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Requests on behalf of Boma Trading

Mr. Read

(Minutes.)

See also the further question
has given in Lieut. Wood's
letter to me (attached).

He is at present an officer
of the K.A.R. on leave but of
course will resign

It seems to me that the C. is
a bona fide one with a
more financial scheme.
Capt Riddell of Lieut. Wood
who has put up most of the
money has the country &
wishes to make it himself
What Riddell's plan is

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asked for is facilities for trading on
the Yukon practically identical
with those which are granted
to Mr. Williams by the title
of 14 May last (1894)
understand from you that
Mr. Williams' scheme is identical
with that of Mr. Williams in that
an exclusive right which was
given him & no one else
why similar permission should
not be given to Lieut. Ward
It is true that any trading on
the Yukon must involve some risk
of loss with the Indians but
that no other was considered when
leave was given to Mr. Williams
you recall the favourable opinion
of Capt. Feltwell, the Acting
Provost Marshal of Yukon Territory,
it was decided to disregard this
opinion.

Tell Lieut. Ward that
Lord Elgin must have
the decision on his office.

tion to the Gov, but that if he sees
no objection it can be allowed.
on the understanding that
the Gov. is not responsible
for the safety of the traders,
& that they conform to the
orders of the Gov. in regard to
their relations with the natives
on pain of forfeiting their
[trading rights]

20/12

Mr. Antrobus

I agree. Mr. Estlin of the
20. out Mr. Land with a letter of introduction
I have seen him 2 or 3 times & I think that
he means business

H. J. R.

I shall explain that Greenland is a
closed district which traders are not
allowed to enter without permission
& that Wild wants general permission
to do so. He also wants leave to
erect trading stations on the frozen
seas, & to include part of the
necessary land by the Gov. But
I am sorry to hear that permission
is not to be given. The regulations
with the natives are 20/12

is all, I think this is not
an application for a certificate
in the ordinary sense I
see no objection to sending to
the Ward and as it is for as
proposed, and in favor of the
Sgt.

Wm. West

Please send me

Yours

B. C.

at once

is all, I think this is not
affliction for a "conception"
in the ordinary sense
all so liquid & so long in
the work and so much as
prophetic, and so far as
God.

Oliver Wight

John

23. 17

at home

19 Dec 07

Dear Sir

I have before me
 your letter of the 17th of
 re. conceptions on the
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 pleasure on this applica-
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19 Dec 07

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e.g. Is the Borneo
Co registered?

(2) What are the names
& positions of the
directors & proprietors
shareholders & what
the extent of their
in the company?

(3) Is the Co. already
engaged in business?

the Protectorate?
Has the Co any, & if
on what, relations with
other syndicates or with
persons who have relations
with the Co. of trade on the

Juba e.g.
Messrs. Baggis & Co.
Messrs. H. C. Williams
& Co.
Messrs. A. & W. Nicholl
Messrs. J. Young & Co.

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 (2) What are the names & positions of the directors & principal shareholders & what the extent of their holdings in the concern.

the Protection.
 Has the Co any, & if so what, relations with other syndicates or similar concerns who have undertaken to open up trade on the

- Juba e.g.
 Messrs Baggs & Co.
 Mr. H. C. Williams
 F. Sanders & Co.
 Messrs A & W. Kishall
 P. J. Long & Co.

(3) Is the Co already engaged in business?

(5) Is it your intention
to formally supersede
the functions of the Co.
to appear?

(6) Who is Capt. Riddell
whom you mention as
Manager of the Co. in
to appear?

I am

Yours & brother
1/2

Mr. Reed

Mr. Ward came to
see us... I understand
you have his case
before you...
present to see his
again after we had
discussed it

J. J. [Signature]
1/2

Monday.

My dear Hopwood.

The business of this
estate (H. F. Wood) is a
very old friend of mine,
he has at present some
business in St. Louis office
and is most anxious to
have a word with you
there soon. I am



moment if you can.

Will reveal in the first
hand and is in any
way a most excellent
follow

John
Crawford

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Guards Club.

The Secretary of State,

1 December 1904

Colonial Office.

My Lord,

I have the honour to lay before your Lordship a report for the Secretary to

(a) Trade on the Juba River, British East Africa, from Kisumu to Bardera.

(b) To establish and organise trade communications thereon.

(c) To establish on British Territory at or near Bardera and Lugh trading stations and communications to work in conjunction with the above.

On behalf of the Boma Trading Company of 4 Lloyds Avenue and Nairobi, British East Africa.

Our plans originally were to raise a company of some £70,000 to take over existing steamers, barges &c. on the Juba River and place thereon new and more suitable ones.

However having regard to both times and circumstances and also conditions on the Juba River, and amount of water available &c. we have come to the conclusion that elaborate propositions such as these are neither feasible or valuable. We are of opinion that sound development should begin at the bottom, that elaborations and improvements should be thought out on the spot and based on experiences, and not by merely paper calculation made in a London office. We therefore propose to develop the Juba River on the lines of the Sudan development by means of native craft, built on the spot by native builders with due regard to local conditions; should more elaborate methods present themselves on either the overland route from Nairobi, or on the Juba River, we should at once adopt them.

Of the capital of the Company, there is at present subscribed sums sufficient for the all the needs of the overland route. We are not raising this amount to a total of £15,000, sum which will provide for the efficient working of both routes and the expenses necessary for procuring concessions over the Borana districts from the Negus Menelik of Abyssinia.

In conclusion I should like to state that all interested in this scheme are earnest believers in the value of the North Districts of British East Africa and Borana, both at the present time and in the future. The value of the Juba is confirmed by every report from that district. No one member of the Company with the exception of Captain Riddle will receive any reward other than that produced by his holding the Company. Our shippers and merchants both shareholders in the Company, receive out of pocket expenses for work done for the Company. The Directors are not paid. Returns on capital are used to increase capital. Captain Riddle our manager in Africa receives a salary of £800 a year. We are a band of workers, united by the same motives to prove our holdings valuable, and these almost unexplored districts are valuable and worthy parts of the British Empire.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble & obedient Servant.

The Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

December 28th 1907.

In answer to your letter of even date, I beg to state in reply to your several

I. The company is registered at Somerset House, under the Private Companies Act.

II. Captain George Hutton Riddell, M. V. O.
Late 18th Hussars. £2500

Marquis Gandolfi Hornyhold. (of Italy)
Brother of Duke Gandolfi. £2500

S. C. P. Cooper Esq. £2000

F. W. Swell Esq. £250
on the increase of capital.

Hamilton Frederick Ware
Late 17th Guards, £2500

Directors:
W. H. Riddell Esq.
Shipbroker.
F. M. Huxley Esq.
Gentleman.
F. M. Hooker Esq.
Merchant.
W. H. Riddell Esq.
Brother of Capt.
Riddell. Gentleman.
One director to be appointed
by myself.

III. The company is engaged in Trading in the East African Protectorate at this moment.
The preliminary expedition under Capt. Riddell, with the full support of the

East African Government, penetrated from Nairobi to Wey Gaiho on the Abyssinian border in the early part of this year. Capt. Riddell ^{with} and transport possible, and returned home in May, 1907. Here he raised the Boma Trading Company, to put this route on a sound footing, and returned to Nairobi about August. The original pass from the East African Government was for 6 months only.

On the Under-Secretary of State's arrival in Nairobi, he applied for leave to establish himself permanently as far as ^{the East African Protectorate}. This application was granted.

IV. The company has no relations with any of the syndicates or individuals named. Captain Riddell is bound to the Boma Trading Company for five years.

It is the intention of Capt. Riddell, Marquis Gandolfi Hornyhold and myself, to personally superintend the operations of the Company in East Africa.

V. Captain George William Hutton Riddell has been described as above, he is the son of Capt. George William Hutton Riddell of Eyborough Hall, Rugby, Ac.

If I may be permitted to say so your second question gives rise to a feeling of doubt whether our syndicate carry little weight with Lord Elgin, for the fact that the shareholders directors, are not of standing and weight in circles financial. Therefore I should like to show from Capt. Riddell's point of view how he has always looked to work and development in the country, as the best possible and most weighty guarantee for a sphere of the sort, and the capability of its workers in overcoming the immense difficulties that confront a pioneering undertaking such as this as the best asset of his company. As regards finance we contend that pioneer trading, work produces money, provided that the workers have influence and a reputation for truth and honesty. This we undoubtedly have, and therefore in applying for support from our Government, the asset of

were done at the past, and capable also for the future, should be a more necessary
guarantee than a backing by whom you know in high finance. Again with a small
capital only needed, it is not worth the time of any of the heads of finance to
go through the details of the company. Again a good idea of forming a nucleus
with this small amount, of people with small holdings at present, who would increase
in the future. Besides it has been necessary to keep the company private to save
it from jealousy and change it would be desirable to be in the City.

We weighed this problem as above, in the past to decide whether or not
we had done the right thing, and other good intentions by a past history of work were
not likely to receive official support, or those who with no practical knowledge
of the company but in those circles in London, with a map of Africa before
them, had some attractive schemes varying in degrees of impossibility - we
have continued working.

It is possible I shall be glad to lay before you the papers,
correspondence official and unofficial, of the company from its commencement to
the present time, at any time you may wish to see them.

Yours truly

Walter D. Hill Esq.
Downing Street,

DRAFT.

17
Lieut. A. F. Ward Esq.

21
27th November

Sir

MINUTE

Mr. ~~Wms~~ 23/12

Mr. Read 23.

Mr. Just.

* Mr. Antrobus, 24

Mr. Cor. ~~Two drafts~~

Mr. Lucas.

Sir E. Hopwood.

Mr. Churchill.

The Earl of Elgin.

per room

24/12

With ref-
letter of the
inst. from
by the Earl of
two from you
he must leave
decision on
application for
the Board of
to trade & establish
trading stations
the late River to the
Governor of the C.A.P.
but that you
no objection

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prepared to appear of
the undersigned
that the Govt. incurs
non-responsibility for
the safety of the traders
& that they will con-
form to the orders
of the Govt. in regard
to their relations with
the natives on pain
of forfeiting ^{the} ~~their~~ per-
mits. ~~to trade~~

2. Sir James Pether
will be informed in
the above note

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C.A.P. No 703

Sir J. Hayes Pether

Mar 23/12

H. H. 2

H. Ward to CO 14 Mar.
CO to H. Ward: Mar
H. Ward to CO 19 Mar
(Circular)

62-40: 567-15

Sir
I have the honor
to transmit to you
the accompanying copies
of a report which has
been prepared by
H. F. Ward on
subject of the
tion of the
Tiansi Co. for
to trade & to
conduct a
the Gola River
the C.A.P.
2. You will observe
that I have left
the final decision on
this application to
your discretion, but

I would draw that,
as far as I can judge,
he would appear
to be engaged in some
kind of practical
enterprise, & not to
have been furnished
simply for Rich^d
exchange purposes

3. I am not aware
whether Mr Williams,
whose somewhat sinister
appearance was remark-
ed in my letter
of the 14th of May, 1834
has proceeded with his
enterprise but in any
case there would seem
to be no objection on this
ground to the grant of
some Nether office,
since there is no question
of a right of exclusion.