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*Acquaintance Land
by Norwegian subjects
Sends inquiry by Norwegian
to ask what answer to be made*

India.
It has only now been possible to obtain the
paper (L/61863/18) which ^{is now} pressed for special consideration
for F.O. Trans in the matter of alien acquisition of
property. ~~It is pretty certain~~ ^{This may be} that the case ~~is the~~
~~one~~ which gives rise to the enquiry of the Norwegian
Minister.

A copy of the Ordinance is with 39528 just
below. (The papers relating to it are not accessible
at the moment). The law is purely a war time measure and
we have not attempted to obtain any control of the dis-
posal of the land to aliens after peace is declared
so long as the International Agreements relating to
tropical Africa are in abeyance as cannot be so.

I acknowledge receipt and refer to your letter
of 3 Jan. 1919 (on Gov. 4000/17) enclosing a copy of the
Ordinance relating to the acquisition of land by aliens.
I say that this is a war time measure and that while during
the war Norwegian subjects will not be allowed to acquire
rights over land in the U.S.A. unless in special cases

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approved by the Governor in-Council, no proposal has been
for the continuance of this restriction after peace
been declared. Say that at present the question is
for consideration of arranging for the settlement in
E.A.P. of a number of men who have served with the
British Forces during the war, and that it is not at present
possible to give any indication of the extent to which
it will be available for development for other purposes.
Suggest that, in the first place, the Norwegian Minister
should be asked to supply fuller details of a scheme for
grazing cattle on a joint Norwegian-English Company, in order
that it may be possible to consider it. I finally enclose a
copy of our ordinary 'Common Land', which we distribute to
officers about the Fens, and say that the only other
leaflet, which is suitable, is at present under revision.
No copy is available. (This is the E.A.P. pamphlet,
which is being revised against time).

W.C.S. 10/1/14

G.H. 11/1/14

at home

Dear, please
HARLE
10/130
Secretary of State,
London.

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Reference to previous correspondence

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Letter to Foreign Office
from

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies and is directed by the Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs to transmit the accompanying copy
of a Note which has been received from the
Norwegian Minister respecting the
purchase and colonisation of
land in British E. Africa

The Secretary of State would be glad to be advised
what answer should be returned to
Monsieur Nigt

Foreign Office

January 1st 1919

Similar letter sent to

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2133404

The Norwegian Minister presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and on account of enquiries received from an interested party in Norway ventures to apply to the Right Honourable A. J. Balfour in order to be, if possible, advised as to the following questions.

Will Norwegian subjects be allowed to obtain in British East Africa by purchase either land for cultivation or farms hitherto owned by private proprietors?

In the affirmative what would be the earliest time when Norwegian subjects might obtain land or farms in British East Africa?

Would the British Government look with favour upon a small Joint Stock Company to be possibly started, with a view of operating cattle farms, and for the exportation of meat, hides, oil etc.?

The office of such Joint Stock Company should be placed in British East Africa.

Would it be possible in case such Joint Stock Company were to be started, to obtain grassland by purchase or rent from the Government on a certain number of years?

The Minister would also be very much obliged for obtaining copies of pamphlets of use to prospective colonists in British East Africa, should such pamphlets have been published.

Norwegian Legation, London.

December 27th. 1918.

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I am in to ask the recd of your letter, 213340/C/130/1918/1 of the 14 of Jan regarding certain enquiries by the Home Office in respect of the purchase of land in ...
 Home Office subjects in the ...
 2 Jan to refer to the letter from the Dept of the 3rd of Jan 1918 in which was enclosed a copy of the order relating to the acquisition of land in ...
 The order is a war time measure only ...

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from subjects - will not be allowed to acquire rights over land in the last of instances in special cases approved by the Privy Council, no decision has been taken in

regard to the continuation of the after peace has been declared

3. There is a question at present arising out of arranging for the settlement in the Port of a number of men who have served with the British forces during the war, & it is not yet possible therefore to give any indication of the extent to which land will be available for development for other purposes

With regard to the scheme proposed to be put in effect for operations by a private company, I am to suggest that the matter be asked in the first place to give full particulars of the proposal in order that it may be specially considered

I enclose a print of notes on hand for pending settlers in the last which may be