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Name of Individual
Horn, Lord
Hill, & Co

Mulle Forest Concessions

1909

18 Feb

Last Previous Paper

States what they are prepared to do as regards exp^{ts}

W. Read

I do not think we should reduce the figure of £3000 a year for three years on exploration & experimental work. The original proposal was £16,000 in 5 years without any preliminary period of exploration. By conceding such a period, we make it possible for the Company, as was pointed out in our letter on 9/3815, after spending the preliminary £9000, to pick out the best of the land & spend on it in permanent improvements far less than the difference between £16,000 & £9,000. In short, not only have we

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enabled them to spend out expenditure
more than was first contemplated, but
we are also distinctly running the risk
that they may get all they want out of the
concession at a less ^{total} expenditure on
development than was at first proposed.

Reply that the reasons given
in our letter of the 13th of Feb. the S. & B.
considers the proposal already made a
very reasonable one & regrets that he
cannot consent to the ^{proposed} reduction of the
amount to be spent on exploratory and
experimental work.

HAB.

Feb 19.

H = intention

So proceed - + copy of
concep^t to the firm S.T.?

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Send letter as proposed, and await
reply before taking further action.

J.
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at once

We might
a little
will come
again

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POINTS ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THE MACALISTER DEISPECKER
CONCESSION.

1. Rents have been regularly paid, which with survey fees amounted to nearly £1,000, without our knowing to-day definitely what we have got. Had the reservation for the natives been defined simultaneously with the survey of the area, the exact available area would at the time have been ascertained; but before we can attempt to do anywork a survey would have to be made showing the native area excluded and the balance that is available for us. Over £1,000 have already been handed over to the Government, and we with our friends have already spent in addition over £2,000 in personal visits, including my (Lord Waleran's) visits to East Africa on examination, etc., without any definite area being as yet assigned

2. We have every reason for supposing that in granting this area the Government sees the advisability of giving us land that is capable of being usefully cultivated. The report that we have, however, goes to show that about 20,000 acres spread over various parts of the concession, is good soil. We should have thought that full consideration would have been shown to the natives in reserving to them the actual land they are cultivating, as at the Mwale Village and other small villages. This we are told would absorb about between 2,000 to 4,000 acres. Instead of

this, however, all the land that seems to have any practical value has been excluded for the benefit of the natives. In other words, all the mould will be given to them, and the rock and flint of the Shimba Summits, etc. are now left to us. We do not in any way wish to question the action of the Government in this matter, and all we have asked is that ~~instant~~ inasmuch as the eyes have been picked out of our Concession, we think the Government should allow us the right of selecting some area South towards and uncluding the Jombo Mountain, or at any rate such areas ^{that do not} as are not occupied by natives, which we understand may be useful for tropical plantation.

3. We raise no objection to expending the £16,000 as required provided we have got good soil on which to usefully expend ~~it~~ this amount. Surely it is against everybody's interests to spend so large a sum of money on what is likely otherwise to prove a failure.

4. If the Government will not do it is then we must revert to testing or experimental work as this may only confirm our present fears of the residue of the land. We think that we ought not to be called upon to spend more than £4,500. In fact a greater expenditure would not be justifiable, but to meet the views of the Government we would even be prepared to consider an expenditure say up to £6,000 in three years provided of course we have the right of eventually selecting the whole of

the remaining area in such allotments as we are advised by our experts to take up.

5. The locality of the area must also be taken into account. This area is not only not on the coast line nor in the immediate vicinity of a railway, but is approximately 20 miles from any port which means either animal or human transport at present, and places this area at a disadvantage to areas either on the coast or near the railway line, which in fact should entitle us to more favourable terms than we believe have been given to those having the coast areas or areas near the railway.

6. The Colonial Office is probably in possession of the information that 2 reports have actually been made on this land with regard to rubber. One by a big American firm who had an unfavourable report and we understand that the Mbira Forest people sent a man down to report for rubber, but on his unfavourable report they did not consider it. On account of these reports we have asked for agricultural rights that have been granted to us.

Lord Waleran came back today. Colonel Seely saw him, and I was present at the interview. It was suggested that a reduction in the amount of the preliminary expenditure might be allowed if the expenditure to be incurred subsequently on permanent improvements were increased. Lord Waleran seemed disposed to accept this suggestion. There is this to be said for it from the Govt. point of view, that it increases the expenditure from which the country will directly benefit at the cost of expenditure which is primarily in the interests of the concessionaires only (being devoted to enabling them to choose the best of the land). I submit a draft, as arranged at the interview, embodying the suggestion.

Lord Waleran handed in the attached memorandum, & referred to one or two of the points in it. He was informed that we could not modify the stipulation already made that the land taken up eventually must be in not

the would of course like to be allowed to take
a bit here and a bit there to any number
of any shape, & that the question of his
selecting land to the south and including
the Jumbo mountain, i.e. outside the
area hitherto under discussion, would not
be entertained without cancelling the
proposals already made, and referring to the
Govt., & beginning all over again.

JAB.

March 5
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March 8

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9, Wilbraham Place,
S.W.
18th February, 1909

The UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, W.

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Sir.

Your letter of the 13th inst., for which we thank you, has had our consideration and in reply we beg to state that we are agreeable that the experimental expenditure shall not form part of the permanent expenditure, but in as much as the preliminary expenditure is not to entitle us to a proportion of the total area for which we have always asked, and in as much as the preliminary expenditure may be entirely forfeited in case our investigations prove unsuccessful and moreover, as this preliminary expenditure is to entitle us to no area unless we commit ourselves to the further expenditure as set forth in your letter, we do not think it reasonable to ask us to spend such a large sum as £9,000.

2915
What we will agree to do is, to spend £4,500 instead of £9,000 as suggested in your letter and accept your condition that such amount shall be in addition to and not form part of the maximum expenditure referred to in your letters of August 29th, 1908 and the 13th inst. T

We will be pleased to hear that you agree to this, in which

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case we would suggest that no time be lost to complete the agreement so as to enable the survey to be completed and for us to start work.

We are, Sir, &c

Your obedient Servants.

Walter

Wm. A. Green

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Feb 21 1909

DRAFT

The ~~Right Hon~~
~~the~~ Lord Waleran

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Feb 1909
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My Lord,

MINUTE.

- Mr. Butler. Feb. 26.
- Mr. Read. 26
- Mr. Just.
- * Mr. Antrobus. 27th.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- The Earl of Crewe

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the signed by your lordship and by Mr. C. A. Pleasor 8th ult. on the subject of the proposed lease of land in the Mwalu Forest district of the

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E. A. P.
I. Lord Crewe has not failed to give careful consideration to the same for the purpose the point which you refer to in your letter; but for the reasons stated in the letter

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from his office of
 the 13th ^{at} ~~without~~ ^{had}
 he regards
 the
 proposals which has
 been made on behalf
 of the Gov^t as a very
 reasonable one, and
 he regrets that he
 cannot consent to
 the reduction which
 you propose in the
 amount to be spent
 on exploratory and
 experimental work.

(Signed) R. I. ANTROBUS

tho 3815

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 March 1909

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The Lord Walsingham My Lord

With reference to

MINUTE.

- Mr. Butler March 5
- Mr. Read. 6
- Mr. Just.
- x Mr. Antrobus. 6
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- x Sir F. Hopwood. *File 8.3*
- x Col. Seely. *11.3*
- x The Earl of Crewe. *2.2.11*

Your call at his office
 on the 5th of March,

I am directed by
 the Earl of Crewe to

in consonance

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File 10.3

inform you that he has
 given further consideration
 to your proposals as to
 the amount to be
 expended on exploratory
 and experimental

with the proposed lease
of land in the Muele
Forest district of the
E.A.P.

2. His Lordship
will not refuse to consider
the possibility of a reduction
of the amount of £10
to be expended on
exploratory and
experimental work in
the pt. in the first three
years if such a
reduction is accompanied
by an increase in the
amount to be expended
on permanent improve-
ments ^{within} the next five

years

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Amount to be
spent on exploratory
and experimental
work in each of
the first three years

Amount to be
spent on permanent
improvements
within ~~the next~~ five years

(as at present fixed) not less than £3000	20 times the rent of the area taken up
not less than £2000	60 times the rent
not less than £1500	80 times the rent

~~His Lordship~~
~~consent to the reduction~~
~~of the amount of~~
~~£10~~

3. When his outstanding
part has been
satisfactorily settled,
Lord Alwe is prepared
to instruct the Govt
of the E.A.P. to enter
into the agreement

has changed.

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