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FROM
GOVERNOR GRIGG.

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DATE
7th December 1925.

FOR CIRCULATION :-

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Mr.
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Asst. U.S. of S.

W. Strachey

Perm. U.S. of S.
Part. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State

MEAT CANNING.

Crown lands available and lease of 5,000 acres would be considered; does not favour approaching Masai Council for lease at present. Requests Kennedy may be assured that every facility will be accorded during his visit.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

Off. for certain herewith.

Pls. see Lt. Franklin's letter of 27 Nov & attached to 51766, from which it appears that Mr. Kennedy is better at starting than in carrying through.

Lt. Franklin has confirmed in conversation his view that this need not trouble us so long as we see that we do not suffer through wrong administration.

Copy of letter to Mr. Kennedy should go to Gov. in unopened

** To K. Kennedy's file. cons*
Award 12.54 (with copy above) 16 DEC 1925
Further to Gov. Gen. 16 DEC 1925
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Subsequent Paper

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of sketch, with a confidential
sketch on the head for carbon
in case of ~~harm~~ the possibility
of the Kennedy family to "stay the
course".

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TELEGRAM

From the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 7th December 1925.

(Received Colonial Office 1.55 p.m. 7th December 1925)

61766

No.569. Confidential 7th December. Your telegram of 25th November Meat Canning Crown Lands to west of Hutchinson's Farm is available and lease of 5000 acres on favourable terms would be considered do not favour the approaching Masai Council for the lease of the reserve land at present.

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Proposal(s) in paragraph No.2 (a) of the enclosure to your despatch 1st January are generally acceptable except that mention of specific buying price should be omitted at present until after further information is available.

Please assure Kennedy that every facility will be accorded during the visit.

Mr. Bottomley 9.12

Go. 54869/25 Kenya

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- Mr. Strachey
- Sir J. Shuckburgh
- Sir O. Davis
- Mr. G. Brindle
- Mr. S. Wilson
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore

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Mr. Amery

Downing Street

10 December, 1925

DRAFT for conson.

E. Kennedy, Esq. Junior

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary

Amery to inform you that, since the receipt of your letter of the 17th of November, he has been in telegraphic communication with the Governor of Kenya on the subject of your proposal to establish a meat-canning factory in the Colony. The observations which follow are intended as a preliminary to the personal visit which, it is understood, you intend to pay to Kenya at an early date, when it will be possible to discuss details more fully than can be done in this country. The Governor desires that you should be assured that every facility will be accorded to you during

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your visit.

2. The Governor states that there is vacant Crown land to the West of Captain Hutchinson's farms, and that a lease of 5,000 acres on favourable terms could be considered. The land would be leased solely for use in connection with the factory and would revert to the Crown immediately if the factory ceased to operate actively. Sir E. Grigg does not mention the possibility of leasing additional land as the output of the factory increases.

3. As regards the other point raised in your letter, the Governor would be prepared to introduce legislation giving power to the Governor:-

(a) to license a factory for dealing with native cattle for export purposes,

(b) to make rules reserving a district for the service of such factory for such period and on such conditions as the Governor may think fit, and, further

further.

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(c) when a district has been so reserved, to retain the right, on application being received for permission to build a factory to serve another district, of first inviting an application from the licensee of the first factory.

4. This protection would, of course, like the lease of land, be subject to your continuing your operations actively, the closer definition of which phrase may be left for discussion between you and the local Government. It will at the same time be possible to discuss the period during which the Government's offer can be held open pending the establishment and equipment of the factory.

5. Mr. Amery will be glad to learn whether, after considering this letter you decide to proceed to Kenya and if so, at what date, in order that he may communicate further with the Governor on

on the subject.

I am etc.

(Signed) C. STRACHEY

Mr. Cliffe 11.xii.25.

Mr. Allen 15/12

Mr. Bottanley 15/12

Mr. E. J. Harding

Mr. Strachey

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir S. Wilson.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Earl of Clarendon.

Mr. Amery.

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Governor Grigg.

Downing Street,

16 December, 1925.

Sir,

In my despatch No. 1257 of the 16th December, I have enclosed a copy of a letter which I caused to be addressed to Mr. R. Kennedy Jnr. on the receipt of your Confidential Telegram No. 569 of the 7th of December regarding his proposals for the erection of a meatcanning factory on the Athi River.

2. You will observe that in paragraphs 2 and 4 of the letter

Mr. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy has been informed that
the land in question would be leased
solely for use in connexion with the proposed
factory and would revert to the Crown
immediately if the factory ceased to operate
actively and that the protection to be afforded
by the proposed ^{legislation} would similarly be subject to
his continuing his operations actively.

3. I considered it desirable to make
these conditions ^{clear} as, although Mr. Kennedy
would appear to possess the necessary
initiative and energy for launching the
scheme, there is some reason to doubt
whether he would shew sufficient steadiness
of purpose to carry it on successfully.
It is therefore in my opinion essential to
safeguard the interests of the Government
of Kenya by making the proposed privileges
conditional on the continued activity of
the factory in order that the Government may
not be exposed to ^{or loss} criticism should
Mr. Kennedy prove unequal to carrying through
the scheme.

I have
(Signed) L. S. AMERY