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MR TALBOT'S CONCESSION
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Coy as to use of falls on Thika River has been ratified
the upper falls on Ruiru River will be released and Mr
Talbot's application can be dealt with.

Sir G. Fisher
No need to say anything
further to Sir J. Spear unless he
writes again?

Mr. Butler to see - + put by?

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No. 768.



August 15th, 1914.
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Sir,

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With reference to your despatch No. 646 of the 10th of July, on the subject of a complaint brought by Sir John Spear against the Nairobi Electric Light and Power Company, I have the honour to inform you that as soon as the new agreement with the Company, allowing them the use of the falls on the Thika River, has been ratified, the upper falls on the Ruira River will be automatically released and it will then be possible to deal with Mr. Talbot's application.

2. The Company have not yet provided any additional power to enable them to meet increased demands pending the completion of their new instalment.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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instalment. It is therefore impossible for the Government to call upon them to release the upper falls on the Ruiru, as the Company might fairly contend that they were considering the utilization of those falls for the temporary assistance of their present plant.

3. The water rights asked for by Mr. Talbot are not on his estate. The falls he desires to utilize are on a separate plot of ground and the rights of the owner on the other side have also to be considered.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Alonzo Bayard

GOVERNOR.