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Mr. J. Ducal

States that Mr Ducal desires a permit to
enter north western part of Prot which
presumably is closed under Outlying Districts
Order 1912. Enquires position.

subsequent Paper.

BOWOOD,
CALNE,
WILTS.

30th January 1914.

My dear Harcourt

I am extremely obliged to you for your prompt attention to my letter of the 27th. I feel no doubt that the facts of the case are as you presume them to be, and I will inform Mr. Ducat accordingly. He had probably been misled as to the situation in the outlying districts.

Yours sincerely

L. Harcourt

The Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, M.P.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NO. 3574
RE U.S. 30

in the order, that only persons
 are natives of the District
 acting under orders of
 Gov. or person holding a license
 to enter a closed district - that
 lies entirely within the Gov's
 jurisdiction to grant such license
 that I should not intervene in
 a matter - I add that if I had
 any doubts as to the propriety of the
 matter I will get precise info as to
 the Dist. where he wants to go
 I will ascertain [by direct] from Gov. I
 whether his presumption is to
 the underlying Dist. order is correct [It
 may be possible to get the info from the
 Gazette.]
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BOWOOD,
CALNE,
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27th January 1914.

My dear Harcourt

You were not enough to tell me when we met yesterday at Westminster Abbey that I might write you a few lines in reference to the matter which I then mentioned to you.

The case is this. Mr. James Ducat, who is related to me, is trying his fortunes in the East African Protectorate. He is, I believe, doing fairly well, and has earned a little money. He tells me that he understands the natives, and can speak several of their dialects. His desire is to be allowed to enter the North-western part of the Protectorate, where he believed there is a good opening for trade, but he has been told that this part of the Protectorate cannot be entered without a permit from the Colonial Office. He has come home in the
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'hope' of obtaining such a permit.

I can of course quite understand that there should be sufficient reasons for closing certain areas, and it may be that Ducat is asking for that which it is impossible to grant. I should however be grateful if you would have me furnished with a few lines from your Office, explaining the position and informing me whether Ducat has any chance of obtaining what he wants.

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Downing Street,

29th January, 1914.

My dear Mr. Lansdowne,

I have your letter of the 27th of January relating to the desire of Mr James Ducat to enter the North Western part of the East Africa Protectorate for purposes of trade.

I presume that the Governor has closed the district to which Mr Ducat wishes to go under the East Africa Outlying Districts Ordinance 1902. The Governor has this power by Proclamation under the Ordinance. ^{only} ~~any~~ persons who are natives of the district, public officers on duty acting under the orders of the Governor, or persons holding a licence under the Ordinance, may enter a closed district. It lies entirely within the Governor's discretion to grant such licences, and you will, I am sure, readily understand that I must rely upon the Governor's

knowledge

knowledge of local circumstances, and that I cannot interfere with his discretion in the matter.

If you have any desire to pursue the matter further and can get precise information as to the district to which Mr Lucet wishes to go, I will ascertain whether my presumption as to the Outlying Districts Ordinance is correct.

Yours very sincerely

(Sd) J. Harcourt.

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knowledge of local circumstances, and that I cannot interfere with his discretion in the matter.

If you have any desire to pursue the matter further and can get precise information as to the district to which Mr. Lucet wishes to go, I will ascertain whether my presumption as to the Outlying District's jurisdiction is correct.

Yours very sincerely

[Sd] T. Harcourt.