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Proposed Zionist Settlement

20 copy of despatch from Beane regarding
refusal of offer of the U.S. Govt.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

What a fabriant of them
if we hear nothing from
Mr. Greenberg write to him
[saying that in view of the
decision of the Confer. the offer
of the territory in East Africa
to the Zionists naturally
leaves]

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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies
and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith
copy of the under-mentioned paper ~~relating to~~

Foreign Office.

August 14, 1905.

Reference to previous Letter.

Description of Inclosure.

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Lord Acton No 3 Africa August 5, 1905	Zionists and British East Africa

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BERNE,

August 5th 1905.

My Lord:-

At the VIIth Zionist Congress held at Bern from the 28th ultimo to the 3rd instant, the following Resolution was carried by a large majority.

"That the VIIth Zionist Congress adheres to the principle of the Bern programme (1st Congress 1897) which states that Zionism advocates the establishment of an autonomous Jewish State in Palestine, guaranteed by international law, and rejects, both as a means and as an end, all colonizing activity outside Palestine and its conterminous countries".

The Congress resolved to express to His Majesty's Government their most sincere thanks for the offer of territory in British East Africa; but in view of the Report of the Expedition sent (by order of the XIth Congress 1903) to investigate the territories, the Congress decided that it would not be possible for the Zionist organisation to give the project

the Marquess of Lansdowne, K.G.,

&c., &c., &c.

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project any further consideration. The Congress took note with the liveliest satisfaction of the fact that His Majesty's Government view with benevolence the efforts of the Zionist Association to bring about a solution of the Jewish question, and expressed the hope that His Majesty's Government would also use their good offices, when such a step shall be consistent with the B.B.I. programme.

The majority further reminded the Congress that, according to the Statutes of the Zionist organization, the latter consists of those Jews who declare themselves in agreement with the B.B.I. programme.

An amendment resolving to entertain a possible alternative offer of territory outside Palestine was rejected.

The above Resolutions represent the victory of the Palestinian over the Territorialist party. Mr. Zangwill, on behalf of the minority, protested against the decisions of the Congress; and announced the intention of his party to secede and to hold separate meetings for the prosecution of Territorialist aims.

A portion of the minority having subsequently rallied to the main body, it is not expected that the Secessionist movement will assume important dimensions.

I have, &c.,
 (Signed) Acton.