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DATE
28th Feb, 1924

FOR CIRCULATION:—
Mr.
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Asst. U.S. of S. *Swire 29/2/24*
*89. Mr. D. G. Somerville,
Presid. U.S. of S.
Part U.S. of S. *43*
Secretary of State.

Rationing of raw materials

To ask the Prime Minister, whether, before the British public is asked to provide further money for the development of East Africa, especially the direction of cotton-growing, he will state the intentions of the Government with respect to international action aimed at rationing the chief raw materials of the world so that there may be no mistake as to the imperial character of any scheme for which funds are required and solicited. [Wednesday 5th March.]

Oral reply

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P. M. has asked the C.O. to advise on this question.

P. M. no slip within. We are only concerned with the suggestion that we are getting the £3,500,000 under false pretences, as Lancaster will not necessarily get the cotton grown.

After preparing the attached note, I had to go to the Committee meeting of the C. O. regarding and I thought I will show my note to Sir J. Currie. He brought into the discussion the

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MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE.

Jackson, the Chairman of
the Corporation, and W.
Porter, the Chairman of
the Finance Committee.
all these having agreed
in the vote

I am sure the 1989
Convention: it does not
expressly say that there
shall be no limitation of
destination, but as a
Japanese buyer cannot
be restrained from sending
wickets to Japan (Arista?)

I take it that a British or American
buyer cannot be so restrained
either

I suggest that the note
be sent to the Private
Secretary, F.O., as representing
our position. It is not
likely that the last bit
will be used, in view of

understand) in the case of
the Sudan; but that is
not our affair.

W.C.A. 29.2.24

H. J. P.
29/2/24

The P.M. will doubtless be aware
we have had attention called
to the fact that the
in the H. of C. on Wednesday
of the 27th (Hansard Vol. 501, p. 10)
to draw down the fund in
to cover the amount of the
at all the hands of our friends who
seem to be essential
concerned in the matter
the draft amounting to
But the check must be
to supplementary articles, especially
in view of what was said
by the Secretary about the
possibility of raising a minimum
price

W
4/3/24

I have sent a copy of suggested reply
to Miss Watson W.C.A. 4/3/24

P.T.O.

P.M.

reply in 1818
not a paper
- from the
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It has not been stated or implied that
 the cotton produced in West Africa as a
 result of the convention proposed in the
 Supplementary Estimate will be consumed
 entirely within country or even within the
 Empire. Such a limitation would be
 impossible, because of the free trade
 treaty obligations affecting the ~~United~~
 Constitutional Basin of the Congo - ~~as~~
 inserted by the Convention of 31st
 German, 10th Sept. 1819; it would
 be unjust, as limiting the market
 of the native grower; ^{I would} ~~and it would~~
 further point out that
~~the necessity~~, ~~because of~~
~~the necessity~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~necessity~~
 supply of cotton of a type
 suitable for Lancashire's
 requirements requires the cotton
 difficulty in obtaining it as a
 reasonable price to the public
 which it bears