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Asks for fair copy of his report.  
Complains that Forest Dept. is not consulted,  
that forest resources are being alienated.  
Desires support from C.O.

(Minutes.)

Mr Ellis.

The fair copy of his report has  
been obtained from the F.D. & is  
sent on herewith.

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This sheet  
has no need  
to keep the paper  
search*

We must put it out in any  
way through the Gov. at once.

You will prefer to minute  
12209 and this paper, I think.

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P.H. Please prepare an L.F. notice  
the copy to the Gov. for committal  
to Mr. H.

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at

Copy of Report sent through gn, 10209, 29/9/08  
minutes gn 10213, 15/10/08

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Forest Office,

Nairobi,

March 11th. 1908.

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My dear Read,

In correcting the proof of my report I find that my rough draft is hardly sufficient, especially where figures have to be compared. Could you, therefore, let me have the fair copy of my Report, handed to you before leaving England. I hope you will be able to adopt my suggestion and come out for a few months. Forestry here has never been taken seriously, and I fear it will not be without some firm and definite instructions from the Colonial Office. No more forest should be allowed to be alienated without direct and explicit instructions from the Secretary of State in each case. This I think is absolutely essential. The best I could do in the Lari case has meant the sacrifice of all the forest grazing and some £50,000 worth of timber forest. I understand a cablegram went to you saying that there were no forest objections. I have not seen all the papers, and the telegram may not have been sent, but if it was, one could only describe it as, well— not expressing the matter from a forest point of view. I hope you will call for all the papers in connection with the alienation of the forest at Lari to the Uplands of East Africa Syndicate.

Immediately afterwards came the alienation of land, not actual forest, but mixed up with forest, to Cobb at Mau. Here Montgomery made his report (15th. Aug.) without letting me see the papers and without reference to my forest report which contemplated the planting of this class of land with Central American pine.

I feel strongly that if you could see the forest aspect of both these matters, you would agree with me that

Forestry

Forestry is not taken sufficiently seriously in British East Africa. Grants of a few thousand pounds worth of forest here, and a few thousand pounds worth of forest there will soon fritter away or render valueless the magnificent forest estates of this country.

I am just back from Uganda. There will be no difficulty in getting all the timber wanted for the Ripon Falls Railway; the question is only where it can be obtained most economically. The best and largest supply of timber is in the Mabira forest almost on the spot, but this forest is now leased to the Mabira Rubber Company. Probably the most economical source will be to buy timber from them. My Report goes to you by next mail; it awaits certain timber specimens and photos from Mabira.

I have just seen Delamere. He tells me, re the Legislative Council reduction of the forest vote, he did not want the forest expenditure reduced so much as the expenditure of some other departments. He went on the general ground that all expenditure should be reduced. He blames the local Government for the forest reduction in that it stuck to its guns over the older departments, but threw over the Forest Department. That bears out my view that the local Government is not taking its Forestry seriously. Elliott, my predecessor in office writes me that Forestry here is hopeless, unless strongly backed up by the Colonial Office.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. H. H.

Mr. Read

This has been in the proof stage  
for twelve months and we are still  
waiting for Mr. Hutchins's corrections.  
Can you stir him up?

E. D. R.

9.10.08

S-R.

You have the papers pending at  
the proof. Mr. Hutchins. Sgt. & for  
asking when it is expected that Mr. H. will  
be able to complete his report - & then  
return them to Mr. Rockett.

at once

W. V. R.

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15 Oct '08.

MINUTE. 10/10 Sir

Mr Noall 12/10

Mr Ellis

Mr. Just.

Mr. Astorbus.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

The Earl of Cromer.

With reference to my  
despatch N<sup>o</sup> 209 of the 29<sup>th</sup> of  
April I have the honour  
to enquire when it is expected  
that Mr Hutchins will be  
able to complete his report  
on the Forests of East Africa