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You may like to  
see this in connection  
with the memo. on  
East African labour  
which you now have.

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Dear Mr Butler

We have had a visit to-day  
from three people (Mr Cardross,  
& Messrs E. Powys Cobb and  
Wavell.) purporting to represent  
British landowners in E. Africa,  
& asking for our good offices in  
their endeavour to obtain  
Arab labour from the country  
near Aden for employment

on plantations (rubber, etc.)  
in the Mombasa region.  
They said they also <sup>that</sup> propose ~~would~~ to  
recruit Somalis for the same  
purpose, & had approached  
the C.O. in the matter.

Apparently they have already  
approached the authorities at  
Aden but only to be told the  
thing was impossible.  
Can you tell us (what

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the actual <sup>status</sup> position of these  
Gentlemen is, & how far  
it is desirable to assist them  
if it can be done; and  
(2) what action, if any, you  
are yourselves prepared to  
take in regard to <sup>the question of</sup> recruiting  
Somalis?

Prima facie I should feel  
disposed to assist - provided  
arrangements as to contract &  
are satisfactory. But of course  
I don't yet know what

view the higher authorities here  
with balls, or whether the local  
objections at Aden (we don't  
know what they are) are  
insuperable. In any case  
we shall, I am sure, wish  
to keep in line with you in  
the matter.

Yours very truly

J. Shuckburgh

P.S. If I am wrong in addressing  
you, will you kindly pass on  
to the proper person?

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- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Dear Mr. Shackburgh,

Butler has now left the E. A. Dept. and has showed you letter for the same. I enclose a copy of the correspondence that has taken place on getting labourers from Somabland for the coast plantation, in the E.A.P. The objection is pointed out in some letter here on the 12th to the Hon. L. Somabland, but we have still to hear whether the terms proposed are acceptable to the planters and whether the Gov. of the E.A.P. is prepared to give best experiment.

The three people you mention are all connected with well known rubber or fibre companies in the coast strip. Lord Cardross with the Gazi Rubber & Fibre Estates

On 37501, aft. at. 20574  
aft. the ward. W.A.S.

When location line above  
W.A.S.

obtained.

As regards the Cedar  
proposal, you will no doubt  
wish to visit the coast  
for the decision on the  
Soundland proposal, but  
it should be stated if you  
could find out in the  
meantime what the local  
objections are.

Yours truly

H. R.

13 Dec. 1912

Dear Mr. Reid,

Very many thanks for your letter  
& enclosures about labour for  
E. Africa. I will get copies  
sent to India and Aden by today's  
mail. Later on we shall  
probably telegraph for their views,  
when we have received the  
formal application from



the Planter. This has not  
yet reached us.

Yours as truly

J. R. Shuckburgh

H. J. Read & Co

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