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Description: 153 documents bound into one volume and arranged in two sections; A further 24 documents from 1905 are bound into E-2.20; Diverse Akten betreffend Kamerunmission - miscellaneous documents concerning the mission in Cameroon, Documents 1-40; This section deals mainly with the Government's plan to build a railway from Duala to the Manenguba mountains; No. 1: Inspector Oehler to the German Reichstag warning of the danger of unrest in Cameroon if more land is taken away from the indigenous people and they are put under still more pressure to work as cheap labourers on the plantations; Nos 2-4: J. K. Vietor (Bremen) to Lattmann, Preiswerk and Würz on supporting the viewpoint that the policy of encouraging large German-owned plantations in Cameroon is wrong; No. 6: Minutes of Reichstag debate on the building of the railway from Duala to the Manenguba mountains; Nos 8-9: a sketch map of the proposed railway route, and a newspaper cutting ("Der Reichsbote", 25- May 1905) about a meeting between members of the Reichstag and representatives of missionary societies on the advisability of building the railway; No. 39: Würz (in Basel) reports the visit of some members of the Reichstag to Cameroon inter al to some mission stations; Ausschuss der Kamerunmission: letters and reports from the Missions's Local Executive Committee and its members, Documents 41-153; Nos. 61-82: minutes of the missionaries' Annual General Conference, dealing extensively with Problems in mission work; No. 64: sketch map showing the area where Basa is spoken; Quite a large number of letters in this section are concerned with the conflict between the Basel Mission and the German Colonial authorities on indigenous land rights as Numbers 41, 49, 55, 84, 89-91, 94, 99, 105, 107, 108, 110-115, 122-125, 128-135; No. 129 is particularly interesting: a 21 pages letter from Lutz to von Richthofen, a member of the Reichstag giving a detailed account of the policies and malpractices of the colonial authorities and voicing the strong Protest of the Basel Mission; No. 136: Lutz to the District Court in Victoria on the question of the right approach to charges of witchcraft and sorcery among the Bakwiri people

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