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(Subject.)

Application on behalf of Cooper & Nephews
for liberty to establish Experimental Farms
for cattle and sheep.

Minute by Mr Ellis giving result of conference
with Mr Gilbert & Major Pearson on behalf of Firm.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

I registered these minutes
as I promised to let Mr. Gilbert
know whether their proposals
would be favourable regarding,
I understand you wish to
this evening when I submit
draft of the letter. I hope
to send them

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Customs have stated
that there will be
no objection to his
being a recorded subject
to the approval of the
Lords Commissioners of
the Treasury.

I am accordingly to
inquire whether their
Lordships would have
any objection to his
privileges being
renewed for two
further years, namely from
the 30th of January
last, on the existing
conditions, but with
the amendments of salary
provisionally
approved for the applt.
in your letter to the
F.O. under reference.

Mr. Gilbert & Major (of

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Timson called on me on 29/3/06

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They report Cooper & Nephews a
firm of ~~long~~ manufacturers of
Sheep Dip & other cattle remedies,
at Berkhamstead.

They came by appt. to discuss
a suggestion ^{put forward} some
months ago ^{by Mr. Gilbert} that the firm should
establish a ~~manufacturing~~ farm
in the E.A.P. for experimenting
in the rearing of suitable breeds
of cattle & sheep, and in the
prevention & cure of the diseases of
animals. They have such
farms in N. Kent & Berkshire,
and at best London in the
Cape Colony. Their object of course,
as they admit, is not philanthropy
therefore, but mainly the increase
of the field for the sale of

their remedies.

They do not ask for any subsidy
from Govt. but

- (1) Whether the Govt. would look favourably on the farm if established and seek to treat it as a rival to their established concerns.
- (2) Whether the Govt. were disposed to make over their farms to them.

As to (1) I said I would answer for the Govt. respectfully as far as (2) I would say nothing until we received the report of the report when we hope to send out to inspect the farms.

I promised them to write officially but this they would not do until they received more assurance from me that their proposal (2) would be favourably regarded.

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With regard to the interview with
 Mef. Cooper. I would remark as
 follows -- This firm in my
 experience has always shewn, at
 home and abroad, a great desire to
 obtain Government recognition for
 their business. As a business firm
 I have the greatest admiration for
 their methods but as advisors to
 Government Departments, there is only
 one conclusion to come to, viz - that
 their aim is to exploit these depart-
 ments for the advancement of their
 business. This of course has
 objections but there is no need to
 discuss it. I know Mef. Cooper's farm
 in South Africa and I have heard of
 those in the other Colonies. In no
 sense can they be regarded as estab-
 lishments for the prevention or the
 cure of diseases of animals. They
 only deal in an amateur fashion with
 diseases against which dipping has
 been found to be of some avail. The
 alleged good results moreover, have
 been exaggerated by this firm, to the
 extent of being quite untrue.
 With regard to -

I It is difficult to see why the Gov-
 ernment should be asked to look
 favourably on Cooper's farming
 establishment, more than on that
 of any other individual.

With regard to -

II I should strongly advise if I may do so, that experimental colonial farms should not under any circumstances be handed over to private individuals or firms. These farms are established for the purpose of carrying on experiments to enable accurate information and advice to be given to new and old settlers, so that the agriculture of these countries may be built up on the lines dictated by experimental observation beyond reproach, and in order that a new settler may not from inexperience be let in for heavy losses which might ruin him.

Without prejudice to Mrs. Cooper or any other business firm I think you will agree that such undertakings are not likely to be properly carried out except by an expert and disinterested Government Department.

Many of these observations cost money for which there is no immediate return.

~~It is, therefore, not to be expected that~~
I am sure that they do not pay the private individual, and I am therefore of opinion that the work would never be properly carried out in the long run. However, they do pay a Government. I will discuss this further with you if you like when we meet.

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signature on quanta

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2 May
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Gilbert Esq
c/o Messrs Cooper
& Nephew
Bankers (London)

Dear Mr. Gilbert
I did not
fail to report to my
official superiors
the interview which
I had with you &
Major Timson on
the 29th March

MINUTE.

- Mr. White 27/4
- Mr. Read 1/30
- Mr. Antrobus May 1/8
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. O'Malley
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin.

Ans'd 5.9.34

Their view is that
while the Govt. is, of
course, in sympathy
with any legitimate
enterprise which you
may undertake in
the F. A. P. (as was
shown in a fractured
manner by the