

There seems no information as to intelligence  
 at [unclear] but [unclear] making enquiry. I believe  
 no reliable information from the [unclear] is  
 obtainable.

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MWIRI FOREST CONCESSION

1914

November

Previous Paper:

Reports as to stoppage of demarcation of native  
 rights owing to the war. Anticipates no difficulty in  
 making good any deficit in area originally promised  
 out of land lying to the west thereof provided  
 concessionaires are not allowed to stipulate as to  
 quality.

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Mr. [unclear] Sir G. Fiddes

No concessionaires have shown  
 to sign.

? It will be as well to tell them of  
 the substance of para. 3, but  
 para. 4 we can hold over till the  
 concessionaires. There is no obligation  
 as to quality - in fact the [unclear] reason  
 for their wanting to an entirely new  
 grant was that they had wished  
 that much of the D.M. area was  
 broken.

Mr. [unclear] 21 April 1914  
 [unclear] 1060

at once  
 Mr. [unclear]  
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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 897 of the 1st ultimo, respecting the Mwele Forest Concession.

2. I observe that in paragraph 2 of Mr. Read's letter of the same date to Mr. C.S. Goldman, E.P., it is stated that the demarcation of native rights is proceeding as rapidly as possible.

3. That statement accurately represented the state of affairs prior to the outbreak of hostilities. Since that date however the area of the proposed concession has become the scene of military operations and all work in connection with demarcation has been indefinitely suspended.

As

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

4. As regards paragraph 2 of your despatch above quoted I anticipate no difficulty in making good any deficit in the area originally promised out of land lying to the west thereof, provided that the concessionaires are not allowed to insist on its being of any special quality, which in view of the great size of the grant I am distinctly of opinion that they should not be permitted to do.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*A. Conway, Brigadier.*

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S. Goldman Esq. M.P.

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With reference to the second paragraph of the letter from this Office of

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Hooper 18/12/14
- Mr. Bottomley 18/12/14
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Piddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> on the ~~the~~ subject of the Mase Forest Concurrence, I am <sup>directed</sup> to inform you that a despatch has been received from the Gov<sup>rnmt</sup> of the East stating that the demarcation of native rights was proceeding prior to the outbreak of hostilities but that since that date the area has of late suffered from the outbreak of hostilities and has become the scene of

no 36060

Copy to Mr. Harcourt 17/12/14

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all other business and  
all work in connection  
with demerol has  
been indefinitely suspended.

J. H. ...

~~W. H. ...~~ I. HEAD.  
for the United States of State