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1915  
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Land at hand

In cases explained note for exemption from rent until a road has been made to reach land or at least until the cessation of the war.

Mr. Reed

If it is true, as he implies, that he has had to buy out because he got an occupation licence while others along the road-route, apparently holding leases, were let off until the road reached them, then seems to be some ground for concern.

The Gov. has already ruled on the claim, but I think he might send a copy of his decision, stating up or down & if left Ireland that the matter has been referred to the Gov. & that a further letter will be sent to him on the receipt of the Government reply?

[The question of rent being made during - i.e. because of the war has been referred on the E.A. Synodical papers] W.C.S. 17/15

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The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Secretary of State for  
Africa  
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Merton Hall  
Borrisokane  
Co. Tipperary  
28. June 1915

Sir

I have the honour to put  
before you an appeal, that a piece of  
land, (marginally described), held from the  
Government of British East Africa, be exempted  
from paying rent until a road is  
constructed to reach these lands, or  
at least until the cessation of the war.

The circumstances under which I  
make the request are as follows

The allotment of the land of which  
1479 is one was made in 1911. At  
the time of the allotment a road  
was surveyed, which was afterwards  
gradually constructed to where it now ends  
at a point about 4 miles short of lot  
1479. The survey reaches and passes 1479.

1479 NANDI  
same allotment

The farms allotted along, and touching, the proposed road were exempted from paying rent until the road was completed, so that some farms, quite near the railway and which have been served by the road for a long time, have only comparatively recently been called upon to pay rent. But an 'occupation license' having been taken out for 1479, it has paid rent since its allotment. Between the point to where the road is completed and 1479 there exists an escarpment. This constitutes sufficiently difficult an obstacle to prevent further enterprise continuing the road. But some of us owners of allotments, have offered to assist the Government in the construction.

Farm 1479 has been duly developed according to the Government's requirements. Being the only farms in its immediate neighborhood which has been occupied and developed. The cost of development has been enormously increased for lack of a road everything having to be transported

by porters.

On the outbreak of war, I, being an officer of the Reserve, prepared to leave my place and was making dispositions to ensure safety of stock, agricultural machinery and so forth. But on the 6th August a message was received by me from the Provincial Commissioner of Ganga Province B.E.A. stating that Kumaon had been attacked by the enemy and requesting everyone to mobilize on the railway line to defend it. I obeyed this summons at once, and without being able to make any dispositions of my property. I did not return, and have been on service ever since.

On leaving B. A. I wrote, through the Land Office to His Excellency the Governor of B.E.A. requesting this remission of rent, but H.E. did not see his way to grant it. I received the reply in France and, owing to service etc,

have not been able to prefer  
this appeal till now, when I  
trust it may be recognized as  
a reasonable request and receive  
to sanction.

I am  
Your obedient servant  
Robert R. S. Ireland  
The Grange, P.O.

Post Office Box No. 139

Telegrams "Lands, Nairobi"

In reply please quote

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and date

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LAND DEPARTMENT.

NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

13th March 1915.

Sir,

Para 1470, para 1

I beg to acknowledge the receipt,  
of your letter dated 23rd January last, and in  
reply to inform you that I submitted it to  
His Excellency, who regrets that he is unable  
to reconsider his decision already conveyed to  
you.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*R. Wright*

Secy LAND officer,

Captain R. R. S. Ireland,

Newton Hall,

Benisokane,

Tipperary, Ireland.

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5 July 1915

Sir

I am honored by Mr Secretary

Barrow Island regarding the

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Genl H R Ireland

June 28<sup>th</sup> of your

MINUTE.

Mr Harper 2/7/15  
Mr Bottomley 2/7/15

application for exemption  
from the payment of rent  
in respect of your land  
at Randi pending the  
construction of a road to  
the land has been  
referred to the Governor  
of the Ear

Mr G. Fiddle  
Sir H. Just  
Sir J. Anderson  
Local Islander  
Mr. H. H. H.

2. A further communication  
on the subject will be  
addressed to you on  
receipt of the Govt's reply

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Mr W. Belfield

Ansod 50261

Dr,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your cousin, the accompany copy of a letter from Lieutenant W.R. Ireland applying for exemption from the payment of rent in respect of his land at Nandi until a road to the land has been constructed, or, alternatively, until the end of the war.

I have to observe that if it is true, as Lt. Ireland implies,

W.R. 2/7/15  
Ansod 50261 2/7/15

Ireland. 28 June

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that he has had to pay  
rent because he obtained  
an occupation licence  
<sup>holding farm (attached or lease)</sup>  
while others along the  
<sup>of the proposed road</sup>  
~~road~~ route, ~~apparently~~  
~~holding lease~~, were ~~app~~ exempted  
from the payment of rent  
as the road was  
included up to then  
there would  
be to be some  
ground for considering  
application.

that he has had to pay  
rent because he obtained  
an occupation licence  
holding farm (apparently a lease)  
while there along the  
of the proposed road  
road route, ~~apparently~~  
~~holding lease~~, were ~~apparently~~  
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constructed up to there  
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be some  
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