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Last previous Paper.

German Red Cross Ship for German  
East Africa.  
Enquiry as to possibility of sending  
one out.

Registered for record.  
minutes within.

To S.O. privately 19 Oct.

Next subsequent Paper.

Prof. Zoller

She is from  
Dr. A. Hitzel, the  
Political Sec<sup>y</sup> at the  
I.T. I think that  
he had better discuss  
the matter with  
Dr. E. Barrow?

H. J. R.

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Sir H. Gust.

Sir J. Anderson

We have already heard  
of the Red X idea - connection with  
W. Afr. - I really distrust it &  
regard it as a military dodge. I  
woud not want to do it.

to 39333/4 L. King on P.V.  
16.10.14  
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shelly sand about Red X  
the original proposal in  
3776/9 in 'both of German  
Lactic & acid. Chemist.  
It has been written in  
regard to German Lactic  
Not as intended to vote it  
for U.S. Africa, the British  
can leave the Lactic question  
out of the American  
Embassy but the proposal  
of any Lactic Lactic agent.  
Latin America of the  
negotiating the Lactic  
& Lactic Lactic Lactic  
the Lactic Lactic Lactic  
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(H. J. R.)  
16/10/14

As we want to reduce  
S. E. A. with as little  
bloodshed as possible  
I should certainly not  
allow woman and children  
to be brought away leaving  
the men free to maintain  
independently a guerilla base.  
Fall:

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15 Oct /14

My dear Reed,

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Please see enclosed letter to  
from the Bp. of Winchester (with  
enc.) about the Universities Mission  
Central Africa. — You will see that he  
is to do all in his power to co-operate  
to the German Missionary Society in the  
view of sending a Red Cross ship to  
Central Africa, which wd. bring

away any of our A.M.C.A. people  
 away back to home. What can  
 the Bishop? It seems to the  
 an excellent idea, & I hope it  
 prove practicable.

I don't think there is the  
~~suggested~~ foundation for the suggestion of  
 disaffection; our Mission has always  
 made a point of inculcating loyalty  
 the German Govt. The Bp. of Livingstone  
 has asked to write about the war

Masagone, & he did so very briefly  
 be. applied to all the western  
 & though there was a special con-  
 tention of Germany it was made on  
 strict understanding that it was not  
 reproduced in any of the Mission's  
 stations - in Africa.

Yours sincerely

A. Hitchel

Should the Bishop write to the C.O.  
 or how can he go to work?

Farnham Castle,

Surrey,

October 14th, 1914.

My dear Hirtzel,

I generally turn to you when it is a question of approaching the Public Offices, especially in the interests of the U.M.C.A. I enclose a letter from Herr Axenfeld, which is courteous, more so than a private one which I had seen to Herr Würz, in which he spoke rather bitterly about what he alleged to be the political disaffection of our Missionaries and the proceedings of Bishop Weston (no doubt rather puzzling to a Lutheran) in showing all respect to the Roman Bishop and very little to the Evangelical Missionaries. The proposal looks like one which might be of very great value to our men: and if that is so, I should like to be able to tell him that I have done all that is in my power to co-operate with the suggestions made. How would you advise me to proceed?

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) EDW. WINTON.

No.43 Georgenkirchstr. 70

Berlin, den 1st Oktober, 1914.

My Lord,

The Rev. Würz of Basel wrote me that you had asked him by letter, whether I could help to assist the missionaries of the U.M.S. in German East Africa, if any unpleasantness in these days of war should arise. I answered Mr Würz that I confidently believed, the German Government in German East Africa would not cause British missionaries any trouble, if these refrained from interfering in political matters. Now I may add that I had an interview about this matter with the German Colonial Minister and that he assured me that British missionaries had nothing to fear in German territory. Besides that it is a matter of course that our German missionaries will not, if requested, hesitate to render friendly assistance, should any misunderstanding between German officials and British missionaries arise. In this conversation I learned from the Colonial Minister that he has the intention of sending a vessel under the Red Cross flag to the coasts of the German colonies in Africa to fetch women, children, the sick and those men irrespective of nationality, who do not come into consideration for military service, if they wish to return to Europe. The condition would be, that the British Government suffered the steamer to pass the blockade. A notice would have to be sent some weeks previously to those residing in the interior. Thus there would be an opportunity for your missionaries too,

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if some of them wished to return to Europe for the sake of their health or if they are in need of furlough. As in German East Africa the unhealthy rainy season is approaching, it would cause great distress especially among the women and children if any European, while this war lasts, should be prevented from returning to Europe, even when fever or other tropical disease demands it. Therefore it would be a humane work to carry through this plan if possible. The German Government will, I suppose, get into communication with the British Government in regard to this matter by the intermediacy of the American Embassy. I should think it helpful, if your Lordship were able to support this attempt for the common welfare.

With the earnest prayer that the time may come, when the work of Christ will no more be hindered by war and international strife.

I remain &c.

(Sd.) LIC.K.AXENFELD,

Missions direktor.

I am sending copies of this letter (1) via Pastor Würz of Bassei; (2) via J.W.Gunning of Utrecht.

YOUR LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER,  
THE RIGHT REVEREND TALBOT, D.D.

Received by [unclear]  
signature and  
copies of the letter  
d. AC. 14/10/14

19 Oct 14

DRAFT.

Mr A Hirstyl,  
K.C.B.;

My dear Hirstyl,

I have submitted

your letter and its  
enclosures to the  
authorities here, & they  
hold the opinion (based  
on military considerations)  
that it is not at all  
desirable to grant the  
facilities suggested by  
Mr Asenfeld.

~~Decided~~  
It might therefore  
be

MINUTE.

Mr. Read. 19 Oct:

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

~~The returned  
(to be kept)~~



be well to intimate  
to the Bishop that he  
had better let the  
scheme drop, as it will  
meet with no support  
here.

Yours sincerely  
H. D. R.

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct/14

My dear Read,

Very many thanks for the  
you have taken over the Bishop of  
his letter. I have told him that  
I could not be supported here.

Yours very truly

A Hitzel