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Exemption from Customs Duty.

Motor Cars for Commercial use, & petrol.

Requests fall under as to loss of persons involved. Note that matter be deferred until Feb. 1912-13. Consider that exemption of duty has not be extended to petrol generally & asks whether users of petrol for industrial cars only could not be relieved by means of a rebate

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(No copy of the S.A.P. notes for a tel. reply, but we cannot go into the question & a tel. H. J. R.)

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21st February 1911.

S. R.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Fiddes' letter of the 18th instant and the accompanying copies of despatches from the Officers administering the Governments of the East Africa Protectorate and Uganda proposing the exemption from duty of motor cars for commercial use and of petrol.

My Lords are not told what loss of revenue is involved in the two Protectorates severally in respect of each category of exemption and before deciding upon Mr. Secretary Harcourt's application They would require to have full information on this point, but They assume from the importance attached to the concession that it would not be inconsiderable. In this way it would no doubt seriously affect the calculation of the Protectorates' estimated expenditure which, as Mr. Harcourt is aware, is computed under the half and half principle in relation to the Revenue.

My Lords presume that the Secretary of State would share Their reluctance to re-open the Estimates of the two Protectorates which have just been approved and unless therefore he is in a position to indicate certain and permanent sources of Revenue from which the loss entailed could be made good They regret that They must ask that the proposal may be deferred until it can be considered in connection with the Estimates for 1912-13.

In any case the reasons for the exemption from duty of Motor cars for commercial use do not appear to apply with equal force to an exemption of petrol generally, and Their Lordships would enquire whether the users of petrol for industrial cars only could not be relieved by means of a rebate.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. P. Murray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.