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13th May 1925.

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NOT: CART V.E., MP,  
SCOTTISH OFFICER

RELATION:-

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RESEARCH WORK IN CONNECTION WITH PASTURE GRASSES.

Hopes to send out Mr J.B. Orr, Agricultural Research Officer, to South Africa, and suggests he should visit Kenya also. £300 should cover cost.

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This offer is especially worth taking advantage of now as it will help Mr Montgomery's & Dr Hill's efforts in the same line

I am not sure about the cost Does the £150 - £300 include a scientific secretary? It seems rather a high figure for the

additional travelling expenses incurred Dr Orr by visiting Kenya alone

Mr Montgomery will see Dr Orr in E. Africa but Dr Hill might like to see him before he leaves

? Acc. to say the S.D.S. is glad to avail himself of this opportunity of having Dr Orr's services & that if he goes to Kenya he will be paid

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To Dr. Hill - 27 MAY 1925  
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free travelling facilities in the Colony.

Say that owing to the financial position of the Colony expenses must be kept low, & that therefore the S. I. S. Comptroller

agrees to ~~an~~ cost of a Scientific Secretary being met from Colonial funds

2. Add that our Chief Vet. Advisor has already brought this matter up, & the Director of Kaur has kindly consented to

prepare a handbook for the use of V. O. S. & that Dr. Orr might like therefore to

see Dr. Hill before he sails. Say that the S. I. S. will be glad to have further information

Send copy of course to D. A. G. Keating refer 3005, saying that in view of the small cost involved

the S. I. S. thought it best to take immediate advantage of this offer & provide further details later

We might be able to save some of our expenses by asking the C. A. to take his passage

Sun 10.12.25

arrangements. If Dr. Orr does not visit, it seems a matter for consideration whether it might not be desirable for him to visit, if possible, Uganda and Tanganyika also.

Verbal reply send an interim reply to Captain Elliot saying that Mr. Ormsby Gore is having the matter looked into and will reply later: consult Dr. Hill and then, if the proposals have been proceeded with, ask Captain Elliot for the actual figures, with and without the Scientific Secretary which he says he can furnish; and if it is thought that Dr. Orr ~~might~~ <sup>shall</sup> visit Tanganyika and Uganda also, Captain Elliot might be asked whether arrangements could be made, and what was the estimate of the additional cost. When the necessary information has been obtained, the Governor would, I suppose, have to be consulted before anything definite was settled.

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Income - if you are as to A  
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Mr. Green (the reply from Dr. Hill's letter later from Dr. Hill attached)

It does not appear from Dr. Hill's letter that the proposed visit would at the present be of much

In the case of the Falkland Islands, the Rowett Institute undertook the analysis of grasses, pathological examination of bones and certain feeding experiments, for which they received two grants of £250 each, but they did not send anyone to the Colony. Perhaps in the first instance Dr. Hill should be consulted in order to see how this proposal, if carried out, will fit in with his arrangements

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May 18th 1925.

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Lt 15 MAY 25

My dear Ormsby-Gore,

I hope to send out to Africa this autumn one of our Agricultural Research men. His name is J.E. Orr, D.S.O. D.Sc. etc. He is personally, head of the Rowett Research Institute at Aberdeen, and has been chosen President of the Agricultural Section of the British Association for its meeting this year.

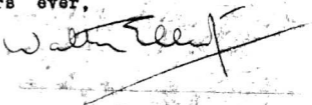
The work of the Institute is Research in Animal Nutrition, and you know, of course, what great advances are being made at present in the study of nutrition and the great practical importance which it undoubtedly has. The work done has awakened great interest locally, and practical men have given evidence of this by considerable donations, of which the most recent is £20,000 towards an experimental farm from a local breeder. As a testimony from Aberdeen, nothing more need be said!

Our work, particularly our recent work, in connection with pasture grasses and stock losses arising out of deficiency therein, links up closely with the recent work of Arnold Theiler and his people in the South African station, where, by discovering that certain diseases originated in a great deficiency of phosphorus in the veldt grass and by supplying this directly to the stock in the form of ground bone, he was able to open up great tracts of country and actually cause a definite rise in land prices in that area.

I was discussing this general line with some of the Kenya ranchers home on holiday in this country. They had themselves been greatly interested in Theiler's work and thought that it seemed to afford a key to many of their problems. They were very anxious to get into touch directly with this work, and on hearing that Orr was going to South Africa, asked if anything could be done to get him to come to Kenya also.

We have, before this, done some work in association with the Colonial Office, in the case of the Falkland Islands, where the Colony forwarded us some samples and paid for the expenses connected with their analysis etc. If it were possible for the Colony or the Department to pay a proportion of the expenses of the journey to South Africa, round by Kenya, I should be very glad to arrange to extend Orr's time of absence for this extended journey. I should like to send a scientific secret with him as well, but if the money will not run to that of course it won't! I should think some sum between £150 and £300 would cover everything, but if you think that the idea is a good one I shall work it out closely and give you actual figures.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter Hume", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

26 May 25

Dear Billy

Many thanks for your  
 re Mr's visit to Kenya  
 not to make it clear, though,  
 his work would have  
 actually nothing to do with  
 New work - or rather that  
 would not possibly overlap  
 in any way. What we are  
 looking for is the mineral etc.

Mr. Clauson, K.C. "and to the Solicitors for the Colonies, who appeared in the litigation," and that "while of opinion that Mr. Tait was injudicious in one instance, Mr. Clauson gave it as his opinion - the Solicitors taking the same view - that there was nothing in Mr. Tait's conduct either dishonest or dishonourable."

It seems hardly probable that Sutton Qummaney and Oliver expressed this opinion on the conduct of the receiver without reference either to you or to us. We heard nothing about it, and unless you were consulted, we are inclined to think that the question should be taken up with them.

Yours sincerely,

*J. B. Beecher*