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exceeding two months at a time.

2. In reply I am to inform you that the assurance which Mr. Gosling is stated to have given to you is one of which Mr. Harcourt cannot approve, and that the Government must reserve the right to station its officers wherever the exigencies of the service may require. In these circumstances it is unnecessary to refer to Mr. Gosling as you suggest, and the assurance to which you refer should be regarded as cancelled and should not be communi-
intention
cated to Sir Patrick Manson.

I am, etc.,

W. J. READ

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Lord Delamere states that he would not in any way prevent proposals being carried out, & asks if Sir Percy Girouard is prepared to arrange the proposition or terms to be agreed upon.

W. J. Read

I do not understand this letter. In our letter of the 27th of December on Gov/4481 we told Mr Kinchin that, after consulting the Governor, Mr Harcourt was satisfied that the proposals made by Mr Kinchin in regard to the erection of a Grain Elevator at Kilindini did not offer any basis on which negotiations could be carried on. In his letter of the 29th of December (41564) Mr Kinchin replied that he noted the Governor's views regarding his proposals, but that he hopes to answer this fully at a later date. Since then our only correspondence with him has been with reference to a missing plan, which has now been found and returned to him.

It is not obvious how Mr Kinchin's negotiations for the purchase of a plot held by Lord Delamere affect his previous proposals, or indeed affect the Government at all. I understood Sir P. Girouard to say the other day that Mr Kinchin is endeavouring by hook or by crook to acquire a position in this matter which will practically compel the Government to give him

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him some sort of concession for the erection of an Elevator.
It behoves us, therefore, to walk warily in the matter.

Unless Sir P. Girouard has any other suggestion to
make, I would reply that the acquisition of a site at Kilindini
does not appear to render any more acceptable the other pro-
posal, which ^{was} originally put forward for the erection of a
Grain Elevator.

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I agree

to go

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Conceded to P.J. High agree

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Sir P. Girouard agrees, but thinks that we
might also ask the O. A. G. for a report
(without saying so to Mr. Kinchen, of course).

Drafts herewith.

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15 Gordon Street,

GLASGOW, 28th. June, 1912.

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To The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
LONDON, S.W.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of 27th. December 1911,
and mine of 29th. December.

After my return from Africa, my Principals had
a meeting with the Right Honourable Lord Delamere with
regard to the option on a plot of land held by him and
colleagues at Kilindini. His Lordship stated that he
would not in any way prevent our proposals being carried
out, and I now write to ask if Sir Percy Girouard is
prepared to arrange the proposition, on terms to be agreed
upon.

Lord Delamere also stated that he would
communicate with you in the matter before his departure to
Africa.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

James G. Mitchell

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Downing Street,

16 July 1902

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DRUMMOND KINCHIE, ESQ.

Sir,

MINUTE

- Mr. Butler 11th July.
- Mr. Reed 12
- Mr. Fiddes 12 *fy*
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Esmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of June relating to proposals made by you for the erection of a grain elevator at Kilindini in the East Africa Protectorate.

2. It does not appear to Mr. Harcourt that the acquisition by you of a site at Kilindini renders any more ^{acceptable} available the other proposals which you have made from time to time for the erection of an elevator.

I am, etc.,

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Downing Street,

16 July, 1912.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

(Confidential)

The Officer Administering
the Government of
the East Africa Protectorate.

MINUTE.

Mr. Butler 11th July.

Mr. Reed *12*

Mr. St. John *R/S*

Sir H. J. J.

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Bannockburn

Mr. Harcourt

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Sir,

With reference to previous
correspondence, I have the honour to
transmit to you a copy of a letter
from Mr. P. Drummond Kinchin relating
to his proposals for the erection of a
grain elevator at Kilindini, and a copy
of the reply which has been sent to
him by my directions.

2. I do not understand Mr.

Kinchin's reference to his option on

Kinchin. 28th of June.
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Mr. Kinchin. *16 July.*
(Draft Harcourt)

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