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Tana R. Scheme

21 Apr.

of previous Paper.

Under further resp. his proposals, intends to visit the country & will discuss scheme with local authorities.

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(Minutes.)
Mr. Denton: Mr. James called not regard to the yesterday. Mr. Denton says that had been answer is his view that it will be best for him to discuss the matter locally with Mr. Watters & that the fr- will be with Mr. Watters - send copy of minutes to the fr- for info. V.T.?

As Mr. James has
Smiled for S. Aff. ; send
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To J. W. P. J. 11 Dec 1908

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21st April, 1908

Your Ref. No. 2222/1908.

To
The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies
Whitehall,
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Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 3rd instant, enclosing report of the Commissioner of Public Works in East Africa.

I note that Mr. Watts was not furnished with my proposals, but only with a report from Mr. Williams upon them. I also observe that both these gentlemen naturally labour under considerable difficulties in making any sort of criticism on my proposals, as they have not visited the river personally.

I am fully aware that when the whole proposition of the control of the Tana River is taken in hand, the work would be one of great magnitude. My small proposition, which unfortunately does not seem to have been understood, is at best a purely tentative one, and could only render usable a small portion of this rich area. It would however probably demonstrate the suitability of the district for Cotton and Rubber growing on a large scale and justify the contemplation of a

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~~The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. 21st April, 1906.~~

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Yours faithfully,

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The Earl of Crowe

Mr. Fawcett 21 AP
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27/5/08

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, with reference to my despatch No. 168 of the 6th of April, a copy of a letter which Mr. W.P.J. Fawcett addressed to the U.S. of State shortly before Mr. Fawcett's departure for East Africa, relative to his proposals with regard to irrigation in the Tana river district.

2. I concur in Mr. Fawcett's view that it will be best for him to discuss the matter locally with Mr. Wells, and I request that you will inform Mr. Fawcett accordingly.

3. I am addressing you by this mail in another despatch with regard to the relation of Mr. Fawcett's application for a land grant on the Tana river to that of the O.E. Africa Corporation.

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