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Cotton Cultivation in Jubaland.

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Sends copy letter addressed to for explaining
delay in comm. with scheme.

Previous Paper

Mr Fiddes.

You are aware of this unfortunate
hitch. Mr. Harcourt will no doubt be
interested to see this letter (see $\frac{C.O.}{21/10}$)

Partly? Hab.

Oct 16

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at once.

IRIA

At today's meeting with the B.C.G.A.
we undertook to ask the Govt. to
carry on for another season. The

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Subsequent Paper

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see to B.C.G.A. -
G.W. 701 ems. / Dec 3/12

arrangements in cotton growing on the Jubra
referred to in ^{W. 7} the B.C.G.A.
promising to contribute $\frac{1}{2}$ 250 to the cost
next year, as they have done this year.

Write to Gov. accordingly & fill
B.C.G.A. that we have done so.

HAB

Nov. 24

at Mills

See now $\frac{M. 9}{3872}$

HAB

Nov. 29

THE BRITISH COTTON GROWING ASSOCIATION



15, CROSS STREET.

MANCHESTER.

13th Oct., 1911.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, LONDON, S.W.



Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 10th October, No. 23872:11, transmitting a copy of a letter which had been received from Professor Dunstan on the subject of cotton cultivation in Jubaland, and for which interesting information I am greatly obliged.

2. I very much regret to state, however, that owing to the continued illness of Sir Julius Wernher it has been impossible for matters to have been pushed on as rapidly as we should have liked.

3. I have written privately to Sir Percy Girouard, and enclosed is a copy of my letter to him explaining the matter.

I am, Sir,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

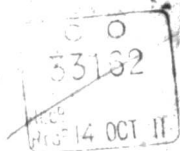
Arthur Hutton
Chairman

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(J. Arthur Hutton)

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13th Oct., 1911.

ellency,
1. Sir E. P. Girouard, R.E., K.C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Governor & Commander in Chief,
British East Africa Protectorate.

Dear Sir Percy,

I hardly know how to express to you my apologies for the delay that has taken place in connection with the Jubaland scheme. I hope, however, you will not think it is due to any lack of appreciation on our part of the offer you so kindly made us to hold up the land pending a full inquiry in the matter.

I am sorry to say that I am in a no better position now than I was when I last wrote to you. Sir Julius Wernher is, I am glad to say, very much better; but the doctors will not allow him to attend to business, and, unfortunately, Mr. Rokstein is not so enthusiastic about our proposals as is Sir Julius. The question arises, therefore, as to what shall be done in the matter. If you are of opinion that matters ought to be pushed forward as rapidly as possible we shall have no alternative but to approach some other influential financial people; but I must say in this direction we feel somewhat reluctant, for Sir Julius Wernher was extremely interested with the matter, and I think, myself, that when he regains his health he will take up the whole scheme con amore. In addition to this, Sir Julius is a man who has had a good deal of experience in this sort of thing, - for example the important part his firm took in connection with the venture in the Sudan. ^{If we wait until he is better it will} ~~This will~~ however, undoubtedly cause a further delay.

On the other hand, if we were to approach new people they would naturally want to go into the whole matter from the beginning. Further than that, it would be necessary to find someone who had had reasonable experience in handling agricultural and Irrigation schemes. Messrs Wernher, Beit & Co. already possess considerable knowledge and experience in this regard.

The third alternative is that we should stand on one side and leave it to you to throw the district open to any other party, and should you decide to take this action I can assure you we shall have no feeling of not having been fairly treated in the matter.

I hope I have made everything perfectly clear to you; and you may rest assured that it has been a very great regret to me that we have been unable to push on with the proposals which was arranged. I have been in London this week, and I called at the Colonial Office so as to discuss the question with them; they told me it would be better if I were to write to you and explain the whole circumstances which have led to this really unfortunate delay.

I may say that I am hoping to go out to the Sudan this winter - leaving England about the end of December - in connection with a big irrigation scheme in the Gezira Province. This is a scheme which I think will be run on similar lines to what was proposed for the Jubaland.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) J. ARTHUR HUTTON,

Chairman.