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Letter from Mr Foster Webster

My dear Mr Foster Webster.

I return the file you were so good as to send me with Exon D.O. of the 22nd August. Mr Richard told me on the occasion of his visit here, that he expected by each mail authority to open negociations on the subject of an exchange of territory. She did not otherwise refer to the matter.

Yours sincerely

D.T.O. Stanley Reeden

I observe that his professorship
(as mentioned by me previously)
embracing as they do the Tenders
under of Karikal & Chandernagore, go much further than
those specified in the petition
from Leaf 1

Patent Department. 5

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From Hon. Wm Johnson Knight

Dated 4th Aug. 85.

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part of H.M. Subjects in
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of a draft convention agreed to
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which took place between the
Governments of Paris & London
in 1880-88. in connection
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Can now be under consideration).

M. Gordon says there can be entitled
title to Rio and that the Govt in
Paris, having received that arrange-
ments should be retained till the
exchange of ratifications for the eighth
Article of Convention of Peace and
Negotiation between the Govts in Europe and
between the Govts in Europe and
that of Buenos Ayres shall have a
more extended scope & view, for
him to prove the Govt of the Republic
to take the initiative and that
either the Govt cannot in any
way bind the Govt of Sardinia or the Govt
of State by any Act pending
from the Convention since which
passed

That proposals in the direction
referred to would be favorably
received by the Govt of India
and the Home Govt:

I don't think Ben would be
very keen in instructing
Mr Jordan & the above effect. And
a copy of the minute of Mr Jordan's
d.o. asking for instructions might
be sent to India.

It would be an enormous
advantage to all parties if some
such arrangement could
be arrived at but I am afraid
the Govt in Paris won't hear
of it and if the Secretary knows
Parliament proposes it should
not be entertained by the time

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Secret

15 (Ullswater)

I am glad my Hon Colleague has asked to see the Memorandum on the Fur Seal question before any proposals

I would inform Mr Huntly Gordon fully as to what has passed, tell him that we shall be glad to receive with greatest interest & any proposals H.S. in Scotland may make tending to simplify the territorial questions of the two Nations & report such proposals immediately to the Govt of India. We had better express no opinion of any kind (My own opinion is in strongly opposed to

possession [illegible]
Pondicherry &
Giving the neighbour-
hood of the bunga-
low as far as Calm &c
(but the subject bristles
with difficulty)

and we must conduct
ourselves with the greatest
of an amicable disposed
Post Office [illegible]

Show in Council the information
sent to Mr Gordon. Is to be treated
Sir Richard will. I am sure he must
Signify to Council, but Sardinia must
we must express an opinion.

D.O. from
Sir H. Hamilton Gordon

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Note. 1)

His Excellency Monsr. Richaud, Governor of the French Settlements in India expects by an early mail from France authority to open negotiations for an exchange of territory with the British Government.

The matter has already formed the subject of a lengthened correspondence the salient points of which are noted for the information of H.E. the Governor with a view to the question being referred to at Simla should H.E. so desire.

A scheme for the exchange of the scattered possessions of the two nations

vide D. Secretary Gordon's D.O. d/ 6 Sept 85

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tory on the part of H. B.
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of Pondicherry, formed the
subject of a draft Con-
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Captain Pigeard, and
was formally referred
to in the correspondence
embodied in the Proceed-
=ings quoted on the meeting
which took place betw
the Govts of Paris and
London in 1880–1881.

The French Govt were
at this period, not willing
to revive the project of
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G.O. 536 (Pol) dated 19th Nov.
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dependencies at Pondi-
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the abandonment by
France of her rights over
isolated pieces of land
in different parts of
British India. The
negotiation would thus
embrace a reciprocal
change of territority in
the immediate neighbour
=hood of Pondicherry,
and a cession to Great
Britain of the French
"pettahs" and factories
at Masulipatam, Cali-
=cut and elsewhere,
but would not affect the
more important posse

of France at Chandernagore, Karikal, Mahé and Yanaon, where resident French officials are stationed.

The project in its restricted form was referred to the Madras Government for report by the Govt. of India in letter No. 1669 dated 29th July 1881. Detailed inquiries were at once instituted, and formal proposals were laid before the Govt. of India with Mr. Master's letter of the 9th January 1883, No. 14 (Political).

In January 1884, the Govt. of India forwarded, confidentially, for the information of the Govt.

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of Madras, a copy of the draft Convention then forming the subject of diplomatic negotiation between France and England. This Convention provides for the relinquishment to the Govts of Bombay and Bengal all jurisdiction and rights exercised by the French Govt. over the pettahs of Masulipatam, Calicut, Surat, Balasore and Ghoorpudah, including all abkari privileges in the pettah of Masulipatam. The British Govt. on their side agree by way of compensation to relinquish to the French Govt. the villages of Kilingikuppam

Ed Vandamurt in the
District of South Arcot.
A further communicatio
on the subject suggesting
some slight alterations
of the wording of the draft
convention, and forwardi
maps of the British villag
to be handed over, was
made to the Govt. of Ind
in Mr. Webster's letter
No. 361 (Political) dated
24th June 1884.

Since this date no
further official corres=
=pondence has taken
place on the matter.

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Ext the Collector of Trichi
Trichy, South Arcot
writing d.o. under
date 4th August last
stated

(Here enclose part
of letter d.o.)

Mr. Webster

Ordinary
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Note for
H.E. the Governor
Sir Willoughby

Date: 17.9.82

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D.O. &c.

From H. St. Jordan Esqr

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SUBJECT.

Exchange of territory with Denmark.

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Note. I think I need not thus subject myself to H.E. & Sir, in case he likes to refer to previous correspondence on this subject.

For

C.S.