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to the opportunity and  
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than he pays to the Govt.  
for the whole.

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renewal of his lease comes  
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the cultivation of the land  
to the satisfaction of the  
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deleted, and the amount  
of land included in the  
renewal lease should be  
a reasonable proportion to  
the amount of cultivation  
performed by the lessee

4. I should be glad to  
furnish you with a  
copy of the document  
relating to the lease  
of the Kibungo  
to Mr. Huelme  
the document is  
dated 13th Feb. 1906  
and is a  
agreement for the

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Previous Paper

(Subject)

Forest Concession

Dear Sir, I have the pleasure to inform you that the concessionary rights over the Kibungo rubber trees & Banira fibre plants growing wild in a forest in the Kibungo country

(Minutes)

Mr. Read

I don't think, as I told Mr. Williams that we can do more than send this out to the Govt. for his review. We have been anxious to the F.O. not to grant rubber rights except in the form of a lease of the land on which it is growing & the grant of such a lease in a Native Reserve seems inconsistent with the idea of a Reserve. It seems to me that the only way Mr. Williams has been in the position to come to the

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H. S. P. C. H. 9 May

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If I am right in this assumption I venture to point out that a despatch to Colonel Sadler making it clear that the Colonial Office would regard me as a desirable and reliable settler would be of very great assistance to me locally, more especially since the late regrettable incident at Mowbray which cannot but affect the position of all Settlers, even those in no way involved in the affair.

I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your obedient servant.



G. Harris Esq. C. M. G.

Colonial Office

Downing Street.

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DRAFT

G Williams Esq

Sir

I am in reply of

to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst

and to inform you that  
your proposals regarding

a concession in the hands  
of the SAD have

been referred to the  
Gov<sup>t</sup> of the Post for his

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Mr. Lobb  $\frac{2}{5}$

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*J. Brown*  
*(Signature)*

5. 4. 1896

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EATP No. 267  
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