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WATTLE BARK INDUSTRY ORDINANCE  
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There was a big discussion about the  
wattle industry - becoming one of the  
most important ones of the country & we  
ought to do all that we can to protect  
it. The reasons for the crusade against  
the C.A.'s report & the concern  
you should also see what is said at  
p. 105 of Mr. Hutchins' Report in the  
Journal of B.S.A. [Ch. 4773].  
Sanction D.F. ?

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Imperial Institute of Inf. 1773?

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

June 13th 1912.

No. 406

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith two authenticated and ten printed copies of The Wattle Bark Industry Ordinance 1912 as passed by the Legislative Council on the 29th ultimo, together with an explanatory Memorandum by the Attorney General.

2. I have assented to the Ordinance in the name of His Majesty.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

THE WATTLE BARK INDUSTRY ORDINANCES, 1912.

OPINION REPORT.

1. This Ordinance has been passed in the interest of the Wattle Bark Industry at the request of the owners of Black Wattle Plantations and on the recommendation of the Director of Agriculture.

2. The Ordinance by Section 2 prohibits the planting of the silver wattle tree, which, owing to the risk of cross-fertilization with the black wattle tree, may injuriously affect a black wattle plantation. It is generally admitted that the silver wattle tree is of little value, and that no person will be unduly prejudiced by the prohibition.

3. The Ordinance further makes provision to enable Rules to be issued providing for the inspection and grading of bark prior to export, and for regulating the harvesting and sale of black wattle seed.

4. In my opinion the Ordinance is a proper Ordinance to be enacted in this Protectorate in the interests of an important industry and may be assented to and published without previous submission to the Secretary of State.

1912.  
May, 1912.



CROWN ADVOCATE.

THE WATTLE BARK INDUSTRY ORDINANCE, 1912.

Section 1.  
Short Title.

Section 2.  
Definition  
of the "Silver  
Wattle"  
prohibited.

Penalty.

See paragraph 2 of the Report.

Section 3.

Authority to  
destroy trees  
planted or  
grown after  
date of  
Ordinance.

This section authorises the destruction by an Officer of the Agricultural Department of any silver wattle trees planted or grown after the date of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance does not provide for the destruction of trees in existence at the date of the Ordinance.

Should it be shown that the owners of such trees refuse to destroy them when requested and when offered reasonable compensation by the person desiring their destruction, it may be necessary to amend the Ordinance so as to provide for the destruction of a tree in existence at the date of the Ordinance, compensation being paid to the owner of the tree by the person desiring the destruction.

Section 4.

Power to  
make Rules  
regulating  
the wattle  
industry.

The owners of wattle plantations are anxious that bark shall be inspected, graded, and branded by the Government prior to export, in order that the reputation of the bark produced in the Protectorate may not be injured by a consignment of inferior bark being placed on the market as East African bark.

This Section enables the Governor to make Rules requiring such inspection, grading, and branding and to prescribe the fees to be paid for the same by the exporter.

The Section further enables the Governor to make Rules regulating the harvesting, importation and sale of seed with a view to prevent the planting of trees which may produce bark of an inferior quality.

Section 5.

Power to  
make  
Regulations.

Section 6.

Interpretation.