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MONTGOMERY, E.

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MEAT AND STOCK INDUSTRY.

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Considers that Sir John Ramsden's interest is assured and that he would assist, in the event of the constitution of a body embracing men with local interests - instead of arranging with a firm now in the industry.

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The position was discussed with Col. Montgomery this morning. The impression which we have gained from his enquiries is, that while there is no marked enthusiasm ~~as~~ in any quarters for undertaking a venture in Kenya, Vestey's may take the matter up & Burrell would probably do so if it were definitely put to them. Their entry into the field would not, however, be so advantageous to

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to be as that of Vestey,
who deal with all
branches of meat export
trade.

i.e. interest & carrying on
other concerns

Should no large
British firm take the
matter up, other possibilities
are:

(i) the formation of
a new organisation for
the purpose. This is where
Sir J. Ramsden would
come in.

I am sceptical as to
the formation of
formed the success of
such a venture.

of local origin

(ii) American firms.
It was agreed that ~~the~~
Col. Montgomery should
not sound these at
present, but that he
should not give Lord
Vestey the impression that
they were definitely out
of the running.

(iii) Australian firms.
Col. Montgomery is in
touch with Thos. Borthwick

Association.

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You explained to Col.
Montgomery that the S. of S.
had not yet considered
in detail the proposals of
the Govt. of Kenya as
to the terms to be
offered, and it was
agreed that he should
continue to work on his
basis present basis (i.e.
soundly, terms to see
what terms they would
want) until after he
has seen Sir Edmund
Vestey early in October.
The matter can then
be laid before the S. of S.
again in the light
of developments.

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Sir,

In connection with your letter ³¹¹ No. 4746 E.A. of 2nd inst, and No. 40673/1924 of the 5th inst I have the honor to report that while in Scotland I took the opportunity of visiting Sir John Ramsden Bart. for one night.

Sir John Ramsden had been named as a business man, interested both in the E.A. Office and Rhodesia in connection with my present scheme.

I had anticipated that my studies would accrue from Sir John's views that his "imperial" views towards the warrent assured that it be considered desirable to establish a body embracing men with local interests, instead of arranging with a firm now in the meat industry, I am of the opinion that Sir John would assist, together with others whom I have been able to meet in London.

4. I think that my detour from Perth to Kingussie, and back, is also approved.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Ethan Macdonald

Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.