

- clash with the German authorities. Because of the expulsion of the Germans from Camerouns in 1916, the estate was in poor condition by 1923. The intention of Idenau Estate Limited was to grow cocoa and palm-oil and the possibility of building a light railway to the sea at Bibundi was discussed. In 1922, Mount Cameroon erupted, and the firm wrote to the Foreign Office in 1923 to seek information as to whether in the vicinity of the estate there was 'a volcano, active or inactive' (Public Record Office, CO 740/5).
- 8 The Germans were unable to distinguish between Africans and Creoles, the Anglicised Africans of Sierra Leone. The Creoles, British in style and nationality, dominated commercial activities in west Africa and one Liverpool veteran assumed George Christian's father to have been a West African Creole. Europeans regarded Creoles as 'natives'.
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