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my trout farm  
is fisheries to:

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28 Dec.

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## Trout Culture

Report interview with Mr. Marshall, &  
submit views & suggestions.

Sir G. Gibbs

Mr. Richmond is taking a great deal  
of trouble, no doubt with a view to business  
later on. I think we might go so far  
as to avail ourselves of the further  
informal assistance which he offers.

Tell Mr. Marshall that the S. of  
approves of his spending a day at  
Shottersmill (or wherever Mr. Richmond  
may arrange) for the purpose of seeing  
the methods of spawning & handling eggs.  
& that he should arrange with Mr. R.  
for the visit & what he will be allowed

Mr. Richmond has been authorised to  
spend a day at Gt. Tew or Tew (as  
above) and send me (or a copy  
of the correspondence (from 1920 onwards)  
in B for information.

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SURREY.

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The Under-Secretary for State,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
London. S.W.

Sir,

Re 40206/1911.

I had an interview with Mr. Marshall yesterday and was able to obtain from him particulars of the proposed distribution of trout in the East African Protectorate. I understand from him that trout already exist in one or more streams at the head waters, and that it is desired to distribute them from this centre to other suitable waters in the country. It appears to me that there should be little risk in doing this but to do it with the least risk and to the best advantage the following principles should be observed:-

1. The distribution should be by means of eggs (owing to the comparative ease of transporting and handling them) and not by means of living fish.

2. The waters chosen for stocking should be as high up on their respective watersheds as possible to avoid the difficulties

-3).

The hatchery would need daily attention possibly only a few minutes, or possibly an hour every day, in removing the dead eggs and keeping the remaining eggs clean until they are dyed and ready for transport.

As trout do not all spawn at the same time it would be wise to allow for an active period of 3 months during which the hatchery would be in use.

On the eggs being ready for transport they would be packed in suitable boxes of which I understand the most convenient weight to be about 60 lbs. as being the weight carried by a native porter. This weight would admit of from 25,000 to 50,000 eggs being packed in a box.

Meanwhile preparations should be made at the points where the eggs are to be distributed, for their reception and hatching. It would be necessary to have in readiness at each point of distribution a cage of perforated zinc anchored in the stream to which on arrival the eggs should be transferred. In these they should remain until the young fish have hatched and the absorption of the yolk-sac is complete, this period being from 8 to 10 weeks according to the temperature of the water. On the young fish coming to the top of the water and showing themselves ready to feed they should be released and turned out to pick up their own living.

We should be pleased to show Mr. Finshall the methods used for spawning the fish and handling the eggs and to give him a set

of typewritten instructions for dealing with the work, arranging a day this week or next week for the purpose.

This would be an informal proceeding on our part and though we should do our best to help him it should be distinctly understood that we do not undertake any responsibility.

What we should do would be to put Mr. Marshall in the way of doing the work on his own account.

In the event of drawings of hatching or transporting apparatus being required we should be pleased to supply these at ordinary commercial rates.

I may say that I judge from Mr. Marshall's description of the waters and district in question that it is likely to be exceptionally favorable to Trout and provided that no attempt is made to rear young fish beyond the fry stage and that the work is at say rate at first rigidly confined to the limits I have indicated success should be achieved without great difficulty.

If you care to go any further into the matter I shall be pleased to give you further details.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F G Richardson

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W. G. Marshall.

6 Jan 1912

With reference to the letter from Mrs. Dept. of the 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec. I have the

to inform you that he

approves of your spending a

day at Shorthornill (or  
wherever negotiations lead you to)

Mr. H. Richmond may  
arrange) for the purpose of  
viewing the methods of seasoning  
and handling ~~the~~ trout over

1. You should make  
arrangements for the visit  
direct with Mr. Richmond.

2. You will be allowed

for reading fare (there  
staff), and at a night  
for each night we spend  
spent away from home  
in connexion with the  
visit.

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49 Richmond Sq

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Mr.

at 5/1  
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I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec.  
concerning your proposal

to ascertain what you have  
done up to now in  
connection with

the proposed distribution

of tent in the East & to

thank you for the trouble  
which you have taken  
in the matter.

2. Mr. Marshall  
has been authorised to  
spend a day at  
Scott's council for whatever

etc.

you may arrange) for the  
purpose of seeing the  
methods of keeping the fish  
handing off.

He has been instructed  
to make arrangements for  
his visit direct with you