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1. Messrs Jolly Biggs & Co
2. Monygha Ltd - Jena River Concessions

Reports on proceedings of (1) with regard to navigation of Juba river 2. Rumoured that this Co intend to sell or submit their rights to (1) Delegates grant of further concessions to Monygha Ltd until known whether they have work what they already possess, if they intend to sell or to (1) or (2) be well met to grant of the (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

Jolly Biggs

Mr. Best's intention
 Summary of 1469/00
 to the concession to Monygha Ltd
 Co to Messrs Jolly Biggs &
 Co. see 16805. We have unfortunately
 told both Comms not to sign
 them anything more without
 refer to us; and it is not
 necessary for us to do anything
 more until some further application
 is made.

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My Lord

On January 26 last
I wrote to your Lordship
asking for information
regarding the financial position
of Messrs Jolly Biggs & Co
79 Gracechurch St. London

and
M. Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies
Downing Street

and reporting that they had submitted an ambitious scheme for placing steamers and barges on the Juba River and establishing trading stations along its banks.

2. I recently visited Kisumu and there found that a large number of barges - far too big ever to navigate the Juba river - had already been landed by the Company that they had purchased a steam launch from the Mongolia Company and had requested the British India Steam Navigation Company to call at Kisumu

on the homeward trip to
carry away 3000 tons of
cargo which, I am told
Mr Jolly had informed
the Directors of his Company
were awaiting shipment.
The barges are in sections
and no attempt is being
made to put them together -
in fact portions are at the
bottom of the harbour -
the cargo is non-existent
and likely to remain so.
And Messrs Jolly and Bigge
operations in this connection
have been very freely
commented on by the mercantile
community. Mr Jolly himself

has for some time past been
endeavouring to obtain a
concession of fibre bearing
land, but I have informed
him that this will not be
granted him until he has
developed the 15000 acres in
Bura already leased to
him

3. My object in writing to you
is to inform you ~~of the fact~~
that it is locally rumoured
that the managers of
Mongolia Limited, ^{about}
whose concession I wrote to
you in my despatch no. 196
are going to sell their rights
or sub let to Messrs Jolly
Biggs & Co the land leased
to them on the Tana River.
I would deprecate any further
concessions being granted to

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to this firm until they are
 in a position to show that
 they are going to work what
 they already possess, and
 if it is a fact that the
 Mongolia Company are
 not going to work their
 concession on the Tana
 themselves, but hand it
 over to Messrs Jolly and
 Biggs. I am of opinion
 that it would be well
 not to grant the con-
 cession till we know more
 of Messrs Jolly and Biggs.

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than we do at present.

I have the honour to be
with the highest respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant

Thompson