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Name or Individual:

(Subject.)

General
1908

Middle Forest Concessions

7 May

Previous Paper.

1904

Stops further, regarding his proposal to
ask for early season.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Ellis

The delay in this matter must be very
unpleasant to Lord Waterford & his friends,
but it appears to be due to the fact
that he failed to arrive at a settlement
when he was in the Prot^a.

Off. remitt for exec, which follows
the article on 18th, except for the
alteration of the H. in my and for
the addition of a sentence at the end.

End 5 p.m.

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19663

9. Wilbraham Place,

S. W.

May 27th, 1908.

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I return you the copy of the Crown Lands Ordinance 1902 which you kindly lent me. The perusal only strengthens my conviction that the Lessees have done nothing that might in any way endanger their position. If I am correct in this view I fail to see the difficulty and delay in transferring the leases to me and Mr. Cecil Grenfell. I hardly think the Secretary of State can have been fully informed of all the circumstances connected with my negotiations, otherwise I think he would have at once seen the points I raised in my last letter. I particularly desire the consent of the Government to a transfer of the existing leases, and if the transfer is refused I should like to know the reason of the refusal.

The transfer of the existing leases has nothing to do with my negotiations for extended powers. The points in that connection which I discussed with Colonel Montgomery were the amplification of the Macalister Dispensative Concessions extending the right of cultivation to products other than exclusively rubber. It practically means giving me the agricultural rights which Colonel Montgomery agreed to, suggesting that for purposes of simplicity

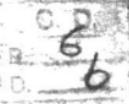
* it would be best to eventually embody all in one lease in lieu
of the existing one.

As any recommendation from your representatives out there
necessarily require the consideration and approval of the
Secretary of State for the Colonies I should feel obliged if
you would take the necessary steps to obtain the consideration
of my proposal and will give me a reply at the very earliest
opportunity.

I request that this may be laid before the Secretary of
State. *With my best regards*

Yours sincerely,

*John...
F. C. ...*



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Gray

DRAFT

6 June 08

My Lord,

The Lord Wateran
Cecil Granville Esq.
4 St. Cumberland Place
MINUTE.

Mr. Davy 5 June

Mr. Edw 11/25/6

Mr. Just

Mr. Autobus.

X Mr. Cox 5 J

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

The Earl of Ormonde.

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I am directed by the Lord
of the Admiralty to ask the
recd. of your Lordship:
+ letter of the 23rd and
+ 29th of May relative to
the proposed transfer to you
and Mr. Cecil Granville of
the agreement for
the lease of land in
the S African Port

made with
Captain
Simpson and Mr.
Macmillan.

Notwithstanding the
provisions of clause 23
in the ~~agreement~~, it is
probable that if Captain

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Despellet and Mr.
Macmillan had been
on the spot and

were anxious to begin work. They could have been allowed to occupy
~~possess~~ ^{temporarily} the land and the right of temporary
occupation was actually granted. It would have been provided ^{as a form} that one of the areas in question

But however the reason for

which Lord Egmont
was unwilling to
approve a transfer
of the ~~land~~ ^{agreement} to J.

and Mr. Bonfield
was that the terms

of the ~~agreement~~ did
not appear to afford
sufficient security
for the due development
of the land, and
his Lordship therefore

proposed to take advantage
of the clause forbidding
transfers without the
assent of the Committee
in order to secure the

insertion of proper guarantees
of this kind. Lord Egmont
Craze does not find in
the contract any statement
which would lead you to
believe that a transfer of
the ~~land~~ ^{agreement} would be
allowed without such
alterations, and he fears
that nothing further
can be done to arrive
at a settlement until
the receipt of the
despatch forwarded by
Montgomery's suggestion
which is now on its
way from the Post

to

Yours
W. Craze.