

EAST AFR. PROT.

33541

35541 Rec Rec II OCT 09

... 4., 19**09**

Land ordie.

As you adhere absolutely to terms of your day. B. 7 Jan. This in anterpation of prototle discussion. and has report make Jameny.

Sir & Hoperar

A GON HOST

Our despatch of the 7th of January 1909/was con-

- 1. The revaluation of leaseholds at the end of the 33rd and 66th years of the full term of 99 years, and
- 2. The surtax on large holdings.

 Be attitude of His Majesty's Government on these two points was summed up in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the despatch, which read as follows:
- "10. His Majeaty's Government adhere to the opinion that means must be found of securing to the Government, i.e., to the community, a share in the fature increased value of the land, and that this need is not met by the possibility of a land tax the incidence of which cannot be regulated. They also hold

(4529

"that excessive accumulations of land in the hands of "individuals mist be restrained by law so far as it is *possible to do so.

"11. Subject to the maintenance of these two princi-*ples, His Majesty's Government are prepared to consider *amendments in the details of the measure, and they trust "that the points at issue will be argued out fully and *freely in the Legislative Council, it being understood "that the provisions of the Bill as founded on Lord *Elgin's despatch stand until any particular provision "is shewn to need amendment".

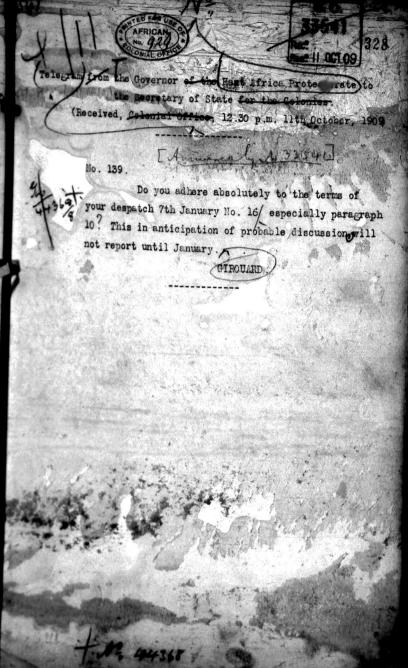
The permission to suggest amendments implied in paragraph 11 was interpreted pretty liberally. In the finally sent for our approval in the Governor's despatch of the 29th of April (17393), revaluation after the 33rd and 66th years was cut out, and leases of 99 years were granted, but rents were raised all round as a sort of make-weight on the other side. The surtax was done away with, and it was argued that accumulations of undersloped toged in the hands of individuals was prevented by the original grant of farms of moderate size and refunction permission to transfer until development had taxen place. These alterations have not been considered in detaif. Sfr Percy Girouard having requested that further consideration of the Ordinance should be suspended until he had been in the Protectorate for some months and had put his views before the Secretary of State. We are not stations I think, required to discuss the particular amendments, which are not specifically referred to in this telegram. Be revert, therefore, to the position taken up in our despatch of the 7th of January last, and I think the answer to this telegras plainly is that the

Secretary of State adheres absolutely to the terms of that despatch, especially paragraphs 10 and 11.

Those all that the principles enuncialed in part 10 of the despotch are in auchanie with views expressed by Sin P. Grand in his dealings with the land question in Monthern Migeria. It is probable, therefore, that he is not in any way suggesting that we should depart from shore prinuples, but is earling a from declaration of pricy which will suffer him in dealing with local opinion

Has Oct. 13. R

elevance to batil which been be done here anethorest , other which we made historifde wer sented to



LONDON STATIONS:

CHIEF STATION: 1, OLD BROAD STREET, EQ. 35541

BRANCH STATIONS:

STATION: 1, OLD BROAD STREET, EQ. 4, ELECTRA HOUSE, C. 4, ELECTRA HOUSE, C. 6, ELECTRA HOUSE, following TELEGRAM Received as lairob via "Kastern. hapelred 1 Time 12 139 Josetism to the re typicity ugsomeness para frach stop this custion report a Casteen

Surp Earl 6 o hr few for the odiado 330 har te f 1 bits homeste transfer transfer to the laterate transfer transf DRAFT framand Nairt MINUTE. Mr. 1 715 0/10 Sinka Experiency paragraph Mr. Butter 15 Mr. Pidden. 15 Mr. Just. En and Show ho to frage the form Ser C. Lucas. For V. Hopered 3/1 15: 10 od Seek 9 1010 = 11 X by the discussion in for conson my further winte Haland