

1931.

Kenya

No. 17157

SUBJECT

CO 533/410

Shipments of Maize to Mexico

Previous

Subsequent

1 Trade Office 18 April
Enclose copy letter re embargo laid by American
authorities on export of maize not shipped before
28 March and stating as to refusal of authorities
to allow shipment of 1/2 the maize to enter, although
shipped before that date.

2 Foreign Office 17 April
In letter from Trade Office re refusal of American
authorities to issue permits for export of maize
and enclose copy telegram sent to U.S. Representative
in Paris by London also copy correspondence with
U.S. Legation, Washington & Secretary of State on
the subject.

DPT comes to same
arrangement - copy of letter
to go to [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

7. 7. 30 (and 6. 3. 30) 21 APR 1931
(and 11. 11. 30 and 11. 11. 30)

14 30 11 (and 30) 4/30 27 APR 1931

3 Foreign Office 20 April
In copy telegram correspondence with U.S. Legation
in Paris, re issue of permits for export to be
made.

Trade Office 21 April
to [unclear] with thank

DESTROYED UNDER BY [unclear]

1 Trade Office _____ 16 April 2
Include copy letter re embargo laid by American
authorities on import of cargo not shipped before
28 March and stating re refusal of authorities
to allow shipment of the cargo to enter, although
shipped before that date.

2 Foreign Office _____ 17 April
In letter from Trade Office re refusal of American
authorities to issue permits for entry of cargo
and under copy telegram sent to U.S. Representative
New York. Include also copy correspondence with
U.S. of England. Protesting & requesting assistance
of subject.

Diff. concern to state
accordingly - copy of letter
to be sent
20 APR 1933
aloud

3 T. 7-30 (and to 3 am) _____ 21 APR 1933
Info. H. D. 1. 3 and on 0

4 T. 7-10 (and 3) _____ 27 APR 1933

5 Foreign Office _____ 20 April
In copy telegram correspondence with U.S. Representative
New York, re issue of permit for cargo to be
landed.

Trade Office _____ 25 April
to J. with thanks

DESTROYED UNDER BY ~~SECRET~~

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE
RELEVANT UNDER STATUTE

Foreign Office _____ 25 April
copy telegram to S. L. Representative, Buenos
Aires regarding telegraphic information how
rather stands.

As well as last copy
see for the "revelation" and my
action in P. D. Office

4. B. To S. L. Representative - 4
to S. L. Representative - 100
to cables.

ATW/Allen
20/4

at once

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

Foreign Office _____ 24 April
copy telegram for the Representative
Buenos Aires stating he has approached
President of Republic - 2 cables

? copies of 2. 7. 2. C. 10
7. 2. 1. 0. 2. 1. 7.
C (Major Dale) for
information.

ATW/Allen
20/4

I cannot very well send a copy of
the correspondence as proposed if, in view of
the confidential nature of No. 8 and one of the
conditions of No. 1, to which I refer above.

I have spoken to Major Dale and I understand that
he has been informed semi-officially by
the Board of the Foreign Office. In the

circumstances we need not send any more of the
correspondence to the Trade and Information Office,
but I told Major Dale that if he was looking in in
the course of the next day or two I would show him
the papers; in the meantime put by.

ATW/Allen

20/4

at once

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

Foreign Office _____ 15 May
copy telegram for the Representative, Buenos Aires
reporting formal has received for cargo of 1.0
both barrels

I will T.H.O. say (b) that the
point has been raised for the exchange of the
cargo of the "South Cornwall"

Reproduction copy

Yes - Major Dale has already heard
of this but will take a letter in
reference to same to the Board
(See above re: 20/4 10/4)
by Major Dale (access to the
Buenos Aires market to do)

ATW/Allen

U.S. No. 34-30. (6 ans) 28 MAY 1961

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

Trade Office _____ 27 May

Acknowledge to P.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

12 Foreign Office _____ 26 May

In copy dispatch from the representative, Buenos Aires regarding not possible to move because want to allow cases to be heard

Very illuminating. This is all dead matter

but perhaps we might tell him some of

it by phone or so. later

Chamberlain 28/5

Pats

Smith

28/5

at all

Can

Foreign Office _____ 28 June

In copy dispatch from the representative, Buenos Aires in discharge of the cases of wages.

Pats

Richard
S. 10/6/61

14

Trade Office _____ 17 June
Report prepared has been received for all four cases, report notes to take up with Bureau head. Through Foreign Office, to reconsider present embargo and to protest against treatment wages have received

As to (b), I don't know what it is, must be making "strong point" about an effort which is now dead. I can't conceive of their leading to useful results. Acta

28/5 (a) - the financial aspect of the closing of the American market is much more to the point

? and copy of the letter to P. after certain only with the 2 by the 23 but that they represent may be made to the Bureau for evidence then to move on embargo a foreign matter
T 28/5
Richard
20/6/61

Richard

although you are not necessarily

you are all, as this is an
economic ~~question~~ ^{question}.

But I doubt think we
can 'rush in' here -
as to action I would propose
to ^{shape} (14) to F.O.

S.O. in first instance
ask whether they would
be embarrassed in any
way if we report

the matter - generally
to get info. about

the Mexican embargo
& what has already
been done about it.

see Parker
27.6.31

Mexico and countries of the kind are in a class
apart. Mexico does not bother very much about
foreign protests, I understand; and Mexico has her
own way of dealing with such protests, and with
any action which is inconvenient to her, quite
apart from dual questions of treaty rights, etc.
Here, Mexico can of course dig her toes in, and
"stay put". I would be inclined to take action
as suggested above, and ask if a protest would
be of the slightest use. If there were any
prospect of success, we would have to go on with
the thing; but my guess is that there is no
prospect whatever of success.

5
to be read
Will you, please, go over
the appropriate F.O. Dept.
& discuss it with
see
27.6.31

I went and saw Mr. Broad of the
Foreign Office on Monday. The position is
that owing to various causes, chiefly certain
detrimental land laws, the production of maize
in Mexico has fallen enormously during the last
two years, and from being an exporting country
Mexico has recently had to import maize in order
to encourage maize growing again, an embargo
has been placed on the importation of all maize
except for scientific and research purposes. The
relations between H.M.G. and Mexico are, to say
the least of it, rather strained. Mr. Broad
showed me a list which Foreign Office had recently
prepared of what they called "Mexican ^{embargoes} ~~prohibitions~~
during the last two years. It was quite a long
one. The Mexicans have apparently been trying
to be as unpleasant as they can possibly be without
actually provoking rupture.

Strong protests have already been made
about the treatment which Messrs. Fin's cargoes
have received. Mr. Broad said that were we to
ask for strong representations to be made to the
Mexican Government to induce them to remove the
embargo on foreign maize that would be embarrassing
to the Minister. They would, however, be quite
prepared to send out a copy of No. 14 and ask

the Minister to do all he could unofficially.

I said that I had an idea that Kenya maize being ^{yellow} maize, was used for something different to the ordinary ^{yellow} maize. Mr. Broad said that if it could be shown that Kenya maize did not and could not compete with ^{home-grown} maize, then there would be a stronger case for representations to the Mexican Government.

The above was written about a fortnight ago. As a first step I asked Rajadale to produce if he could something more definite as to X. See how (in last) further letter for him attached.

? was written to F.O. ^{reminder}

Plattwood
17/7/31

Trade Office _____ 15 July
Some additional information, supplied by new Mitchell letter etc. in connection with request for raising embargo.

See minute above

Send when F.O. reply, we should ask the Gov. J

Change near ^{was}
has been happening
in this matter.

All Parkmen
18.7.31

Wed 20.7.31

16 To F.O. (14/15-16-17) was
15 Answered } 22.7.31
EAT-10 (14-15 August)

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

17 See 1st of the 21/7/31

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

11.11 '31
London
1931.

15 To
State that under an agreement
which has been found to be
in violation of long range - is large
attached - is now done not proper
I should like to see what should have
been done

11
I think we might send
a copy of this to the T. 21.0.
a copy of that is not really finished
the relevant copy supplemented
by a copy of the 1931-32
plans. Plattwood
27.7.31 PTO

at your suggestion I have spoken to
no toward of the do. No
I have no objection to any no. of
being communicated to the T. & L.
but you may let them know of the
it will be left to be settled.

Yours truly
A. S. G. G. G.
2.8.31

We had better let the bank know
that under the 3 other first
and I had of the plan
12/8/31

W. H. G.
12/8/31

all
6. P. 31.
at all

To the 30 (40 - small 10 19) }
70 (40 20) - } 12 AUG 1931
1931
1. On 20 (the 12, 13, 14, 17, 19 of 1931) + 20 of 1931 - 12 AUG 1931
STATUTE

23 Trade Office
Schroeder 20 and into contact
14 August 9

? possibly
Bottleneck 27/8
17/8 27

W

24 Report that it will be transferred
to the credit of the other, in respect
of telegrams on Nov 5, 1931

Mr Grant

Can you please forward me
with a precedent in which a
change such as that is 24 has
been effected by this office in the
past the 15 payment is a
proper change against the bank?

105, P. 105
24/8/31

It is to be noted that
the fact of transfer in 1931 - in 1931 the
- which is very much the same as the
only difference - the 1931 change - in
- in the payment for the 1931
- in 1931 the office

propose to contest this claim by P.O.
but after perusal of the
agreement in 9570/24 Gen with
which the Govt has promised
me I think that Kenya should
pay

Forward the copy of 24 Sacha
is original to the depy. Commissioner
with reference to his letter of
the 15th Apr. 1931 (Sacha 62)
requesting him to make the
necessary payments.

H.S. Ponsick
26/2/37

Have spoken to Major Dale. The telegram
is not - is related to Kenya only;
I will be able to change the T. 10
which shows the fund from 6 Territories)
will be set

Tell C.A. to pay from Kenya ofc.
local and - depy. to Gov. Kenya, enclosing
copy of the 4th etc. explaining briefly how
they can be set. I say that
I got his account although C.A. to

H.S. Ponsick
27/2/37

25 To Gov. 199.
(copies first 2 small ones, small in 9, and 4
small to 104 in 81205/11/31 Gen)

26 To C.A. - w/c 25/4 small to 24 - 10 MAR 1932
without small

Mr. G...
P.P. (copy)
to see 24 etc.

but

27 Gov. Kenya - 190 - 15/4/32
Two copies of a letter are sent
to the Depy. Commr, Trade Office, London,
in regard to the recovery of the
£8.4.8 for telegrams, from Messrs
W.H. Pinn & Sons.

I am doubtful if it is equitable
to have this sum for Messrs Pinn & Sons
but seems necessary to be paid
? Pully.

H.S. Ponsick

Main Dale is almost certain
to refer to co.

? Wait
H.S. Ponsick
10/5

H.S. Ponsick
10/5 at once

but

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KENYA.

NO. 174

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.
KENYA.

RECEIVED
OFFICE

15th April, 1932.

Sir,

No 21

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No. 199 of the 10th March, 1932, in connection with the recovery of the cost of telegrams exchanged between the Foreign Office and His Majesty's Representative at Mexico City, and to enclose a copy of a letter which has been addressed to His Majesty's Deputy Trade Commissioner in London.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. G. ...
GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
M.P.,
10, WHITEHALL PLACE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

MR. W. W. W.

11th April, 1952.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a despatch which has been received from the Secretary of State from which you will observe that a sum of £0. 4. 8 has been charged to THIS Government in respect of telegrams from His Majesty's representative, Mexico City. It appears that Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co., as brokers for the Lamy's "Foreign" Association, had sold to Messrs. I. S. Pils & Sons on 12 June had sold but could not deliver. They therefore asked Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. to support them in requesting you to use your official influence to get diplomatic representations made to enable delivery to take place. The latter was done on behalf of a particular interest, namely Messrs. I. S. Pils, and I have to request that you will arrange for the amount paid in respect of the telegrams to be reimbursed from that firm and credited to the Lamy's account with the Crown Agents.

Yours very truly,

W. W. W.

Your obedient servant,

W. W. W.

The Deputy Trade Commissioner,
Trade and Information Office,
London.

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C. O.

17157/31. Kenya

Mr. Priestman

Mr. *Smith*

Mr.

Mr. Parkman

Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bellamy

Sir J. Shackleton

Post, U.S. of S.

Post, U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

gla

Downing Street,

10 March, 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to

you ~~two copies~~ copies of telegrams

exchanged between the Foreign Office and

His Majesty's Representative at Mexico City

and to inform you that these telegrams were

despatched as a result of representations

by the Commissioner of His Majesty's

Eastern African Dependencies Trade and

Information Office to the following effect:

Messrs Mitchell Cotts & Co., as agents for

the Kenya Farmers' Association sold four

charges East African maize on the following

dates in 1931:

- 13th January
- 20th January
- 24th January
- 12th February

to Messrs W. E. Pim for delivery to Mexico.

Messrs Pim were notified by their corres-

pondents that a Decree has been passed in

DRAFT.

KENYA

NO. 199

Handwritten notes:
 6/4/32
 P. ...
 17/1/32
 17/1/32
 17/1/32
 17/1/32

3/17/37

8/

4/12/265

copy of ...

2 drafts.

C. O.

25 12

17257/51. Kenya

- Mr. Priestman
- Mr. *Smith*
- Mr. *...*
- Mr. *...*
- Mr. *...*
- Sr. C. *...*
- Sr. J. *...*
- First U.S. of A.
- First U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State

gla

Downing Street.

10 March, 1952.

Sir,

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you ~~the~~ copies of telegrams

exchanged between the Foreign Office and

His Majesty's Representative at Mexico City

and to inform you that these telegrams were

despatched as a result of representations

by the Commissioner of His Majesty's

Western African Dependencies Trade and

Information Office to the following effect:

Messrs Mitchell Cotts & Co., as agents for

the Kenya Farmers' Association will be

charged with affixed notice on the following

dates in 1951 -

- 15th January
- 20th January
- 25th January
- 12th February

to Messrs M. S. Pim for delivery to Messrs

Messrs Pim were notified, their corres-

pondents that a Decree has been passed in

DRAFT.

KENYA

NO. 199

2 drafts

1. 10/3/52
2. 11/3/52
3. 12/3/52
4. 13/3/52
5. 14/3/52

5/17/52
 8/1
 44/21245

TO MAR 1952
 10 MAR 1952
 11 MAR 1952
 12 MAR 1952
 13 MAR 1952
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 26 MAR 1952
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 29 MAR 1952
 30 MAR 1952
 31 MAR 1952

2 drafts.

On 28th March 1931 by the Mexican Department of Agriculture placing a complete embargo on maize entering Mexico, except on maize shipped prior to the 28th March special permits were provided for.

2. Three of the cargoes of Kenya maize in question were shipped prior to 28th March. In spite of this, the Secretary of Agriculture in Mexico refused to issue the necessary permit to buyers for them to take delivery.

3. Major C.M. Dale represented that the matter was one of supreme importance to Kenya, particularly in view of the market conditions at the time with regard to maize, and requested that the assistance of the Foreign Office might be obtained in order to bring pressure on the Mexican Government to issue the necessary permits. The Foreign Office was approached accordingly, and has now submitted a claim for payment of £54,8

the 28th March 1931 by the Mexican Department of Agriculture placing a complete embargo on maize entering Mexico, except on maize shipped prior to the 28th March special in which case/permits were provided for.

2. Three of the cargoes of Kenya maize in question were shipped prior to the 28th March. In spite of this, the Secretary of Agriculture in Mexico refused to issue the necessary permit for buyers for them to take delivery.

3. Major C. M. ... represented that the matter was one of extreme importance to Kenya, particularly in view of the maize conditions at the time with regard to ... of that the assistance ... might ... be ... pressure on ... to issue the necessary permits. The Foreign Office was ... accordingly, and has now ... of 20.4.3

in respect of the telegraph charges

incurred for telegrams.

4. I am accordingly authorising the
Crown Agents for the Colonies to pay this
sum from Kenya funds.

I have, etc.

(Sgd) P. CUNLIFF-LISTER.

Very much

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I 1011/2/2/501

Foreign Office, S.W. 1.

8th February, 1932.

1332

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you, the annexed Statement, supported as far as possible by Vouchers, of Sums paid by this Office for Services chargeable to the Votes administered by your Department; and I am to request that the necessary directions may be given for the transfer of the Sum of three hundred and ninety seven pounds fourteen shillings and eleven pence to the Credit of the Vote for Diplomatic and Consular Service (Diplomatic) at the Office of His Majesty's Paymaster-General.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) A. H. Robinson.

1011/2/2/501
 1332
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DIPLOMATIC SERVICES:

Colonial Office.

HIS MAJESTY'S *Legation*

AT *Mexico City*

June QUARTER, 19 *31*

£ *8 - 4 - 8*

SCHEDULE of Payments made by His Majesty's

during the quarter ended

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No. of Vouchers	Description		
	Telegrams in connection with the prohibition of the importation of opium into Persia.		
16 April	Copy to Colonial Office with Lt. letter A 2504/2460/26 of 20 Apl.	12.75	
16 April	do - do	27.75	
(No 24)	Copy with Lt. letter A 2500/2460/26 of 29 Apl.	22.00	
16 April	Copy with Lt. letter A 2500/2460/26 of 29 Apl.	10.50	
			80.00

at 9.75 (ad paid - June) - 28.45

TELEGRAMS: BRASSER STREET.
 CABLES: BRASSER STREET, LONDON.
 TELEPHONE: BRASSER STREET, LONDON.



READ & INFORMATION OFFICE
 Royal Mail Building,
 Cannon Street, LONDON, E.C. 4.
 (TELEPHONE BRASSER STREET)

RECEIVED

11 AUGUST

14th August, 1931.

L. O. P.

Sir,

IMPORTATION OF SALES INTO SENEGAL.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 17957/31 of the 12th August, enclosing me copies of two despatches to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from His Majesty's Minister at Senegal City—for which I thank you.

2. I note that the provisional decree of the 25th March has now been amended and replaced by other regulations, and the new regulations lay down that only persons desiring to import maize from certain countries and districts will be required first to apply for permission from the Senegalese Ministry of Agriculture, and that Senegal is not included in the list of those countries from which maize may not be exported to Senegal without previous permission.

3. I have also carefully noted your remarks in paragraph 4, and am satisfying Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. about this, and also informing them about the new regulations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner.

The Under Secretary of State,
 Colonial Office,
 Downing Street,
 London, S.W. 1.

All well to

Communication / can let the
~~rest~~ of the Department know
that I have thought it advisable
to omit the third part of the
first enclosure. A similar
revision has been made in
communicating the Committee
on this subject to the Pa
I remain for his information

Yours

(Sd) A. C. D. PARKINSON



C. O.

Mr. Eastwood. 7.8

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Perms. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DOWNING STREET,

13th August, 1931.

Sir,

With reference to the letter

from this Department of the 22nd July regarding a prohibition of maize into Mexico I am etc., to transmit to you, for

your information, ^{copy} of two despatches

to the Secretary of State for Foreign

Affairs from His Majesty's Minister

at Mexico City, from which it will be

observed that the provisional decree

of March 25th, placing an absolute

prohibition on importation of maize, etc.

into Mexico has been annulled and replaced

by other regulations.

2. The new regulations lay down

that only persons desiring to import

maize from certain countries and districts

will be required first to apply for

permission from the Mexican Ministry of

Agriculture, and it will be observed

that

DRAFT

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
W. EASTERN AFRICAN DEP.
TRADE AND INFORMATION OFFICE.

Applicable - Cas. 564 - 12 AUG 1931

Fr. Wilson July 25th
Fr. do. July 25th
(Encl. to be altered in detail.)

3 cts.

17157
S.S.
8-AUG
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C. O.

Mr. Eastwood. 7.8
Mr. *Parkington*
Mr. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh.
Sir G. Grindle.
Perm. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

DOWNING STREET,

12th August, 1931.

Sir,

With reference to the letter

from this Department of the 22nd July *regarding an importation of maize into Mexico* I am etc., to transmit to you, for

copy your information, ~~copy~~ of two despatches

to the Secretary of State for Foreign

affairs from His Majesty's Minister

at Mexico City, from which it will be

observed that the provisional decree

the 25th of March, ~~1930~~ placing an absolute prohibition on ^{the} importation of maize, etc.

into Mexico has been annulled and replaced by other regulations.

2. The new regulations lay down that only persons desiring to import maize from certain countries and districts will be required first to apply for permission from the Mexican Ministry of

Agriculture and it will be observed

3 DRAFT.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
H.M. EASTERN AFRICAN DEP.
TRADE AND INFORMATION OFFICE.

Mr. do. do. do. do. do.
Mr. do. do. do. do. do.
(Encl. do. do. do. do. do.)
altered in ...

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3 c. 13.

that Kenya is not included in the list of those countries from which maize may not be exported to Mexico without previous permission.

3. There is, therefore, no longer any necessity to make representations to the Mexican Government in that connection. It is the suggestion that a further protest should be made in view of the incidents which have recently occurred, His Majesty's Secretary has been instructed to advise the Mexican Government accordingly. His Majesty's Government's attitude towards the United States is "with Cornwall" and the Mexican Minister in London has been advised of His Majesty's Government's view on the subject. It is not considered that any useful purpose will be served by referring to the incidents.

A. G. O. PARKINSON

1910

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In any further communication
of this subject, please quote
No. A 4495/2460/26

The Under-Secretary of State
Foreign Office
London, E.C. 1

FOREIGN OFFICE.

RECEIVED
30 JUL 1931
COL. OFF

S.W.1.

29th July, 1931.

Sir,

No 16

With reference to your letter No.17157/31 of July 22nd regarding certain shipments of Kenya maize to Mexico in which it is suggested (1) that a further protest should be made regarding the incidents which have already occurred; and (2) that an effort should be made to secure the removal of the embargo on Kenya maize imported into Mexico, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Henderson to enclose, herein, copies of two subsequent despatches from His Majesty's Minister at Mexico City from which it will be observed that the provisional decree of March 25th placing an absolute prohibition on the importation of maize, etc. into Mexico has been annulled and replaced by other regulations.

1. The new regulations lay down that only persons desiring to import maize from certain countries and districts will be required first to apply for permission from the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture and it will be observed that Kenya is not included in the list of those countries from which maize may not be exported to Mexico without previous permission.

2. There is, therefore, no longer any necessity to make representations to the Mexican Government in that connection, and as, further, His Majesty's Minister at Mexico City has been instructed to express to the Mexican Government the disappointment of His Majesty's Government at

their

The Under-Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

their attitude towards the incident of the "North Cornwall"
and the Mexican Minister in London has also been informed
of His Majesty's Government's view on the subject. Mr.
Henderson does not consider that any useful purpose would
be served by reverting to the incident.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D V Kelly

(A 4492/2440/25)

No. 123.

British Legation,

Mexico.

July 6th, 1931.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 72 of May 24th respecting the cargo of maize on the S.S. "North Cornwall", I have the honour to report that by Decree signed on the 27th ultimo, the provisional Decree of the 25th March which placed an absolute prohibition on the importation of foreign vegetable products, including maize, has been cancelled.

2. The new Decree gives the Ministry of Agriculture power to issue from time to time such special temporary regulations as the conditions in foreign countries may dictate.

As the press have not received the announcement, so special reference being made to the cargo on S.S. "Cornwall" by the newspapers and the fear being expressed that the new Decree by throwing this on the market, will reduce the price of maize for the local product. It is also stated that the cargo is tainted, but I believe this to be quite untrue. It is not unlikely that the article in question has been discussed by Lambert's VERMILION and his friends.

I have, etc.

Signed, T. ST. J. MONSON.

The Right Honourable
Arthur Henderson, F.R.S., M.P.
etc., etc., etc.,
Foreign Office.

British Legation,

Mexico.

July 24th, 1921.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 128 of July 24th respecting the regulations for the entry of foreign maize into Mexico, I have the honour to report that the decree which I reported has been supplemented by a regulation issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and dated the 24th of July. This decree declares that the following foreign sources of maize are infected by a virus, the ecological zone of which is practically all - Canada (provinces of Ontario and Quebec); United States of America (States of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey, South Florida and Indiana; the whole continent of Europe; Siberia from the Ural to the river Amur; Asia Minor; India; North-West Africa (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia).

In accordance with the provisions of article 2 of the above-mentioned decree, persons who desire to bring maize from these districts must apply to the Ministry for a permit to that end.

I am, etc.

(Signed) L. DE J. J. SERRANO.

C. O.

Mr. Eastwood 17/7

Mr. Paine 18/12/14

Mr.

Mr. [unclear]

Sir C. [unclear] 20/7/15

Sir J. [unclear]

Sir G. [unclear]

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I. 17157/31 Kenya.

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Downing Street,

22 July, 1915.

DRAFT.

THE U. S. OF GREAT

BRITAIN

Sir,

I am glad to refer to correspondence

with your letter A. 3300 2460/

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of the [unclear] regarding certain

arrangements of [unclear] to [unclear]

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Mr. Secretary [unclear] [unclear]

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U.S. to [unclear] [unclear]

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Mr. Rootwood 17/17

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Mr. ~~...~~

Mr. ~~...~~

Mr. C. Downing 20/7/44

Mr. J. Shackleton

Mr. G. Condie

From U.S. of S.

To U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

I. 17187/31 Kenya.

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Downing Street.

22 July, 1944

DRAFT.

THE U. S. OF STATE

FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir,

I am glad to refer to your

letter of 17th July regarding certain

points of the draft regarding certain

provisions of the draft to be sent

to the Secretary of State for

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have already occurred, and

(2) that an effort should be made to secure the removal of embargo on Kenya maize imported into Mexico.

2. Lord Passfield appreciates the difficulties of the situation; ^{but he} ~~he~~ ^{would} ~~could~~ however be glad if M.M.'s Representative at Mexico City could be requested to take any action which he considers possible, whether officially or unofficially, to secure the removal of the embargo so far as Kenya maize is concerned. I am to ~~draw~~ ^{draw} particular attention to the quotation

from a letter from Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. in para. 2 of Major Dale's letter of the

19th July, from which it ~~will be seen that~~ ^{it is} possible to argue that Kenya maize,

being white maize, is used for special purposes

for which Mexican maize ~~is not~~ ^{would} ~~cannot~~ be used, and therefore that it ~~does~~ ^{does} not

compete with maize produced locally.

I am, etc.

As regards the first suggestion, the American will not ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~consider~~ ^{consider} whether any useful purpose will be served by recording to the matter with the Mexican Government. As regards the second suggestion,

if the Mexican maize is of the yellow variety,

TELEPHONE: REGENT 3701/2.
CABLES: EAMATTERS, LONDON.
TELEGRAMS: EAMATTERS, WESTROND, LONDON.
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TRADE & INFORMATION OFFICE
ROYAL MAIL BUILDING,
COOKSPUR STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.
(ENTRANCE OPPOSITE GARDENS)

10/15

15th July, 1931.

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Sir,

6038/31
DIRECT SHIPMENTS OF MAIZE FROM KENYA
TO MEXICO.

NO 14

I have the honour to refer to my letter,
No. 5504/31 of the 17th June and to my telephone
conversation with Mr. Eastwood of your Department.

2. I then took the matter up again with Messrs.
Mitchell Cotts & Co., and asked them to give me their
views on the subject and have heard from them today.
They state that the chief reason why they required the
embargo against Kenya White Maize into Mexico, removed
is that in order to do the very best they can for the
Kenya Farmers and Growers it is necessary for them to
have the opportunity of selling this to the outside
markets. They add that they appreciate the point that
the Mexico Authorities will not be concerned with this
point of view, but rather in what way Mexico will
suffer if the embargo is not lifted. They add :-

"As we see it, there are certain uses for
Kenya White Maize for which Maize grown in
Mexico is unsuitable, although we have no
definite information on this point. Some
of the uses of Kenya White Maize are starch
manufacture, distilling, manufacture of grills
and food stuffs, and if the Mexican Maize is
a yellow variety, then it will be unsuitable
for these important uses".

3. I trust that this is the additional information
which you require on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

P. H. Smith

Deputy Commissioner.

The Under Secretary of State,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
Downing Street.

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TRADE & INFORMATION OFFICE
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17th June, 1931.

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SIR,

URGENT MAIZE SHIPMENTS FROM KENYA
 TO MEXICO.

I have the honour to refer to my letter of the 27th May No. 4785/31, and to notify you that I am informed, so far as Kenya interests are concerned, the matter is all clear, i.e., payment has been received for all four shipments.

I have been requested, however, by Messrs. Mitchell Cotts Ltd., (Agents for the Kenya Farmers' Association) and Messrs. W. H. Pim Junr. & Co. Ltd., to take up the question again with you from two points of view,

(a) Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. Ltd., state that the closing of the Mexican Market will have a detrimental effect on the sale of Kenya Maize next season, which, as you know is already in a bad way, and they wish to know whether anything can be done to induce the Mexican Government to re-consider the present embargo.

(b) Messrs. W. H. Pim Junr. & Co. Ltd., wish me to ask you to raise a strong protest with the Mexican Government against the treatment which these cargoes have received. Even under the present embargo (of the Mexican Government) three of the four cargoes should have received the necessary landing permit with reasonable promptitude whereas only one received it, and that only after such a long delay (whereby heavy demurrage was incurred on behalf of the steamer), that the shippers of the Maize were compelled to send cabled instructions to the remaining steamers (I understand at St. Lucia) not to complete the voyage but to proceed elsewhere; and the Maize was subsequently sold at a heavy loss.

3. Messrs. W. H. Pim Junr., & Co. Ltd.,

The Under Secretary of State,
 Colonial Office,
 Downing Street,
 S. W. 1.

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 copy to Mr. Pim Junr. 17 June 1931

inform us that the firm to whom they sold were an American one and therefore I presume that any question of claim for losses against the Mexican Government would be one for the Foreign Office of the United States of America to take up but they say that even if the embargo should be removed, it will be very difficult for them (Wapac. W. K. Flagman. & Co Ltd), to do business again in this way with this firm after the losses they have incurred in these shipments.

It should be agreed amongst all the various question which are taken up through the Foreign Office with the Mexican Government as this matter for long's sake is a very important one to the country and its welfare. I agree that the business of the firm is not a very important one to the country and its welfare. I agree that the business of the firm is not a very important one to the country and its welfare.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Address]

In any further communication on this subject, please quote
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and address it to my person or to the
The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London, W. 8.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his
compliments to ~~the~~ *the* Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies by ~~direction~~ *direction* of the Secretary of State,
in accordance with any of the under-mentioned papers

Foreign Office
2nd July 1931

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Reference to previous correspondence
Foreign Office Letter No. **A 3328/2460/26** of
26th May
Description of Business

Date and Date

Subject

Re Representative
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No 72 of 8th May

Position of S.O. North
bromwell at Vera Cruz

Enclosure with note to
Secretary
S.O.F.

Copy.

(A 3326/2460/26).

No. 72

BRITISH LEGATION,

MEXICO,

May 8th, 1931.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm the information contained in my telegram No. 59 of May 7th, 1931, that permission has been given for the discharge of the cargo of maize which arrived in the SS. "North Cornwall".

It should be noted, however, that the "Staff" has in fact been paid in connection with the permit to discharge. Any information which comes from a good source is to the effect that when the agitation has died down and the newspapers have forgotten the case, the maize will be quietly released and sold in the interior. The reporters anticipate that permission for the actual sale of the consignment will cost them some fifty or sixty thousand pesos.

It may be that they are unduly pessimistic in taking this view. I suspect that the matter has actually been arranged by Don Alfonso Castillejo to whom Mr. Portee submitted the case and who promised to do his best.

The Right Hon.

Arthur Henderson, P.C., M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Foreign Office.

Copy.

(A 5320/2400/20).

BRITISH LEGATION,

BEKING.

May 21st, 1931.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm the information contained in my telegram No. 29 of May 17th, 1931,

that permission has been given for the discharge of the cargo of opium which arrived in the ss. 'North Cornwall'.

It is clear, however, that no "draft" has in fact been sold in connection with the permit to discharge. My information which comes from a good source is to the effect that when the agitation has died down and the newspapers have forgotten the case, the opium will be quietly released and sold in the interior. The speculators anticipate that permission for the actual sale of the consignment will cost them some fifty or sixty thousand pounds.

It may be that they are unduly pessimistic in taking this view. For I suspect that the matter has actually been arranged by Don Alfredo Asteliza, to whom Mr. Purves submitted the case and who promised to do his best.

The Right Hon.

Arthur Henderson, F.C., M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Foreign Office.

4. Don Alfonso expressed the view that he might be able to arrange for the discharge of the cargo for the account of the Banco-Agriculto, of which he is President, to be sold for industrial purposes.

I have etc.

(Sgd.) E. HUNTER

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In any further communication on this subject please quote
the number *1366/26*
and address—*and to any person by whom it is*
"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his
compliments to *The Under-Secretary of State*
for the Colonies, and, by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper:

Foreign Office,
26th May, 1931.

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Reference to previous *102*

102.9 *Foreign Office letter No 12977/2460/26 of*
25th May

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<i>New Representative Brazil City 2069 of 30th April</i>	<i>Prohibition of importation of maize into Brazil</i>

Similar letter sent to *Secretary*
D. S. Y.

No. 22.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram No. 22 of the 27th instant and previous correspondence respecting the refusal of the Mexican Government to permit the entry of certain cargoes of maize despatched from Leon in British bottoms, I have the honour to report that, despite repeated efforts, it has not proved possible to move the Mexican Government from their position. The matter had already been brought to my notice before the receipt of your telegram No. 22 of the 16th instant, and I immediately brought the facts to the notice of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs who, however, were only able to give me their official reply yesterday.

2. This reply was to the effect that to permit the maize on the S.S. "North Cornwall" to be landed would be in contravention of the terms of the Decree of the 28th of March last. This appears to me an incredible decision since the second of

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The Right Hon.

Arthur Henderson, P.C., M.P.

etc., etc., etc.,

Foreign Office.

the sanitary articles of the Buenos trade as follows:

"Sugarco consigned to Mexico and embargoed before the entry into force of the present quarantine (that is from the date of publication in the Official Gazette), shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article 66 of the Reglamento de Policia Sanitaria Agricola provided always that the previous consent of the Ministry of Agriculture, who may delegate their powers to the Federal Department of Agricultural Defense, has been obtained."

3. I expressed my great surprise at the decision to the Political Director and added that according to my information many very competent Mexican lawyers were firmly convinced that the necessary permit ought to be issued. Señor Sierra replied that in that case it seemed to be a matter which the importers should take to the courts.

4. In point of fact I have reason to believe that a flagrant denial of justice has occurred, and that the permit has been refused to oblige Señor Leuberto Hernandez, Governor of the Federal District, to state, as I show them, are that the importers, in

the transitory articles of the Decree reads as follows:

"Gargoes consigned to Mexico and embarked before the entry into force of the present quarantine (that is from the date of publication in the Official Gazette), shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article 66 of the Reglamento de Policia Sanitaria Agricola provided always that the previous consent of the Ministry of Agriculture, who may delegate their powers to the Federal Department of Agricultural Defense, has been obtained."

3. I expressed my great surprise at the decision to the Political Director and added that according to my information many very competent Mexican importers were firmly convinced that the necessary permit ought to be issued. Señor Cervera replied that in that case it seemed to be a matter which the importers should take to the courts.

4. In point of fact I have reason to believe that a flagrant denial of justice has occurred, and that the permit has been refused to whilge Señor Leoberto Hernandez, Governor of the Federal District. These, as I knew them, are that the importers, in

the first instance, approached the President through
 Señor Masareño, Managing Director of the Banco
 Nacional de Mexico, and Señor Ortiz Rubio promised
 that the permit should be issued. The importer
 accordingly applied to the Ministry of Agriculture,
 where, however, he was met with a demand for draft
 to the extent of \$200,000.00 pesos. He began ne-
 gotiating to reduce this sum according to the recognized
 rules, but meanwhile Señor Hernandez stepped in. It
 seems that this gentleman recently imported a large
 consignment of inferior maize, for which he would
 not be able to find a market in the event of the car-
 goes, now in discussion, being admitted, and that he
 therefore took steps to prevent the issue of the per-
 mit. This information, of course, was given me by
 the importers themselves and is therefore an error;
 as, however, Señor Vales, the importer's agent tells
 me that he has been approached with a view to the
 purchase of Señor Hernandez' consignment, it seems not
 unlikely that the story is true.

I understand that arrangements have been
 made for the maize to be re-shipped to London, where a
 market has already been found for it.

I have the honour to be
 with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

Confidential

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote
No. A 2537/2460/26
and address—not to any person by name, but to—
"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his
compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for
the Colonies, and, by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned papers.

Foreign Office,
10th April, 1931.

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Reference to previous correspondence:

No 2 Foreign Office letter No A 2501/2460/26 of 17th April

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p><u>from</u> H.M. Representative, Mexico City.</p>	<p>Position of <u>SS North Cornwall</u> at Vera Cruz</p>
<p>Telegram No 30 of <u>16th April.</u></p>	
<p><u>To</u> Telegram No 30 of <u>18th April</u></p>	
<p><u>from</u> Telegram No 31 of <u>10th April.</u></p>	

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Similar letter sent to 877.

Decode. Mr. Monson (Mexico):

16th April 1931.

D. 1.45 p.m. 16th April 1931.

R. 10.00 p.m. 16th April 1931.

No 30. (B).

Your telegram No. 29.

Importers agent informs me that cargoes are bought and paid for and are not therefore any longer the property of British subjects. His Majesty's Consul-General is afraid they may go bankrupt and be unable to pay demurrage on steamer which has already arrived. I had therefore already approached Mexican Government with a request that cargo may be unloaded pending consideration of disposal in order to release ship.

Agent states that other three vessels will be held at Santa Lucia pending issue or refusal of permit.

Unless you instruct me to the contrary I do not propose to intervene respecting actual cargo.

MEMORANDUM

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Message, No. 22222 (Mexico),
10th April, 1931.

2. 11.0 p.m. 20th April, 1931.

2. 10.0 p.m. 10th April, 1931.

No. 21.

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MEMORANDUM

By telegram No. 20.

Consulate-General is not satisfied that importers
took proper action to obtain permits, the suspicion
being that they resorted to graft and failed.

(A. 100/100/00)

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Copy telegram to Mr. Smith (Secret).

Foreign Office, 27th April 1951. 2.10 p.m.

Mr. B.

Your telegrams Nos. 23 and 24 (of April 1951) in
regard of cases at New York.

It is considered in view of interests of British
citizens that every contractor should be made to
cover himself for the challenge of these contracts and
generally it is especially urgent in the case of the a.s.
"North Council". It is understood that bills of law
for this particular case are held by United States
interests at the Embassy and having been previously
approved your United States colleagues will also be
able to advise.

Please report developments by telegram.

C.O.

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Mr. *Richard [unclear]*
 Mr. *Pardine [unclear]*
 Mr.
 Mr. Treasurer
 Mr. C. [unclear]
 Mr. J. [unclear]
 Mr. G. [unclear]
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 Secretary of State

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DRAFT.

The Dep. of Com.
 Mr. [unclear]
 Dept. of Trade
 Dept. Office

I am sorry to advise the rest of you
 that [unclear] of the 15th April
 regarding the refusal of the Mexican
 authorities to grant permits for the
 discharge of cargo of maize on
 board certain vessels which have
 already arrived or are about to
 arrive in Mexico.

Take to Mexico
 with 6 copies (4 copies available)

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 (Copies available)

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(2) I am sorry to enclose
 for you [unclear], a copy of a letter
 sent by the [unclear] to the
 S.G. for P.A. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] Representatives in Mexico
 City on 15th April 1931. Copies
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 Export Protection & [unclear]
 Assoc. are also sent.

In any further communication
on this subject, please quote

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and address—

and to any person to whom.

sent to—

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.



Foreign Office

S.W.1.

17th April, 1931.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Henderson to enclose, herewith the original letter from the Deputy Commissioner, His Majesty's Eastern African Dependencies, regarding the refusal of the Mexican authorities to grant permits for the discharge of cargoes of maize on board certain vessels which have already arrived or are about to arrive in Mexico.

My acquaintance with you, the Deputy Commissioner brought the enclosed letter direct to this Department, and a telegram on the subject, copy of which is enclosed, was accordingly sent to His Majesty's Representative in Mexico City on April 16th.

I am also to enclose copy of correspondence which has passed between the North of England Protecting and Indemnity Association and this office on the subject.

Mr. Henderson would be glad if you would be good enough to inform the Deputy Commissioner, His Majesty's Eastern African Dependencies, of the action which has been taken in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J.V. Kelly

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

Copy 6.11.31, A.B.C. - D. & T. 1.1.31, 21 APR 1931



15th April, 1931.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have just received a call from Mr. Carr of Messrs. Mitchell Galle & Co., and Mr. E. N. Turner of Messrs. Wm. H. Pim, Jr. & Co., Ltd. with regard to some shipments of West African maize to Mexico.

2. The position is as follows:-

Messrs. Mitchell Galle & Co. as agents for the League Farmers' Association sold four cargoes of West African maize on the following dates:-

15th January
20th January
24th January
12th February.

to Messrs. Wm. H. Pim, Jr. & Co. Ltd. for delivery to Mexico. Messrs. Wm. H. Pim, Jr. & Co. Ltd. have received a cable from their Correspondents in New Orleans (copy of which is attached) stating that on the 28th March a Decree was issued by the Mexican Department of Agriculture placing a complete embargo on maize entering Mexico, except on maize shipped prior to the date of publication, viz. the 28th March, in which case decrees provided for special permits being issued by the Mexican Government.

3. Three of these cargoes were shipped prior to the 28th March by the following vessels:-

- "North Cornwall" - which arrived at Vera Cruz on the 5th/6th April.
- "Andros Castle" - Due to arrive in Mexico at the beginning of May
- "Portugal" - Due to arrive there about the third week in May.

The fourth cargo has been shipped by the "Indian Prince" and sailed on the 14th April.

4. Messrs. W. H. Pim, Jr. & Co. Ltd. have received a cable to the effect that in spite of the provision in the Decree of the Mexican Government providing for the issue of special permits for cargoes shipped prior to the 20th March, the Secretary of Agriculture refuses to issue the necessary permit to buyers for them to take delivery.

5. I would draw your attention to the fact that the cable which is enclosed states "Precedent recently established by MEXICAN Department Agriculture in issuing permit for cargo Argentine wheat on steamer Kingsborough under terms of wheat embargo which was identical to wheat embargo and circumstances Kingsborough case of Cornwall."

6. Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. and the buyers have therefore approached me with a view to getting assistance through the proper channels in order to get this permission given.

7. In the first place the matter is one of supreme importance to buyers (particularly in view of the present market conditions with regard to wheat) should anything occur which would have the result of definitely putting a stop to such sales in future. Secondly the possible very great financial loss which will be involved to the buyers Messrs. W. H. Pim, Jr. & Co. Ltd., and thirdly the heavy demurrage

charges

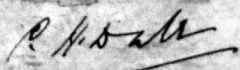
on the Steamship Company by the boat being detained for an unnecessarily long time in the port of destination, with a possible consequent risk of later charters being upset.

8. I am naturally very anxious to render all possible assistance to Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. and Messrs. Wm. H. Pim, and shall be grateful therefore if this matter could be treated as one of great urgency and the assistance of the Foreign Office invoked in order to bring pressure on the Mexican Government to issue the necessary permits.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Deputy Commissioner.

19th April 1931.

Received from Funnig, New Orleans.

DECREES ISSUED MARCH TWENTYSECOND BY MEXICAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
IMPOSED COMPLETE EMBARGO IN MAIZE ENTERING MEXICO NEIGHT MAIZE SHIPPED PRIOR
TO DATE OF PUBLICATION MARCH TWENTYSECOND IN WHICH CASE DECREES PROVIDED
SPECIAL PERMITS WOULD BE GIVEN STOP ALTHOUGH CORNWALL SENDS PORTUGIS ARE
ALL EXCLUDED FROM THIS EMBARGO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE REFUSES ISSUE EMBARGO
PERMIT TO BUYERS CORNWALL MESSRS TRAPAGA HERNANDEZ AND RICARDO CREPES
OF MEXICO CITY EVEN AFTER ADMITTING THAT THE CARGO IS LEGALLY ENTITLED
ENTER MEXICO THEREFORE PLEASE DO YOUR UTMOST INDUCE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE
INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF A SHIPMENT OF BRITISH EAST AFRICAN MAIZE WHICH IS
BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST STOP FOR YOUR GUIDANCE PRECEDENT RECENTLY
ESTABLISHED BY MEXICAN DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE IN ISSUING PERMIT FOR CARGO
ARGENTINE WHEAT IN STEAMER KINGSBOROUGH UNDER TERMS OF WHEAT EMBARGO WHICH
WAS IDENTICAL TO MAIZE EMBARGO AND CIRCUMSTANCES KINGSBOROUGH SAME AS
CORNWALL STOP BUYERS HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR PERMITS DUNDRUM PORTUGIS
WISHING FIRST CLEAR UP CORNWALL STOP WHETHER GUIDANCE OUR BUYERS ALBERTO
WALSH COMPANY ON ALL CARGONS STOP TRUST YOU WILL DO YOUR VERY BEST AS
BUYERS FACE TERRIFIC LOSS WHICH WE FEAR MAY EVENTUALLY FALL TO US.

16th April 1931.

Received from Funnig, New Orleans.

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URGENT ISSUED MARCH TWENTYEIGHTH BY MEXICAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
REGARDING COMPLETE EMBARGO IN MAIZE COVERING MEXICO EXCEPT MAIZE SHIPPED PRIOR
TO DATE OF PUBLICATION MARCH TWENTYEIGHTH IN WHICH CASE SPECIAL PROVIDED
SPECIAL PERMITS WOULD BE GIVEN STOP ALTHOUGH CORNWALL DUNDRUM PORTGEOIS ARE
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BUYERS FACE TERRIFIC LOSS WHICH WE FEAR MAY EVENTUALLY FALL TO US.

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North of England Protecting and
Indemnity Association,
Collingwood Buildings,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
April 14th, 1931.

Sir,

S.S. "North Cornwall" at Vera Cruz.

The Owners of the above vessel, who are Members of this Association, have placed before us information concerning the recent voyage of this steamer from Mombasa to Vera Cruz, Mexico, with a cargo of Maize in bags.

Briefly the facts are as follows:-

The cargo was shipped at Mombasa, from which port the vessel sailed on the 11th February last, arriving at Vera Cruz on the 18th inst.

On the 3rd March, when the vessel had been about three weeks on her passage, we understand that an Edict was issued by the Mexican Government, prohibiting the import of all grades of foreign wheat.

The vessel has now been at Vera Cruz for six days, and is unable to discharge her cargo owing to the fact that the Owners of the cargo have been unable, up to the present, to obtain the necessary permit to land it.

In view of the fact that the steamer was about half way through her voyage when the prohibition came into force, it is exceptionally hard upon the shipowner to have his vessel delayed in this manner through no fault of his own, and we shall be greatly obliged if you could kindly exercise your good offices with the Mexican Government, through His Majesty's Representative

Under Secretary of State,

Foreign Office,

London, E.W.1.

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in Mexico, with a view, if possible, to obtaining permission for the vessel to discharge her cargo.

We might add that the Master of the vessel was instructed to place the facts before the British Consul at Vera Cruz, in order that the British Consulate may be made aware of the matter, and a cable has been received from him to the effect that this has been done.

We are,

F. Pro The North of England Protection and Indemnity Association

(Sd.)

Assistant Manager.

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Sede telegram to Mr. Monson (Mexico City).
Foreign Office, 10th April 1931. 2.45 p.m.
No. 26. (H).

Agents in London for Kenya Farmers' Association
sold four cargoes of East African maize to Mexican
firms on the following dates:- January 13th, January
20th, January 24th and February 13th. They are now
informed that on March 20th a Mexican decree was
issued placing a complete embargo on maize entering
Mexico except on maize shipped prior to the date of
publication of the decree, in which case, special
permits were to be issued by the Mexican Government.

Three of the four cargoes were shipped prior to
March 20th by the following vessels:- "North Cornwall"
which arrived at Vera Cruz on April 8th; "Dundrum
Castle" - due to arrive in Mexico at the beginning of
May; "Fortregis" - due to arrive in Mexico about the
third week in May. The fourth cargo has been shipped
by the "Indian Prince" and sailed on April 14th.

Agents are informed that in spite of the pro-
vision in the decree providing for the issue of special
permits for cargoes shipped prior to March 20th, the
Mexican Government refuse to issue permits in the
present instance.

It appears that a precedent was recently estab-
lished by Mexican Government in issuing a permit for a
cargo of Argentine wheat on steamer "Kingsborough"
under terms of wheat embargo which was identical to
maize embargo.

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Please endeavour to persuade Mexican Government to issue permits as soon as possible for the first three shipments and for the fourth as well, in view of the fact that contract for latter was signed prior to date of decree and that the ship sailed on April 10th on which date the provisions of the decree were unknown.

I understand His Majesty's Consul at Vera Cruz has been informed of facts of the case of the "Cornwall". Please inform him and report to me the result of your representations.

Telegram (no chair) from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

R. 12.57 p.m. 10th April, 1921.

R. 2.00 p.m. 10th April, 1921.



No. -

Following from North of England Protecting Indemnity Association:

Steamer "North Cornwall" carrying mine from Humber to Vera Cruz, Mexico, has arrived find that Mexican Government issued decree three weeks after vessel left Humber prohibiting import grain into Mexico. Vessel detained at Vera Cruz and the loss of every day of vital importance as she is chartered homeward with sugar from Cuba and if not there by 20th possibly lose charter and be involved in other serious troubles. Master vessel our instructions has reported British Consul will feel much obliged if you can kindly cable and urge your good offices Mexican Government allow discharge proceed at once.

S.V.L.

17th April, 1951.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of April 14th and to your telegram of April 16th regarding the refusal of the Mexican authorities to issue a permit for the discharge of the cargo of maize on the S.S. "North Cornwall", at present at Vera Cruz, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Henderson to inform you that telegraphic instructions were sent to His Majesty's Representative in Mexico City on the 16th instant to endeavour to obtain a permit for the discharge of the cargo in question.

2. I am to add, for your information, that at the request of the Deputy Commissioner, His Majesty's Eastern African Dependencies, His Majesty's Representative in Mexico City was instructed to obtain the necessary permit not only for the S.S. "North Cornwall" but also for the S.S. "Dandrus Castle", "Portregis" and "Indian Prince" all of which ships will shortly be arriving in Mexico with similar cargoes.

3. A further communication will be addressed to you on receipt of a report from His Majesty's Representative in Mexico City on the subject.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) G. V. KELLY,

Assistant Manager,

Institution of Engineers, Electricians and Instrumentalists Association,

Hillingwood Buildings,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) G. V. KELLY,

Assistant Manager,

British and Foreign Marine Insurance Association,

Lloyd's Buildings,

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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16th April, 1931.

Dear Parkison,

With reference to our interview on Tuesday, I am very greatly obliged for the help which you gave me in the matter, and I now enclose you herewith a copy of the letter which I brought with me yesterday, and the original of which I left with Mr. Howard of the American Section of the Foreign Office.

Mr. Howard very kindly arranged to cable the Ministry in Mexico on the subject, and he also informs me that the British Consul at Vera Cruz is in touch with the matter in Mexico.

For your information, I would add that the actual buyers of the cargo on the "North Cornwall" are Messrs. Trépage Desnoes and Messrs. Ricardo Cepedes, both of Mexico City; they are also the buyers of the cargo of the "Dundon Castle"; and the buyers from the "Fortraic" are Messrs. Alberto Valca & Co., Republica del Salvador, 60, Mexico City.

I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. Dole
Deputy Commissioner.

Major A. G. C. Parkison, C.M.G., C.B.E.,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
S. W. 1.

15th April, 1931.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have just received a call from Mr. Carr of Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co., and Mr. E.H. Turner of Messrs. Wm. H. Pim, Jr. & Co. Ltd., with regard to some shipments of West African maize to Mexico.

E. The position is as follows:-

Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. as agents for the Empire Farmers' Association sold four cargoes of West African maize on the following dates:-

15th January
20th January
24th January
12th February.

to Messrs. Wm. H. Pim, Jr. & Co. Ltd. for delivery to Mexico. Messrs. Wm. H. Pim, Jr. & Co. Ltd. have received a cable from their correspondents in New Orleans (copy of which is attached) stating that on the 10th March a decree was issued by the Mexican Department of Agriculture placing a complete embargo on maize entering Mexico, except on maize shipped prior to the date of publication, viz. the 10th March, in which case decrees provided for special permits being issued by the Mexican Government.

J. Three of these cargoes were shipped prior to the 10th March by the following vessels:-

- "North Cornwall" - which arrived at Vera Cruz on the 5th/7th April.
- "Maudron Castle" - due to arrive in Mexico at the beginning of May.
- "Portugal" - due to arrive there about the third week in May.

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The fourth cargo has been shipped by the "Indian Prince" and sailed on the 14th April.

4. Messrs. Wm. H. Pils, Jr. & Co. Ltd. have received a cable to the effect that in spite of the provision in the House of the Mexican Government providing for the issue of special permits for cargoes shipped prior to the 25th March, the Secretary of Agriculture refuses to issue the necessary permit to buyers for them to take delivery.

5. I would draw your attention to the fact that the cable which is enclosed states "Precedent recently established by Mexican Department of Agriculture in issuing permit for cargo Argentine wheat at standard Kingsborough under terms of wheat embargo which was identical to maize embargo and circumstances Kingsborough case at Cerecillo."

6. Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. and the buyers have therefore approached us with a view to getting assistance through the proper channels in order to get this permission given.

7. In the first place the matter is one of extreme importance to buyers (particularly in view of the present market conditions with regard to maize) should anything occur which would have the result of definitely putting a stop to such sales in future. Secondly the possible very great financial loss which will be involved to the buyers Messrs. Wm. H. Pils, Jr. & Co. Ltd., and thirdly the heavy demurrage

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4. Messrs. Wm. H. Pils, Jr. & Co. Ltd. have received a cable to the effect that in spite of the provision in the Statute of the Customs Government providing for the issue of special permits for cargoes shipped prior to the 15th March, the Secretary of Agriculture refuses to issue the necessary permit to buyers (P) than to take delivery.

5. I would draw your attention to the fact that the cable which is enclosed states "Precedent recently established by Customs Department Agriculture is issuing permit for cargo Argentina wheat on steamer Kingsborough under terms of wheat embargo which was identical to maize embargo and circumstances Kingsborough same as Cornwall."

6. Messrs. Mitchell Datta & Co. and the buyers have therefore approached me with a view to getting assistance through the proper channels in order to get this permission given.

7. In the first place the matter is one of supreme importance to Europe (particularly in view of the present market conditions with regard to maize) should anything occur which would have the result of definitely putting a stop to such sales in future. Secondly the possible very great financial loss which will be involved to the buyers Messrs. Wm. H. Pils, Jr. & Co. Ltd., and thirdly the heavy demerage

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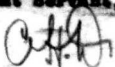
on the Steamship Company by the boat being detained for an unnecessarily long time in the port of destination, with a possible consequent risk of later charters being upset.

8. I am naturally very anxious to render all possible assistance to Messrs. Mitchell Cotts & Co. and Messrs. Wm. H. Pin, and shall be grateful therefore if this matter could be treated as one of great urgency and the assistance of the Foreign Office invoked in order to bring pressure on the Mexican Government to issue the necessary permits.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Deputy Commissioner.

15th April, 1931. 55

DECREES ISSUED MARCH TWENTYEIGHTH BY MEXICAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PLACED COMPLETE EMBARGO IN MAIZE ENTERING MEXICO EXCEPT MAIZE SHIPPED PRIOR TO DATE OF PUBLICATION MARCH TWENTYEIGHTH IN WHICH CASE DECREES PROVIDED SPECIAL PERMITS WOULD BE GIVEN STOP ALTHOUGH CORNWALL DUTYFREE PORTUGALIS ARE ALL EXCLUDED FROM THIS EMBARGO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE REFUSES ISSUE NECESSARY PERMIT TO BUYERS CORNWALL MEXICO TRAFAGA URRABAND AND RICARDO CRISTINO OF MEXICO CITY EVEN AFTER ADMITTING THAT THE CARGO IS LEGALLY ENTITLED ENTER MEXICO THEREFORE PLEASE DO YOUR UTMOST INDUCE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF A SHIPMENT OF BRITISH EAST AFRICAN MAIZE WHICH IS BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST STOP FOR YOUR GUIDANCE PERMITS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED BY MEXICAN DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE IN ISSUING PERMIT FOR CARGO ARGENTINE WHEAT RE STEAMER KINGSDOROUGH UNDER TERMS OF WHEAT EMBARGO WHICH WAS IDENTICAL TO MAIZE EMBARGO AND CIRCUMSTANCES KINGSDOROUGH SAME AS CORNWALL STOP BUYERS HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR PERMITS DUTYFREE PORTUGALIS WISHING FIRST CLEAR UP CORNWALL STOP FURTHER GUIDANCE OUR BUYERS ALBERTO VALES COMPANY OF ALL CARGONS STOP TRUST YOU WILL DO YOUR VERY BEST AS BUYERS FACE TERRIFIC LOSS WHICH WE FEAR MAY EVENTUALLY FALL TO US.

16th April, 1931.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the conversation which I had with Mr. J. F. Howard of your Department yesterday, and the letter from an official to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonial Office with regard to certain shipments of which from Tampa to Mexico.

I promised to let Mr. Howard know the name of the actual buyers of the maize referred to in the letters and gave him the name of the buyers of the cargo of the "North Carroll" on the telephone yesterday. I now write to confirm this, and to give you the names of the buyers of the second and third cargoes. These are as follows:-

"North Carroll" - Messrs. Trappes Robinson and Messrs. Ricardo Capellan, both of Mexico City.

"Dorada Ceiba" - Messrs. Trappes Robinson and Messrs. Ricardo Capellan (as above).

"Pactonga" - Messrs. Alberto Valdez Co., Republica del Salvador, 40, Mexico City.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner.

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