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Report on Forests

Honorary Conservator: it was W. Churchill  
wish that public shd be delayed till something more  
definite could be added regarding Kenya forest.  
H. Butchers will undertake more detailed report after  
Uganda done. Corrected proof report will then be returned.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Butcher asks for the photographs  
which accompanied his original report.  
Receives them from the P.D. and  
return them to him through the  
Secretary. <sup>also see letter</sup> ~~Receives~~ the other Forest  
Reports to which he refers elsewhere.  
Corrected paper has been returned. In the  
meantime as in the library, if  
ask the Agents for the W. A. Report +  
Q. Land when they can be prepared  
supply copies.

Agent, Great Britain, 11, 12, 13, 14.

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The library have the W. A. Report,  
do we do a Land Report - the Agent  
Report will appear before long. P. H. ...

Governor's Office,  
Nairobi,

February 12th 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 79

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My Lord,

In reply to Your Lordship's despatch No. 591 of October 30th last, I have the honour to transmit herewith a memorandum by the Conservator of Forests from which Your Lordship will perceive that it was Mr. Churchill's wish that the report on the forests of the East Africa Protectorate should not be published until something more definite could be added with regard to the Kenya Forest.

Report

2. I have instructed Mr. Hutchins to undertake a more detailed inspection of this forest after he has completed his tour in Uganda.
3. The proof of the report will then be returned to Your Lordship duly corrected.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

H. K. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

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INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 79 of 26.12.1907

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Forest Office,

Nairobi.

December 26th. 1907

Report on the Forests of the Protectorate by D. E. Hutchins.

Sir,

The Director Churchill (who discussing forest matters with me at Fort Hall) gave me a positive injunction that my report on the forests of the Protectorate was not to be published until I could add something more definite regarding the Kenia forest area than the estimate given in my preliminary report on the Kenia forest. My time spent in the Kenia forest last year was occupied with the examination of the timber. On returning to Nairobi I found to my surprise that the maps available in the Survey Office were so unreliable that I followed advice and discarded them. I formed a rough estimate of the area of southern Kenia taking my marching distances. I was not permitted to visit the northern Kenia forest first, but made a rough estimate of its area based on native reports. See my preliminary report on the Kenia forest, page 14; Colonial Reports, Miscellaneous, No 41.

Mr Director Churchill contemplated an extension of the forest area under Major Smith but I understand that he is unable to accomplish this. In view of the falling an extension of the forest under Major Smith's operations I suggest a further examination of the forest by myself and a reconnaissance survey by the Director of the Public Works Department, Mr Macgregor Ross. Mr Ross is willing to undertake this duty. He has had previous experience of the country above the barotsi and talks the Kikuyu language. We should

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should be prepared to do this in January or February next before the commencement of the rains taking the route above the bamboos. It seems important that the area reconnaissance should be undertaken by an experienced officer having the requisite technical education.

On the completion of the Keia survey figures the proof of the report will be returned duly corrected and brought up to date as required by Mr Winston Churchill. In regard to paragraph 4 I would request that the Colonial Office be asked for the return of the photographs to enable me to select such as I think best suited for reproduction on a larger scale, showing as stated, typical portions of the East African forests. I think the reproduction of these photographs important, and I may refer to the reports brought out, at considerable expense, by the Governments of West Australia and Queensland. Probably these reports would be available for reference in the Colonial Office library, and I would suggest that before finally deciding how many of the photographs accompanying my report may be reproduced they should be consulted. It is certain that these well illustrated reports of the West Australia and Queensland forests have materially aided in advertising these forests and bringing their timber to the world's markets.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Hutchins*

Chief Conservator of Forests

Secretary

to the Administration.

(A) Report on the Forests of Western Australia, by Philip Brown, originally published some 12 years back and since republished with further illustrations. (B) Forests of Queensland, by Philip McMahon, Director of Forests, Brisbane Queensland. This was published about three years ago. It is profusely illustrated and forms a handsome volume.