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(Subject.)

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Discoveries of Minerals.

No prospecting licences have been granted
in this area in which asphaltum has been discovered.
Transmits copy of notice issued re discovery of
minerals.

(Minutes)

Mr. Read

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

MOMBASA

No. 522

September 27th 1905



Sir,

In obedience to the instructions contained in your telegram of July 31st and in your despatch No. 535 of August 4th, I have the honour to report that no prospecting licences have been granted over the area on which asphaltum has been discovered by Colonel G. J. Smith, R.E.

With regard to the penultimate paragraph of your despatch under reply I have the honour to report that I have published a notice, copy of which I transmit herewith, respecting the discovery of minerals in the Protectorate.

Similar to the notice issued in Northern Nigeria.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Acting Commissioner

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies

Downing Street

London, S.W.

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No. 20891

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Regulations for the guidance of all Public Officers
in the East Africa Protectorate.

DISCOVERY OF MINERALS.

Under instructions from the Secretary of State dated August 14th 1905, all Officials in the service of the Government are informed that it is their duty to report to H.M. Commissioner any discovery which they may consider to be one of valuable minerals.

(A) All Officials are prohibited under pain of dismissal from deriving any benefit or taking any payment from any syndicate, company or individual as a reward for giving information.

(B) No Official whether Civil or Military shall while in the service of Government acquire or hold any right or interest under any license to prospect or to mine, and any licence purporting to confer any such right or interest on any such Official shall be null and void.

(C) No such Official may take shares, or acquire any financial interest in any mining enterprise.

(D) If a supposed discovery is reported by any official it will be within the discretion of H.M. Commissioner to appoint an expert to examine and report upon the area in question and to print and publish the report in the Gazette or otherwise, for the information of all concerned, a distinct disclaimer on the part of the Government being

in case the discovery turns

turns out to be valuable, give a reward to be fixed at his discretion, to the Officer who originally made the discovery.

(6)

If an Officer desires to resign his appointment in order to acquire any right or interest in any mining enterprise in the area he has discovered, he may at the discretion of H. M. Commissioner be allowed to do so, but if for good reasons H. M. Commissioner refuses him permission to resign, the course set out in para 5 may be adopted.

W. J. Jackson,
Acting Commissioner.

Bombasa,

September 27th 1905.