and carried out by them, and I think this would be a pity. Could I possibly come and have a talk with you some time this week on the matter? I have asked that a definite scheme should be drawn up with an approximate estimate of the expenditure.

Yours sincerely,



Herbert Read, E.C.M.G.,
Assistant Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street.

11, Chandos Street

Caversham, Bucks. Station W.S.

May 21

1921

Sir Herbert

As President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene I have the honour of forwarding to you for the information of the Society of State for the Colonies a copy of a resolution which was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Council of the Society, on Friday May 20th after careful consideration of the matter referred by Dr Marshall with his kind request of Professor Macleod. In doing so I desire to state that the information contained in the paper by Dr Marshall is fully confirmed by further investigation, has a very important bearing on the health of the African people not only from the point of view of treatment but also of prevention of the disease. Such confirmation would no doubt result in measures being adopted which from the humanitarian aspect would confer an incalculable benefit on the African population and would at the same time be of the greatest economical value.

It is the opinion of the Council of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene that the widest facilities should be afforded for a thorough investigation, on a large scale of the venereal diseases just referred in the very interesting paper read before tonight by Dr Marshall of Uganda.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient servant
W. J. Simpson

11, Chandos Street,

Cavendish Square, London W.1.

May 21st 1926

Sir Herbert Read.

As President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene I have the honour of forwarding to you for the information of the Society of State for the Colonies a copy of a resolution which was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Fellows of the Society, on Friday May 20th after very considerably the results obtained by Dr Marshall with his treatment of trypanosomiasis. In doing so I desire to state that the experiments presented by Dr Marshall in his paper, if amply confirmed by further investigations, have a very important bearing on the health of the African people not only from the point of view of treatment but also of prevention of African trypanosomiasis. Such confirmation would no doubt result in measures being adopted which from the humanitarian aspect would confer an incalculable benefit on the African population and would at the same time be of the greatest economical value.

The resolution is as follows

That in the opinion of this meeting of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene the widest facilities should be afforded for a thorough investigation, on a large scale, of the remedial measures put forward in the very interesting paper read before tonight by Dr Marshall of Uganda.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant

W. J. Simpson

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DRAFT.

27 May 1921

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I have to ask the rest of

your letter of the 21st May,

enclosing a resolution passed

by the Royal Society of Tropical

Medicine and Hygiene on the

subject of the treatment of

trypanosomiasis by Dr C. H.

President
Royal Society of
Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
MINUTE.

- Dr. J. Well 26.5.21
- Dr. P. ...
- Dr. ...
- Dr. ...
- Dr. ...
- Dr. ...
- Dr. ...

For the
Minutes

Marshall, Senior Medical Officer, Alameda

2. Dr. Marshall's paper on the

subject has already been brought to

the notice of the S. P. S. ~~of the~~
S. P. S.

(3) / resolution of the Society is not
passed by the
Society as usual

RECORDED L. J. HEAD