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Forestry Dept.

Dept requires immediate attention - heavy over  
expense and waste of public funds. Exec. Com. of same  
opinion - recommends abolition of Off. Conservator of Forests,  
consolidation of Dept. with Lands Dept. If not agreeable on  
this note request annual report, meanwhile enquiring Hatcher's Case.

to: Hatcher

I am sorry to say that I had  
not realized that this was so urgent.

<sup>that</sup> I understand Mr Hatcher left on the 20<sup>th</sup> for Naples  
~~where~~ <sup>and</sup> he proposes to pick up the steamer  
which leaves that port on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov.

There is therefore time to recall him, if  
necessary, but I do not see how we can  
dismiss him summarily in the manner  
proposed by the Com. He may be a bad  
administrator but, so far as I know, only  
one case of mismanagement has been  
brought to our notice - namely in connection  
with the building of his house - & then  
the local authorities were as much to  
blame as he in allowing him to undertake  
the work, because it was not at all clear

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clear that he had mismanaged things as  
much as he has represented.

On the other hand, I understand that  
he is one of the first attractions in printing &  
that no man is better fitted to lay  
down the lines on which a Trust Dept.  
should be run. He has had 40 years  
experience in different parts of the world,  
& he knows about us just better  
than I do. I have a copy of a  
document which is a good printing  
questionnaire. I understand that he is  
now in a thoroughly convenient with the  
subject - I believe that the Report  
is clear that the value of the Dept. is  
only about £2000 a year of income,  
but the amount of £12,922 being made  
up of £29,002 and £10,122 the  
value of work supplied free to the Dept.  
& others - In addition I know that the  
General Manager of the Republic R<sup>2</sup>, who is  
well acquainted with the matter as to its importance  
- the present position is, I think, a representation of  
the H. 1.

He is a thoroughly able man, but I am sure that he will be 60 next  
year, & I suggest that the best solution  
is to call upon him to retire on reaching the  
age of 60. I think that we might very well  
do that. He will not get as pension for  
us, as he is not a non-pensionable, but  
he may be able to (I think) take pension.

See by  
L. R. 1.  
Director

I see that Sir P. proposed proposing that <sup>393</sup>  
the Forestry Dept. sh<sup>d</sup>. be amalgamated with  
that of Lands. This means, I suppose, that  
the work will be carried on by the present  
Asst<sup>t</sup> Conservator, Mr. Katterdale, a young  
man whose only experience of the working of  
a forest dept<sup>t</sup> has been picked up  
during his 5 years service in the  
S.A.P. I must say that I feel very  
doubtful about an experiment of this  
kind. Forestry is, after all, a highly  
specialized business & it is very easy to  
destroy a forest but not so easy to  
re-make it. There can, I think, be little  
doubt that, if the forests of the S.A.P.  
are properly preserved, they will be a  
great asset of the country in time to  
come. As the traffic on the Uganda railway  
business the rates will go down & it  
should then be possible to export timber  
at a profit.

H. J. R.

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Personally, I am relieved to find that  
Mr. Katterdale has gone back as I do not see how  
the necessary action has been justified by  
a man of considerable reputation, and he owes  
to the necessity for such proceedings. I should  
be surprised if the forest area - a district -

report - seen to me the end.

Apart from the personal question of Mr  
Hutchins, Sir P. G's attitude towards forestry,  
as indicated in this letter, is disquieting. I  
thought that we in this country had not had  
come to realize the importance of scientific  
forestry & meant to imitate Continental  
advances in our treatment of our tropical forests.  
To put the forests under the land debt  
is, I fear, to bring back to the old state  
of things. The two debts are, usually, natural enemies.

I do not reply that Hutchins has  
retained & that the S. G. must await  
Sir P. G's report before forming any  
opinion on the matter.

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Yes, I fully consent - say  
no more than at the  
Sir P. G. is evidently  
very anxious on the subject  
of finance & disposed to  
go to the last.

T. G. L.

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Yes, I agree. Wait for report.

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Certainly - reply as  
suggested - 23.10

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Confidential

Paraphrase of a telegram from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 4.10.09, 15th October, 1909)

It had been my intention to defer report until early next year but I find necessity at once for interim report. Some of the Departments requires immediate attention, even so forestry, heavy over expenditure and waste of the public funds urgently required for road purposes. Expenditure cannot continue on present basis. Executive Council of some opinion regard abolition of the conservator (and amalgamation of Department with them). Communication necessary owing to urgent early reports. With this information at your disposal I request that you assist my report meanwhile extending Stephens' leave. In case necessity for full support (by) re-organization of departments I will find it difficult to proceed with others if this is not approved.

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Nairobi

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25 October

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Mr. Pakenham 25/10

Mr. Buxton 25/10

Mr. ... 25/10

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. C. Lucas (agmarche)

Mr. P. ... (already off)

Col. ...

Lord ...

With ref to your telegram

of the 5<sup>th</sup> October

that this is ~~intending~~ to

perpetrate a mutalige

but it is repaired

wait for your report before

forming any opinion

on the matter.

CCW