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States why it was desired that the Prot. should be represented. An invitation to participate in the International Rubber Exhibition 1914 was declined. It is now understood that it is proposed to hold an Imperial Exhibition in London in 1915. If this is correct consider project of participating in 1914 Exhibition should be abandoned. Request sanction and that Secy of 1914 Exhibition may be informed.

General Dept

Do you know anything of <sup>what</sup> proposal to hold an Exhibition in 1915?

H. J. R.

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Mr. Read

See 29333 <sup>1225</sup> & previous papers

Herewith

2/10/13

You asked me for my views upon this despatch. You will see from <sup>BM</sup> 29333 that we have decided to discourage altogether the proposed Imperial Exhibition of 1915.

You will also notice from <sup>116</sup> 17353 that we have mildly encouraged the Tropical Products Exhibition which it is proposed to hold in 1914, but, even in this case, we have

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actually discouraged certain governments from spending money on their representation; in the *Manchester* see Mr. Allison 211447 *Gambia*

The current opinion of the Board of Trade is that special Exhibitions are much more likely to do good than general Exhibitions, and, as between the two Exhibitions above mentioned I have no doubt that the Products Exhibition is likely to be of the most value to any Protectorate. If the East Africa Protectorate is very keen on advertising itself in a particular Exhibition I should advise their doing it in the Tropical Products Exhibition of which Mr Manders is the organising manager, and unless ~~it is~~ <sup>it is</sup> of ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup> importance I would not too greatly discourage the ~~East Africa~~ Protectorate from taking part in that particular Exhibition.

So the reply to this Prop. would be - let the 1911 Exhibit alone or if you wish to exhibit, go to the *Cable to Tropical Products Exhibit* next year.

Mr. J. F. Fisher

C.A.H.  
8 Oct 13

Very little cotton + rubber come from the East Africa but I suppose that we may agree to <sup>propose</sup> the ~~expense~~ <sup>expense</sup> of the small sum of £250 on the 1914 Exhibition.

H. J. R.

Mr. Barington very little about it, essentially. I shall regard the proposal as having any money left to be used between employees.

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ask how his estimate of £250 is arrived at.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

September 4th 1913.

No. 696

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 219 of the 19th of March on the subject of the representation of the East Africa Protectorate at the Cotton, Fibre, Tropical Products and Allied Trades Exhibition in June 1914.

2. The points raised by you were fully discussed with the Director of Agriculture, who was able to satisfy Mr. Belfield that not only was there a general desire among the community that this Protectorate should be represented and that products such as rubber, sisal, cotton, coffee, wattle, wool, flax, &c. should be forwarded for exhibition, but that this result could be achieved at the comparatively small expenditure of £250. Mr. Belfield accordingly issued instructions for the insertion of this sum for consideration in the draft Estimate for 1914-15, and it was intended to address you again on the subject if the proposal met with the approval of the Legislative Council.

3. Subsequently a further invitation was received from Mr. Staines Munnery, the organising Manager, suggesting that this Protectorate should participate

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

in the International Rubber and Allied Industries Exhibition to be held in June next. This invitation was however declined on the ground that participation at both Exhibitions was unnecessary.

4. I am now informed by the Director of Agriculture that it is proposed to hold an Imperial Exhibition, promoted by the British Dominions Exhibition, Limited, incorporated on May 8th, in London in 1916 with a view to showing the products of the Empire and creating better markets thereby. It is understood that the Imperial Conference is to be held in that year and that the report of the Empire Trade Commission will be published about the same time. I am informed that Lord Strathcona is to be President, Earl Grey Vice President, and that prominent members of the Government have expressed themselves in favour of the movement.

5. Assuming this information to be correct, it would appear to me to be desirable to abandon the project of participating in the 1914 Exhibition in favour of that to be held in the following year. I am convinced that representation at an Exhibition such as that which appears to be contemplated would be of marked benefit to this Protectorate, the importance of which is so rapidly becoming recognised throughout the Empire. I do not anticipate that the expenditure involved will exceed to any great extent that which I have quoted above as estimated for next year's Exhibition, and I feel that it would be unwise of the Government to let pass such an opportunity of benefitting the Protectorate at such moderate cost.

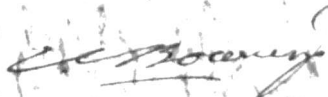
6. Presuming therefore that the scheme for the Imperial Exhibition of 1918 materialises, I should be glad to receive your permission for the East Africa Protectorate to participate therein, in which case I should be much obliged if in order to save time you would inform Mr. Staines Manders, Exhibition Offices, 75 Chancery Lane, Holborn, that participation by this Government in next year's Exhibition is no longer contemplated.

7. I should state that by participation is meant the renting of space and the erection of stands for the exhibition of products sent by the Agricultural Department and the settlers and planters of the Protectorate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

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Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 696 of the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, and submitting the accompanying proposal that the E. A. S. should participate in the Imperial Exhibition, which is proposed to hold in London in the year 1915 instead of the Cotton, Fibre and Allied Trade Exhibition 1914, participated in which was suggested in your despatch No 53 of the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1913. I am extremely doubtful of the value which any useful purpose would

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