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1910  
19 Jan.  
last previous Paper.  
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Fibre Concession  
to Deutsche Engische Ost Afrika Co.

Recommends grant of 50 sq m of land at  
Doe in circumstances explained

Mr Butler

I do not think that we need take  
exception to this Satisfactory development  
is stated to have taken place on both  
the properties already granted, and it  
has been decided, I think, that we  
cannot keep to a hard & fast line with  
regard to the amount of property allowed  
to accumulate in the hands of a single  
owner, if the country is to be properly  
developed

W. H. ...  
W. H. ...

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These fine areas are in an entirely  
different category from lands in the  
highlands. On the latter we hope to  
get the white settlers, and the more  
of them there are <sup>(the more)</sup> the better for the country,  
that is, the reason for restricting under  
accumulation of land in the highlands.

But these fine areas are ~~not~~ suited  
for white occupation, & can only be  
exploited on the 'plantation' system  
by people or companies possessing large  
capital & employing native labour.

We have here a company which has  
already done <sup>something</sup> & is apparently anxious  
to do <sup>more</sup> & has no objection to their  
having the further area.

It is a very pleasing sign that they  
want it. A year ago we had a great  
wail from the fibre industry in the  
C. A. P. to the effect that they could not  
go on unless their labour difficulties  
were solved by the introduction of  
indentured coolies from India. The

German company now in question  
appears to have turned that corner,  
or they could not be keen to take  
on so large a addition to their  
responsibilities.

Part 3  
Feb 2  
Mr. Fisher  
I have accepted that I should  
have approval should be given in the  
understanding that the terms in which  
the new grant is made are not less  
favourable to the firm than those in  
which the original grant was made.

18/II  
Sir J. Repwood  
The following are the areas:  
50 sq miles at ...  
35 sq miles at ... and ...  
50 sq miles at ...

... 1904 (24/2/04) The  
... concession was granted for the cultivation  
of fibre. There is no intention of the ...  
agreement at the ... and it appears  
from 25216/07 that the land is being planted in  
rubber. For this we get the magnificent land

of Rs 1 per 100 acres for 20 years, & Rs 15  
 monthly for 20 years of the land to be on  
 the day can purchase 10000 acres for Rs 2 per acre  
 with the land is situated on the railway &  
 in proximity of the station.

The 35 sq miles at Va are leased at  
 approximately Rs 2 1/2 per 100 acres. The main  
 condition is that by the Govt side about an  
 average quantity of 1000 tons per month of raw  
 fibre of any colour or as to much fibre can be  
 found there. According to the J. Sastri in 1907  
 "the concession amounts in fibre...  
 also the raw machinery allows the output  
 to be 1000 tons or more of clean fibre per day."

The Govt want to turn the 35 sq. miles into  
 60 to increase the present holdings of 50,000  
 acres into total of 86,000.

? We should have a nucleus, this in the  
 Company Co. Company and I want  
 to do it for 5 years. P.D. 18/2

Mr. Didden

Are you opposed to the  
 merger of the area as  
 such or would you favour  
 it? I am in a bit of a  
 dilemma as to what to do  
 with it. Yours  
 J. Sastri  
 7/3  
 Admin

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Sir J. Hopwood

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I don't suppose we shall get better  
 terms for a fibre concession. I think that  
 the Govt has got enough land; and at  
 the same time has been about practice. They  
 got 50 sq miles, at a fibre rental for  
 fibre they wanted on turning it into  
 rubber, from which they will make  
 handsome profits & company, providing  
 otherwise they want another 50 sq miles  
 to fibre to replace the area. P.D. 8/2

Very well; we can take up the  
 line that the Company has  
 bought land already. This  
 property is 2000 in the coast  
 where there is a little demand for  
 land kept just for fibre  
 cultivation here 100 or 200 miles  
 up the railway.

J.S.  
 10.3

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 11.3

Not as proposed  
 11/3

Sir J. Hopwood

In connection with the above matter

See the prospectus attached which  
shows that the Company promoting same  
has already failed.

Prs. 8/4

7/10

D. H.

28.  
11.4

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Nairobi,

January 19th 1910.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 28



My Lord,

I have the Honour to report that on April 24th 1908 an application was received on behalf of the Deutsche-Englische Ost Afrika Kompagnie Limited for 50 square miles of land at Voi for the purpose of exploiting fibre.

2. This Company had already taken over Mr. Huebner's grants consisting of 50 square miles at Kibwezi and 35 square miles at Voi, on which a report was sent to Your Lordship in Sir James Hayes Sadler's despatch No. 225 of June 10th 1907. Satisfactory development had taken place on both properties but it was found that the area at Voi was not large enough to enable the fibre to be worked profitably and accordingly the application for a further grant was made.

3. Sir James Hayes Sadler had no objections and Your Lordship's approval would have been sought at the time had it not been discovered that there were previous applications affecting the land in question which prevented any steps being taken.

These

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE EARL OF CREWE, K.G.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, E.W.

25216  
 393-2-20  
 4/12/20

These have now been withdrawn and I have therefore  
the honour to recommend the grant for Your Lord-  
ship's favourable consideration,

I have the honour to be  
Your Lordship's humble,  
obedient servant,

*H. J. Jackson*  
*H. J. Jackson*  
(In the absence of the Governor)

For  
4544  
L.A.P.



23 March 1940  
Sir

I have the honor to  
ack. the receipt of  
desp. no 18 of the 14th  
of Jan, regarding an  
application made on behalf  
of the Duvalche English  
Set Africa Kompassie Limited  
for 50 square miles of  
land at the for the  
purpose of collecting fibre.

DRAFT.

L.A.P. (no 146)  
To the P. private

MINUTE.

- Mr. N.B. B/S 17/3
- Mr. Butler 16 + 18.
- Mr. Fiddes 16 + 18.
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Greve.

Mr Butler

I understand that to date  
despite the Dept. to the application  
by failing to point in his  
minute. I have enclosed  
desp. accordingly.

~~I do not know~~  
the Company have already  
been granted a sufficient  
area of land and I  
therefore regret that  
the further application to

N.B. B/S







in effect  
to a further  
to place  
and that they

desiring to submit from which they will probably  
derive some <sup>large</sup> ~~benefit~~  
profits by ~~company~~  
~~franchising or otherwise~~  
~~not interfering with the~~  
~~general course of trade~~

In the case of  
that I cannot  
show of their ~~company~~  
application being granted  
changes;  
I have

It appears to me that  
the Company have  
already been granted  
as usual, but as it  
is expedient to place  
under their control &