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KENYA

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JUL 21

DATE

JULY.

M. H. T.

RELATION

SUBJECT

BAMBOO CONCESSION.

PAPER MAKING.

Index

Lambert

Bond

Fishes

Food

Garvhill

Encloses memo. Has not heard of Chesnaye in this connection. If there is a further applicant to see any morning on short notice either at address or at C.O. would do.

Previous Paper

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MINUTES

Mr. Bettendorp

Mr. Martin called on Saturday morning and I explained to him who Mr. Chesnaye was.

This is getting rather complicated. There are three parties in the field:-

(1) Messrs. Chesnaye, Dashwood, Lanon and Ellis, with regard to whom we have just telegraphed to the O.A.G. asking him, unless there is strong reason to the contrary, to extend their option for a short period from the 21st July, to allow of personal discussion with the Governor. Their concession according to the map attached to 4144 appears to cover about 67,000 acres, or roughly, 100 square miles. If, as appears from Mr. Martin's memorandum, about 15 or 20 square miles is a sufficient unit for a concession of this character, one of the points for consideration when the proposed negotiations with Sir E. Northey take place will

*Mr. Martin 23 July 21
Chesnaye (copy of letter) 23 July 21
City and to O.A.G. 28 July 21
Ltr. to Governor - 1st Sept. 1921*

Subsequent Paper

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And send copy of 32791 and Mr. Martin's memorandum in this paper to the O.A.G., L.F. re: telegram.

And tell Mr. McRae and Mr. Brown that we have telegraphed to the O.A.G. and asked him to send further information by mail as to the forests available by the first opportunity, and that we will put the information when received at their disposal on their disclosing to us their financial resources, and add that if they like to send a representative out to prospect, we will ask the local Governor to give him all facilities that can properly be given.

And we should send to Mr. Martin semi-officially a copy of our telegram and of our letters to Mr. McRae and Mr. Brown.

W.S.

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Brenton Street
Berkeley 8, Calif

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Dear Battered

I'm sorry I've been so long
producing the enclosed memo,
to the stress of moving & settling
to new lodgings must
bear the blame. I hope it's
sufficiently legible. By the way
I've not heard anything of the
question of Chesney or this
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Brenton Street
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in the CO. would do. I see 10
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till the 8th

Yours sincerely
H. J. Martine

13. VII. 21.

Inquiries re bamboo enclosures for paper making *JL*

... had connections with Capt McRae
Mr. Binna (Miles Nelson) in the 5th & 6th
respectively.
Capt McRae held patent rights for
process of treating bamboo pulp with
soda instead of caustic soda &
professes that not only does that
process effect a very great saving
on other soda process, but also
prevents of grading by control, &
producing a waste product of high
value for purposes of economic alcohol.
is confident that he could obtain
financial backing necessary to enable
to start work on a large scale in

ya ~~that~~ (he has not such capital in ^{10%}
his hands) & asks for a definite
concession to enable him to get ^{more} advantageous
than he would otherwise obtain
his potential backers. He informed
that he had no definite firm at
the end of him, but believed that
Messrs Nelson were interested in his
proposal. His concrete proposal was
20 sq. mile concession for an initial
of 2 years during which failure
meant a factory costing £175,000
and entail loss of the concession.
I should add that his ignorance of
local conditions, such as labour ~~and~~ ^{manpower}
statistics, the presence or absence of
insect pest which has made the loss

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 to give a 5% concession for an initial
 of 2 years during which failure
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 and entail loss of the concession.
 I should add that his ignorance of
 conditions, such as labour ~~and~~ ^{market}
 statistics, the presence or absence of

... in India, so difficult, & his failure

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... (apparently) interested in handling
... railway rates, export & import dues,
... not suggest to me that he
... is in any position to forward
... forward a concrete proposition
... reliable data on the other
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... session desired of him has been given
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... responds to make at this stage: he
... enquires as to the kinds of lumber
... grows in Kenya rainfall, distances,
... at certain ... I have enjoyed
... than for him, if possible, specimens

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is not in any position to forward
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burden had, & I think very sensibly,
refrains to make at this stage: he

inquires as to the kinds of labour
required in large, rainfall distances,
what costs etc & I have enjoyed
talking to him, if possible, occasionally

ambros from the Imperial Institute. I told
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that as a personal view of my own, I
do not consider that Govt. were in the
least likely to transfer a paper making
etc. etc. by under various terms
personal reparations freight charges
that obligation of work & expenditure
probably be quite definite & their
amount expected. I also told
that Govt. was in the process of
not a number of applications
such concessions & was anxious
early action. Mr Brown informed
that his firm had no intention
now of any soda process but had
one sulphide process which it
preferred to any other. I should like

est a comment here to the
 dependence on the local supply of
 in Kenya suggests various difficulties.
 any case the dependence of a new
 on a not too prosperous
 wished concern would be dangerous,
 the exploitation of Lake Natron
 (though expanding due to MgSO₄) would
 entail either dependence on the
 line or the construction of
 to the Tanganyika line. ^{is} either
 heavy addition to the cost of production
 would be unlikely to get us far
 as a pretty increased capital
 need too. A crude soda process would
 have these difficulties with a caustic
 soda process & would only differ from it
 & degree & not in kind.

as I gathered from these communications,
 economic unit for a paper factory is
 15-20 sq miles of timber tract.
 should be feasible to let out
 such areas & the acceptance
 of tender in the night out
 crossing rather than the rejection of
 all offers. But in my opinion the
 proof ~~require~~ which Capt Mc Rae
 will be called upon to produce
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 parties of more information than
 contained in the Hutcheon's report

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to be obtained ^{as to} the acreage of the 167
also among the species sketches
bamboos & any other matters of
interest which would be within
knowledge of the Forest Dept.
might then be possible to give
effect in a more attractive form
the Govt's willingness to entertain
applications for bamboo cutting rights
favourable sites etc in respect
areas within the Colony.

H. J. Martin.

12. VII. 24.

Many points in particular appear to require
attention: viz the general bamboo areas with
the percentage of bamboo growth (shown in
small large-scale sketch-map), the configuration

the ground & available water supply, the species
behave predominant, average growth, 168
the growing in clumps or continuous mass,
it's as regards flowering & dying-off,
since of any part particularly in
relation with storage, rainfall statistics,
concerning to major communications &
technical sources of labour of which
are indication of the present cost
ought be given.

Don't think it would be unreasonable
for you to give what assistance it
is in this direction so long as it were
perfectly clear that no opportunity
is necessary, taken of fact
that applicants must satisfy themselves
as to existing conditions.

H. J. M.

July

Sent 2.50 P.M.

20/7/21

Jarou

20 July

Send 44768

DRAFT. Tell:

Governor Nairobi

gentlemen
Should be glad to receive by
means an early mail the particulars
and asked for in schedule

MINUTE.

- Mr. Clark 19/7
- Mr. Parkinson 19.7.21
- Mr. Robertson 19/7
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Road
- Sir G. Piddis
- Col. Avery
- Mr. Churchill

abolish
accompanying my Confidential
despatch jackelane
despatch 31st January

also information as to
touch
water supply and rainfall

alphabetical
Applications for concessions are

received here from from

Copy up? with
3579/21
35668/21 ref
Miss Seligman
see

[unclear]
19/7/21
Copy made 29/7/21

38668/2 Kenya

In Mr. Bramley's signature
23 July '51

DRAFT.

H. T. Martin Esq.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Clark 19/7/
- Mr. Parkinson 14/7/51
- Mr. Bramley 17/7/51
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Bond
- Sir G. Fisher
- Col. Amery
- Mr. Churchill

to Mr. Martin has just gone
I have seen self-acknowledging
has thanked for your letter of the
13th regarding the results of
your conversation with
Capt. M. Rose & Mr. Brown
regarding his bamboo enquiries
about bamboo concerns
I enclose for your information
a copy of the reply we have
sent them and of our telegram

Yours faithfully
H. T. Martin

intenable interested in paper making and it would appear

deplorable to give them the information available

provisional satisfy produce satisfactory evidence a

fellowless financial position. (C)

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Subject to your views area of about 15 or

acquired mismeasure, aloum flattened
20 square miles would appear suitable unit for

a concession sd
I shall be glad to

mangroves know how many such units are available and where situated

oblast
It receive your observation as to timing of a

concession terms

Royalties

~~at the~~ Kenya. May for

at the office of Kenya.

(Sgd) W. B. Battenby

July 23 July 1924

~~Copy to Mr. [unclear]~~

I am to refer to you

recent interviews with Mr H.T.
① interview with Mr

DRAFT.

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A.R. McRae Esq
J.M. Brown Esq

② interview with Mr
Baker at the CO and with
H.T. Martin

MINUTE.

Mr H.T. Martin } on the subject of the

grant of bamboo concessions in

Kenya, ~~Kenya~~ and to inform you

- Mr. Clerk 19/7/24
- Mr. [unclear] 19/7/24
- Mr. [unclear] 19/7/24
- Mr. Grandin.
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir G. Eades.
- Col. Amery.
- Mr. Churchill.

Copy to Mr. [unclear]

that a telegram has been sent to
of the Colony

the only [unclear] him to send by
by mail

further information / as to the [unclear]

(as soon as possible)

available by mail by the first

3/1/24

I am to state that this

information when received will be put at
your disposal on your desiring to this
Dept. your financial resources, and that

if you care to send a representative out to
Colonial Government
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be requested to afford him all facilities that

can properly be given.

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