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Messrs Grogan + Livingstone Messrs

Thinks Mr Goldmanns applⁿ for
for considⁿ of the case sh^d be rejected

Mr Juddes writes I send a further letter to
Mr Goldmann, asking saying that what time has
carefully considered his statement of the
case but regrets that he sees no ground
for interfering with the action which
the Govt of the S.A.P. proposes to take
for the forfeiture of the concession &
surrender of the concession to the S.A.P.

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Lie J. Wood
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To the Under Secretary of State.
Colonial Office

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Dated. artilleryman in Hotel
Victoria Street,
London, E.C.4.
24 August. 1909.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter No. 16455/1909 asking for
my observations on Mr. C. S. Goldmann's
letter on the subject of the Progre-
-Singham Commission in the East Africa
Districts.

2. There has been much correspondence
on this matter with Captain Progre,
who has been finally informed that
the Secretary of State sees no reason
for giving further time for carrying out
the conditions of the grant.

A notice has been received on the Com-
missioner's preliminary to the in-
stitution of a suit for the forfeiture
of the grant.

I believe that action has not actually
been taken yet, because, owing to an
unfortunate mistake, sent me accepted
from the grantee's agent in East
Africa up to the 1st November 1909,
and the Commission is now of
opinion that such acceptance might
water the case if brought before the

you in it.

That is the position but may when I came away from the country.

3. In the rest Mr. Goldman's letter contains no reasons that have not already been urged by Captain Gropp and rejected. Mr. Goldman appears to have bought a part of the plot, but the principals refer to the persons mentioned are Messrs. Gropp & Livingston.

It is evident that the forest in question is at the present time of no value. Mr. Goldman's letter, as well as Captain Gropp's communication, show that all attempts to place it in the market have failed. Money has of course been spent in prospecting and negotiations, and the commissioners naturally do not wish to lose it.

But there is another reason for their anxiety to keep a hold on the plot. When the deed of agreement was drawn up, a grant of land was promised on the island of Mombasa for timber yield. A large area of land was set out very carefully reserved, and Captain Gropp advised the then acting commissioners of the Protectorate to give a block of some 20 acres of valuable building land for the purpose being that, as I am informed, the timber yield of the forest does not

will then so much the value of the grant may be realized. This grant may only be retained if the forest commission goes through.

5. In conclusion I would think that Mr. Goldman's application for a further consideration of the case should be rejected.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Julius Montgomerie,
Commissioner of Land (in leave),
East Africa Protectorate



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C. S. Goldman Esq.

3 Sept 1909.

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- Mr. Read 2
- Mr. Fiddes
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Cox
- Sir G. Lucas
- Sir F. Howard
- Col. Seely
- Lord Curzon

with ref. to the letter
 from this dept. of the
 16th Aug/09. I am
 directed by the Secy of
 State to inform you
 that he has carefully
 considered your statement
 of the case as
 regards the Grogan-
 Birmingham concession
 in the Ea. P.

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