

EAST AND PROT.

5972

5972

REC-1 FEB 17

Riddle & Riddle

1917

31 Jan.

all previous Paper

De 410 as 10
5972 Schauer
Walker

Kenton Estates Kawasaka
belonging to Mr. M. Holzappel.

Sends letter from Mr. Holzappel submitting
scheme for production of bonlach on the
Estates

Mr. Fenlyson,

This is an entirely separate matter from the
question of the liquidation of Messrs. Schauer Welter and
Company, but you had better see it as Mr. Holzappel is
involved.

W. H. H. H.

J. A. B.

16.2.17

CB 8/2/17

J. H. Linnitt

at once
L. J. R.

19/2/17

Copy to Mr. Linnitt 25 Feb 17
Also to March 17 1917

all subsequent Paper.

to 13030

CRIDDLE & CRIDDLE

CRIDDLE & CRIDDLE
 2, COLLINGWOOD STREET,
 NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

5972

REC'D
 FEB 1 FEB 17

*Northern Assurance Buildings
 2, Collingwood Street
 Newcastle upon Tyne*

31 January 1917

917.

Mr Max Holzapfel.

Our client Mr Max Holzapfel, concerning whom we have been in communication with the Colonial Office with reference to his interest in Schauer Walter & Co. Ltd. (Reference No. 77/1917) has written our Mr Horace Criddle a letter as per copy enclosed.

As the proposition is one which we think would --- interest the Military Authorities, we are sending you a copy of the letter and shall be glad to learn in due course whether the scheme is one which commends itself to the Colonial Office and to the Military Authorities.

As our impression received from our reading of the news in the Press is that whilst the Military campaign in German East Africa is approaching a successful conclusion, yet it may be some little time yet before it could be said that it was ended and that being so we agree with Mr Holzapfel that it would not be -- prudent for him to attempt to proceed to British East Africa until, at any rate, the Military Authorities think the time opportune for him to do so. Meanwhile however if the scheme is one which commends itself to the Military Authorities, we would suggest that Mr Holzapfel should make arrangements for his officials to proceed

HIDDLE & CRIDDLE.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON & NEWCASTLE.

TELEPHONE CENTRAL.

Northern Assurance Buildings
2, Collingwood Street
Newcastle upon Tyne

31 January 1917

with the scheme on the small scale referred to by him, and that later on Mr Holzappel would go there with the object of extending and developing the scheme.

Awaiting the favour of your reply.

We are, Sir,

Your Obedient Servants.

C. A. D. & Co. Ltd.

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office
London S W

July 22, 1917.

5972

REC.
REC. FEB 17

Dear Mr Horace,

re Kenton Estates, Malaya.

I have a herd of 1000 head of cattle up there and among them of course a lot of bullocks which are now sold in the market from time to time for meat. 415

Now I have the following scheme in mind in order to utilise these bullocks and those of neighbouring farmers to better advantage to the country and themselves.

In Denmark & Sweden there are a number of what are called "Goulash barons" - Goulash is a sort of stewed beef boiled together with potatoes vegetables and spices and makes an extremely tasty dish. This stew is put into tins which are hermetically sealed and then sold to different Army Administrations and also to the civil population.

Most of the cattle used for butchers meat ordinarily have been boiled down into this stew and that is probably the reason why there is a scarcity of meat in these countries.

At Kenton Estate we grow potatoes and supply the Military Authorities in the Protectorate regularly with them and we also grow the different vegetables needed for making "Goulash". I have a boiler in which the stew could be prepared and could no doubt buy another one in the Colony without difficulty. The spices and seasonings so far as they are not produced in the Colony can be bought there.

What I would have to do would be to send out the tin out to shape and size and a machine to put them together - Power as you know I have got there.

The reason of this letter is to ascertain if you would enquire if such a scheme has any interest for the Military Authorities and if so in what sized tins the stew would have to be packed. I could probably deal with one ton of stew a day and with proper organisation in procuring additional bullocks might extend considerably beyond this. My idea as to price is 1/- per lb.

inclusive of tins. To deal with this scheme on a small scale say up to one ton a day I believe my officials on the spot are capable but if the scheme is to be extended and expeditions organised to buy cattle at the different native Reserves from Abyssinia as I would have to go out and would be prepared to go out and organise and superintend the scheme if a safe conduct pass is given me to the Colony for my stay there and safe return here and for free movement within the Colony. I could always advise the Military Authorities where I wanted to go and report myself on my return.

416

I make this proposition in the belief that the campaign in German East Africa is ended or practically ended. Should I be wrong in this I would not care to go out as in that case the spy mania in the Colony will probably still be rampant and I would not like to expose myself to the unpleasantnesses to which I might and probably would be subjected in such a case.

If you think the Authorities are likely to show any interest in such a scheme please put it forward, if not please do not trouble.

According to the papers, schemes for the better utilisation and organisation of the food supply of the Empire are welcomed and hence my letter.

With kind regards.

Yours truly

M Holtzfeld.

SS

Downing Street,

21 February, 1917

Sir,

DRAFT.

SECRETARY,

WAR OFFICE.

MINUTE.

Mr.

Mr. Butler

Mr. Grindle

Mr. Lambert

Mr. Read

Sir G. Fiddes

Mr. Steel-Maxitland

Mr. Long

I am directed by Mr Secretary Long to transmit to you, to be laid before the Army Council, a copy of a letter from Messrs Criddle and Criddle forwarding a proposal from Mr Max Holzappel that his estate at Naivasha should be utilised for the purpose of producing "goulash" for supply to the troops in East Africa.

2. Mr Long is not in a position to pronounce an opinion as to the practicability of the proposal, but he assumes that, in view of your letter O165/S170 (F.2) of the 1st of February, the Army Council will not in any case wish to encourage Mr Holzappel's operations. If the Council confirm this view, Messrs Criddle and Criddle will

Messrs Criddle and Criddle
(5972)
Jan.

For conser. (5971)

draft also
m. 6307

will be informed that the War Office
are unable to entertain the proposal.

I am &c.,

W. H. B. B. B.

will be informed that the War Office
are unable to entertain the proposal.

I am &c.,

UNRECORDED