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July 2nd 1914.

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Sir

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.518 of the 28th of May on the subject of the importation of seeds and plants into this Protectorate and to inform you that the Acting Chief of Customs reports that it has not been possible to trace the arrival of the plants which Mr.Cooper states were lost or mislaid in the Custom House at Mombasa, but that he would probably be able to attribute with exactitude the responsibility for the delay if Mr.Cooper could state the marks and numbers of the goods, the ship which imported them, the date of their arrival and name of the consignee.

2. I would add that the Customs Department make every effort to assist importers of goods,

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

LONDON, S.W.

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Your humble, obedient servant

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Sor 26908/1914 30 July 1914 DRAFT. Flooper Eg. with reference to the letter from this Office of the 28 of May MINUTE. I am directed etc to inform. Mc Marker 2 Mr. Kead you that a despatch has Sir G. Fiddes. Sir H. Just. been received from the Sir J. Anderson I for the East staking Lord Emmott. Mr. Harcourt. that it has not feer possible to hace the arrival in the Both of the plants stated to have been lost or A midaid in the Justom of House at Montasa for that the responsibility

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