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LAND SETTLEMENT FOR SOLDIERS

1919

15th MARCH

Last previous Paper.

The copy letter from C. in C. Egyptian Force as to proposed visit of Revd B.D. Jones and party to investigate and report on question.

*Mr Calder*

? Reply that we see no objection to the proposal, & that we will ask the Gov. to give every facility to Mr. Jones & his party: & inf. Gov. briefly of the position by tel. & ask him to facilitate their visit.

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? Telegraph to Gov. first for his views. The visit seems unnecessary as presumably the Local Comm. has gone into full details, & we shall probably have plenty of applicants without encouraging doubtful ones by free passes or visits of inspection. The Rev. B. D. Jones is obviously the person we have to thank for the numerous applications we have already received from members of the Palestine Force.

*Tel to Gov 20 March 19  
and 2nd April 19  
Copy approved to W.O. 11/15 April 19 27652*

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Col. Penney

His caution is praiseworthy, but his sole  
cautions prevent us from encouraging it in the  
case of people in this country.

I would agree on the understanding that  
either way might not take up accommodation

- (1) the board of ~~work~~ <sup>not</sup> take up accommodation
- (2) the facilities to be afforded by the local Govt.
- (3) If we can make a start with our plans  
for collecting these Palestine baskets must  
be ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> being crowded out.

19.3.19

I agree with the Ministry, but since the  
Ministry is ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~line~~ <sup>line</sup>  
for railway working the 1913 scheme

Mr. Balfour

It is possible to open up the Col. Army and like  
it for the ~~1913~~ <sup>1913</sup> but the ~~old~~ <sup>old</sup> ~~idea~~ <sup>idea</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~cost~~ <sup>cost</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup>  
transport by rail is ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~cost~~ <sup>cost</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup>  
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should be addressed to  
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War Office,  
London, S.W.,  
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**War Office,  
London, S.W.**

15<sup>th</sup>  
14th March, 1919.

165/554. (A.G.A.F.)

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward you  
a copy of a letter received from the General Headquarters,  
Egypt, and to say that the Council would be grateful for  
your observations thereon.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W H Gait*

War Office,

From : The Commander-in-Chief,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.



To : The Secretary,  
War Office,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,  
18th February, 1919.

I have the honour to bring to your notice for favourable consideration a proposal which has been submitted to me that a party of selected officers and other ranks should be sent from this theatre to British East Africa to investigate and report on the opportunities for settlement there by individual members of this Force.

The Rev. B.D. Jones, C.F. (Deputy Military Editor, Palestine) who is acquainted with that colony and the local authorities prepared to conduct the party. He has already been in correspondence with Mr. Clarke of the Land Commission at Mombasa, and it is possible that the Colonial Office have some knowledge of the above proposal.

I understand that several officers and men of this Force are interested in settlement in British East Africa, provided they are afforded an opportunity of officers proceeding home for demobilization, satisfying themselves by personal enquiry, or through a representative committee, on the prospects which offer in East Africa.

A visit to that colony would entail leave of absence or absence of about ten weeks. I venture to suggest that, subject to concurrence, the Colonial Office should be requested to grant facilities, and that free warrants, both by rail and water, should be allowed. Except in those places where rations can be issued and accommodation provided for the members of the party, they would be prepared to meet their expenses.

One or two officers with agricultural experience have indicated their willingness to accompany the party as advisers.

The party would consist approximately of 8 (officers and other ranks) in addition to the Reverend B.D. Jones.

I should be glad to have a reply by telegram as that communication is facilitated as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sd/-) L.J. Bott, Major General,  
C.G.S

for General,  
Commanding-in-Chief,  
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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Sir,

20 March 1919

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I am in touch with the sub of your

Mr. Stanley 27 March letter, 0165/554 (AG 47), of the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 of March regarding a proposal by  
 of the Col. Commanding in Chief, Baffin  
 Exp. Force, for a visit to  
 Capnea by a party of  
 to obtain first hand info as  
 to the prospects of settlement there  
 on behalf of the large number  
 of members of the force who  
 contemplate settling in Capnea  
 on demobilisation.

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Send please concerned

wherever possible personal inspection by  
 the settlers or an agent before the  
 acquisition of land in Essequia is  
 very desirable, he would therefore wish to  
~~the proposed thing carried out~~  
 the proposed thing carried out  
 He can however only agree to the

that ~~his understanding that~~  
 the party either way  
 should not take up accommodation otherwise  
 available for civilians. This proviso  
 of <sup>grave</sup> ~~substantial~~ <sup>importance</sup> ~~of~~  
~~importance~~ ~~for~~ ~~settlers~~ ~~who~~  
 already have a settlement in the Port  
 (2) the facilities which the local people will  
 be able to afford ~~and~~ ~~must~~ ~~be~~  
 have ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~made~~

(3) the persons interested cannot be given  
 priority of claim in any scheme ~~of~~ ~~settlement~~  
 which may be <sup>adopted</sup> ~~introduced~~ by the Govt as a  
 result of the inquiry. The local Commission  
 which has <sup>considered the question of</sup> ~~been~~ ~~formulating~~ ~~plans~~  
 for the settlement in Essequia of ~~emigrants~~ ~~men~~

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- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Reid.
- Sir G. Fildes.
- Col. Amery.
- Lord Milner.

preference to  
~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~  
 any ~~other~~

with regard to the second proviso  
 His Lordship assumes that  
 the R.C. would be prepared to  
 defray the cost of the transport  
 of the party by rail as well  
 as by water. He observes that  
 this is recommended by the  
 Joint Commanding Officers  
 he would not feel justified  
 by authorising the funds  
 of the railway to transport to  
 the party in Essequia, he  
 appreciates the desirability  
 of extending to the personnel  
 every encouragement that can  
 properly be given to them  
 in the prosecution of their enterprise

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Sent 10.50 a.m. 1/11

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- Mr. *Penley* 27 March
- Mr. *Caldwell* 27.3
- Mr. *Bottomley* 27.3.19 p
- Mr. *Grindle*
- Sir *H. Lambert*
- Sir *H. Read*
- Sir *G. Eddes*
- Col. *Amery*
- Lord *Milner*

Go. C. the force in Egypt  
 applies for facilities for  
 training party of about eight officers  
 under Rev. B. D. force  
 to visit *Tigella eagles stone* *Capria* to ascertain  
 opportunities for settlement  
 to interested members  
 of force I have promised  
 such facilities as can

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Tom Government on the understanding that

no expenditure" will be incurred thereby

that their passages will not result

accommodation available for citizens

and that they will not be given

preference in any Government loan

policy that may be adopted

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