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The North Hammonds Central Assoon.

Petition regarding appointment of Paramount Chief.

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Note that concern be given to petition from N. Kavirondo  
soon.

MR. FLOOD.

Mr. C. Roden Buxton's letter of the 11th of September attached. What can the Secretary of State say about the North Kavirondo petition, said to have been addressed to the Secretary of State on the 25th of July last?

*Ed Lloyd*

13.9.35.

*Mr Buxton*

We have not got the petition yet. The reason for that, of course, is that they are sending it through the proper channel and the Governor and his advisers will naturally have to consider the questions raised before they send it on. Last year the North Kavirondo Association sent a petition and, in accordance with the usual Kenya practice, sent a copy to Mr. Buxton. They have no doubt done the same with this, which accounts for Mr. Buxton having got his advance copy.

With regard to the question of a Paramount Chief, of course we do not know what is in the petition but I should think it most unlikely that Government could agree to setting up anything so thoroughly alien to the tribal organization of the Kavirondo people. The idea of Paramount Chiefs is a West African one rather than an East African, and if there were a Paramount Chief in the native organization, Government would naturally recognize him, but if, as I strongly suspect, there is nothing of the kind, then it would be very difficult

indeed

indeed for Government to set one up and to do so would not tend to make things any easier for Government or any better for the people. Draft interim reply herewith.

With regard to the Paramount Chief question, I may perhaps draw attention to what the Governor says in 23103/34 on the subject of a suggestion from the Kikuyu Association in regard to the suggestion that a Paramount Chief should be appointed for that tribe. The Kavirondo General Association (so-called) was, we know, started in 1933 and has obviously modelled itself on the Kikuyu Central Association, and I strongly suspect has been moved to put forward the suggestion for a Paramount Chief simply in order to copy the doings of that Association right or wrong. Anyhow, we can wait and see. In regard to the Kikuyu proposal the responsible opinion in Kenya was that it only emanated from a small organized group which was in control of the

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This petition from the North Kavirondo Central Ass<sup>n</sup> requesting the appl. of Paramount Chief in that district. Comments accordingly thereon and encloses an extract from the minutes of a meeting held to discuss the matter.

... to the ...  
... to the ...  
... Association ...  
... need for a Paramount ...  
... the ... some very ...  
... future activities.

I annex a separate note on points in the petition.

I request the Governor to inform the petitioners that the Secretary of State has considered their petition and that he is not prepared to intervene. *(with reference to the ...)*

*efferson*  
14/11/35

I wonder who drafted the Petition. He can hardly have been a Kavirondo!

*J.P. ...*  
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*Kenyan ...*

I agree ... though ... Kenya ... the ... days. But did ... so ... of ...

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*Sir J. ...*

I send this petition through you. ... importance to ...

in the earliest days was simply  
due to the fact that he was  
on the road to Lyons and a  
part of the chain of forts which  
marked the advance to the  
west was at this town.

The nearest approach to a  
Paramount Chief was Amama,  
the Chief Sorbon (in this case  
rain doctor) of the house. He,  
and his father before him, ~~had~~  
were real leaders of their people,  
though Sorbons are not actually  
chiefs at all.

As husband?

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Mr. *Summit* 19/11/25  
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Sir J. Shuckburgh

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Secretary of State

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21 November 1925

Sir,

I have etc to acknowledge

DRAFT.

*Kenya*  
*No 443*  
*for.*

The receipt of your despatch  
(3) No 538 of the 16<sup>th</sup> of  
October in which you

enclosed a petition  
addressed to me by  
the President of the  
North Kavirondo Central  
Association regarding the  
Appointment of a  
Paramount Chief in the  
North Kavirondo District.

2. I shall be obliged  
if you cause the  
petitioners to be  
informed that I

have

FURTHER ACTION.

have examined their  
petition and that I  
am not prepared to  
intervene.

I have etc.

(Sgd.) M.

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B. C.

1927.

Petition.

Government Observations.

From 1893 to 1926 the Govt. of Kenya appointed Chief Mumia as the Paramount Chief over all the Headmen of the Kavirondo Tribes in the North Kavirondo.

Chief Mumia was appointed an official headman in 1909 with authority over all other Headmen of what is now the N. Kavirondo District. There is no doubt that Mumia owed his position largely to Govt. support. Before the administration of the area was established Mumia ruled but a small part of the District.

The said Nabongo Mumia was removed from the post in 1927 without the consent of the Tribes.

In 1926 Chief Mumia retired from active work, while retaining his position in an honorary capacity. Any assertion that Mumia held any sort of superior authority before his establishment as Headman is false, and the position is not hereditary. Since the retirement of Mumia Govt. has consistently refused to renew his title, the reason being that the necessity for a Paramount Chief has now disappeared. The reasons were fully explained by the Acting Governor to the members of the N.K.C.A. and leading men of the district at a meeting at Kakamega on the 19th July.

The Tribes unanimously, through the petitioners, who are the representative body of all the Tribes, desired a Paramount Chief and approached the G.C. with this object in view, but were informed that Govt. had no intention of appointing a Paramount Chief.

It is not correct to say that the N.K.C.A. is the representative body of all the Tribes. In fact few responsible persons have attended their meetings, and when they did it was generally under a misapprehension. At the same time there is no doubt that a considerable body of native opinion favours the appointment of a Paramount Chief in theory, but has accepted the decision of Govt. in the matter.

That

That the petition to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister in 1934, asking for the appointment of a Paramount Chief was returned without any action being taken.

The petition referred to is presumably No.1 on 23290/34. It contained no reference to the appointment of a Paramount Chief. The Association took no further action after being told the correct method of submitting petitions to the Secretary of State.

That the petitioners have submitted petitions to the Governor but have received no reply beyond a bare acknowledgment.

See the Acting Governor's statement to the N.K.S.A. at the meeting on the 15th July.

That the appointment of a Paramount Chief will be beneficial because -

(a) it would facilitate tribes of the N.Kavirondo in obtaining a settlement of their grievances;

(b) it would facilitate collection of taxes;

(c) detection of crime would be easy and expeditious

KENYA.

No 538



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI.  
KENYA

14 October 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the accompanying petition from the North Kavirondo Central Association relative to the appointment of a Paramount Chief in the North Kavirondo District, Nyanza Province, for your consideration.

2. Chief Mumia, referred to in the second paragraph of the petition, was appointed an official Headman in 1909 with authority over all other headmen of what is now the North Kavirondo district. There is no doubt that Mumia owed his position largely to Government support, and the District Commissioner writing in 1928 stated that before the administration of the area was established, Mumia ruled but a small part of the district.

3. In 1928 Chief Mumia retired from active work while retaining his position in an honorary capacity. Any assertion that Mumia held any sort of superior authority before his establishment as a headman is therefore false, and the position is not hereditary.

4. Since the retirement of Mumia there have been frequent demands for a successor, but this Government has consistently refused to renew the title, the reason being that the necessity for a Paramount Chief has now disappeared. In the early days of British administration in this Colony it was convenient, owing to the difficulties

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, F.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S. W. 1.



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 Chief, and informed them that the ...  
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 on the 15th July.

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 ... referred to in the ...  
 petition now forwarded, ...  
 the Minutes of the meeting, from ...  
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I have the honor to be

Yours,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

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NOTE.

Petition.

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of making contact with the people to give instructions through one man who had the personality and authority to ensure that they were carried out.

5. In due course the administration of the native areas became more intensive, and at the present time there are Chiefs in charge of each location, local Native Councils in most districts, and an established native judiciary in the form of Native Tribunals. In these days the appointment of a Paramount Chief would carry with it no duties of any significance and therefore I am unable to agree that the title should be revived.

6. The petition alleges that the North Kavirondo Central Association is the representative body of all the tribes, but this is far from correct. As far as I am advised that few responsible persons have attended their meetings, and when they did so it was generally under a misapprehension. At the same time there is no doubt that a considerable body of native opinion favours the appointment of a Paramount Chief in theory, but has accepted the decision of Government in the matter.

7. The petition referred to in the fourth paragraph of the Memorandum is presumably the one sent direct to Sir Philip Compton-Dexter in October 1934, who returned it under cover of his despatch No. 206 of the 20th October 1934. The contents of this despatch were communicated to the President of the North Kavirondo Central Association who was also informed of the correct procedure in regard to the submission of petitions, but the Association did not take any further action in the matter. I should note, however, that this petition did not contain any reference to the appointment of a Paramount Chief.

8. On the 8th July 1935, the Acting Provincial

Commissioner, Nyanza, interviewed the representatives of the Association in the presence of several Chiefs, and afterwards addressed a meeting of some 150 natives. On both occasions he made it quite plain that this Government could not agree to the appointment of a Paramount Chief, and informed them that the Acting Governor would make a statement to the Chiefs and people at Kakamega on the 15th July.

9. On the 9th July 1935, a petition from the Association was received by Mr. Wade, M.S., on the 15th he addressed a meeting of some few hundred natives

(not at Kakamega) at Kakamega and made a statement to the effect that the Government could not agree to the appointment of a Paramount Chief. He stated that the Government was prepared to consider the appointment of a Paramount Chief if the Chiefs and people could agree to the appointment of a Paramount Chief. He stated that the Government was prepared to consider the appointment of a Paramount Chief if the Chiefs and people could agree to the appointment of a Paramount Chief.

Your most obedient, humble servant,

BENJAMIN C. SERRILL

GOVERNOR.

P.O. Box No. 80.

KISUMU,

25th July 1935.

To The Right Honourable,  
The Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
Downing Street,  
L O N D O N.

Sir,

The humble petition of the North Kavirondo Central Association sheweth:-

1. That your petitioners are the African Subjects of His Majesty King George the Fifth and reside in the North Kavirondo District of the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya.
2. That from the year, 1883 to the year 1926, the Government of the Colony of Kenya appointed Chief Mumia as the Paramount Chief over all the Headmen of the Kavirondo tribes residing in the North Kavirondo Districts aforesaid. The said Nabongo Mumia was removed from that post in the year 1927, without the consent of the tribes concerned.
3. That the tribes unanimously through your petitioners, who are the representative body of all the tribes, felt the necessity of a Paramount Chief, and, with this object in view approached the District Commissioner of their District, but were informed that the Government had no intention of appointing a Paramount Chief.
4. That in the year 1934, your petitioners submitted a petition asking for the appointment of a Paramount Chief to your predecessor in office but owing to the ignorance of the procedure for submission of such petitions, which should have been submitted through proper channel as provided by the Colonial Regulation No.200 the same was returned without any action being taken thereon.

5. That your petitioners submitted petitions to His Excellency the Governor of the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya for the appointment of a Paramount Chief but have received no reply beyond an acknowledgement.

6. That your petitioners believe that the appointment of a Paramount Chief will be beneficial to the whole tribe and beg to adduce the following reasons in support thereof and trust that their humble reasons will be favourably considered in the light they are put forward. The reasons are as follows:

- (a) That it would facilitate the placing by all tribes of the North Kavirondo of their matters before the Paramount Chief, who will be assisted by a council of the elders elected out of the Headmen of each tribe.
- (b) That it would facilitate the collection of the taxes and the Government revenue will not be regarded as none would be able to escape payment.
- (c) That the detection of crimes will be very easy and expeditious.
- (d) That individual subjects of His Majesty will get a fair chance of placing their grievances before the Paramount Chief, and through him, before the authorities and their grievances will be redressed by the authorities much more speedily than at present.

7. That your petitioners were told by the District Commissioner, Kakamega to wait upon the Honourable the Provincial Commissioner of the Nyanza Province in this connection. The District Commissioner in the meantime visited all the locations and told people there not to nominate any man for the post of a Paramount Chief, as it was for the Government and not for them.

8. Your petitioners then waited upon the Honourable the Provincial Commissioner of the Nyanza Province as directed and seven out of 500 men were allowed to interview him. The Hon'ble

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the Provincial Commissioner of the Nyanza Province advised your petitioners to see His Excellency the Governor on the 15th of July 1935, at Kakamega.

9. That about 20,000 peoples gathered together at Kakamega to wait upon His Excellency the Governor. The President of the Association of your petitioners was allowed an interview but nothing was finally decided.

10. That your petitioners representatives are being deputed to interview you, Sir, in London, on this subject during this year.

11. That your petitioners are disappointed as no final decision as to the appointment of a Paramount Chief, was arrived at although their representatives placed the views of the tribes before His Excellency the Governor at the interview graciously granted by His Excellency the Acting Governor of the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya.

12. That your petitioners, as representative body of the North Kavirondo tribes, most humbly and respectfully submit that the prayer contained in this petition may favourably be considered, with the advice and consent of His Excellency the Governor for the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya.

13. That your petitioners as representative body of the tribes concerned assure you, Sir, of their loyal assistance to the Paramount Chief, and the administration for the better carrying out of the good Government peace and order; and, trust, that this petition of theirs will be considered most favorably; and, orders for the appointment of a Paramount Chief issued in due course of time.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servants.

*Andrew Jumba*  
President.  
*John Adala*  
Secretary

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT AFRICAN SCHOOL KAKAMEGA AT 10 A.M. ON 15TH JULY, 1935 BETWEEN HIS EXCELLENCY THE AG. GOVERNOR, AND CHIEFS AND LEADING MEN OF THE DISTRICT, ALSO THE NORTH KAVIROONDO CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Present:- H.E. The Ag. Governor, Mr. A. de V. Wade, C.M.G., C.B.E.  
The Hon. The Ag. Chief Native Commissioner, Major S.H. La Fontaine, D.S.O., C.B.E., M.C.  
The Ag. Provincial Commissioner, Nyanza, C. Tomkinson, Esq.  
The District Commissioner, Lt. Col. E.L.B. Anderson, D.S.O.  
Lt. R.A.F. Hurt, A.D.C. to H.E. the Ag. Governor.  
D. L. Mangan Esq., District Officer.  
A.M. Lawrence Esq., District Officer.  
Mr. Father Burroughs  
The Members of the N.K. Central Association

Members of the N.K. Kavirondo Central Association were present and expressed their appreciation for the Government's decision to appoint a Paramount Chief. They stated that they had been waiting for a Paramount Chief to be appointed for some time. On the 23rd January a Paramount Chief had been chosen by the whole country. They had informed H.E. and had received his reply. It was stated that their letter about the appointment of a Paramount Chief had been received. The whole country was pleased. Chief Mulama had been made Paramount Chief on the 1st June. The whole country had said that H.E. would hear what they had to say and give his opinion. They were happy today to have a Paramount Chief to take the place of Mumia who had previously held the post. They wanted Chief Mulama in his place.

H.E. in reply thanked the members of the N.K. Central Association for their words of welcome. He was glad to be able to come here and hear local public opinion. It was not the first time that Government had been asked to approve of the appointment of a new Paramount Chief. Several times, in other places, the same request had been made by

other ...

other tribes. He did not think that the people really knew what they were asking for, or what the Paramount Chief's work would be. A few years ago in South Kavirondo the people had wanted Chief Okoth made Paramount Chief of all Kavirondo, though many present were not aware of this. The reply was that Chief Okoth had his own location to look after and could not do other work in addition.

His Excellency explained why Paramount Chiefs had been made in the past. The reasons were that when H.M. Government first took in hand the administration of this country the Provincial and District Commissioners could not get to know many of the people. There were no roads and bridges and travelling was difficult. When the Provincial Commissioners, Mr. Hobley and Mr. Ainsworth, wished to give orders they sent for the one big chief and told him to pass their orders round the country. He became the mouthpiece of Government. He was called the Paramount Chief because he could give the commands of Government to all the people.

When he went to the Kikuyu country twenty three years ago there were six Paramount Chiefs alive. Some of them might be known to those present; they were - Wambugu, Karori, Kithai, Kutu, Kibarabara, Kinyanjui. Now only one remained - Wambugu. Govt. had not appointed Paramount Chiefs to succeed the others, because there was now no more work for Paramount Chiefs. The days of Paramount Chiefs were finished, because the time for their work was finished. Now-a-days every chief had his own location. There was now no one between the Chief and the District Commissioner. In these days there was a Local Native Council in every district. Now also there were Native Tribunals for hearing cases.

If the District Commissioner gave an order

now ...

now there was no need to send for the Paramount Chief. He sent for the Chief of the Location, or members of the Local Native Council, or the President of the Native Tribunal, or a School Teacher, or an Agricultural Instructor, or else he would safari himself and see everyone with his own eyes. Hence, if a Paramount Chief were appointed he would have no work. In the Laws of Kenya (i.e. the Constitution) no place had been made for a Paramount Chief. The Native Authority Ordinance might be known to them. That provided for a Chief Native Commissioner, a Provincial Commissioner, a District Commissioner, a Headman and a Local Native Council, but no Paramount Chief. Hence, all present must understand that the days of Paramount Chiefs were finished for ever. The Government would not make a new Paramount Chief anywhere, either in the Kikuyu Province or in Nyanza.

In the past the Paramount Chiefs had been a great help to Government and Government was most grateful. Mumia was a big man in the Government in the past, as were the Kikuyu Paramount Chiefs who had been mentioned.

As had been explained times had altered and the work of Paramount Chiefs was finished.

His Excellency then stated that he wished to speak about the North Kavirondo Central Association. The Association wanted the good of the country; if it liked to make resolutions about such things as Agriculture or Forestry, which are good for the people, or about Public Health or Public Works, and to notify the District Commissioner of these resolutions through their Chiefs, well and good. Then the District Commissioner would pay due attention to public opinion. It was not the business of the North Kavirondo Central Association,

or any other, to talk about the appointment of Chiefs. In his own words the President had said, "We made Mulama Paramount Chief". The Association had no power to make Chiefs. It had no right to think about making a Chief. That was the work of the Governor. It was written in the Native Authority Ordinance, "The Governor may appoint a Headman". Until a few years ago the Governor appointed all Chiefs. A few years ago the Governor saw that the country was developing and delegated his power to the Provincial Commissioners. Hence, the work of appointing Chiefs was now that of the Provincial Commissioner and no one else. The N.K.C.A. must understand clearly that if they did their own work of helping the district they would do good and the District Commissioner would listen to them. If not, and if they had the impertinence to concern themselves with the appointment of Chiefs they would be laughed at and taken no notice of.

His Excellency then addressed the Chiefs and Members of the L.N.C.

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Mr. Flood. 14 9.35.

Mr. Boyd 16/9/35

Mr.

Sir C. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bonomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Perd. U.S. of S.

Party U.S. of S

Secretary of State

*A*

For the Secretary of State's signature.

Downing Street.

16 September, 1935.

**DRAFT.**

**O. ROSEN FUKTON, Esq.**

*See Rosen*

Thank you for your letter of the 11th of September in which you mention a petition from the North Kenya Association. I have not yet received the official copy of the petition, and I suppose that they have sent a copy direct to you at the same time as they forwarded the original document through the Governor of Kenya. If the object of the petition is as you state, the Governor will naturally have to take some time in consideration and framing his recommendations, so I may not get the petition for

**FURTHER ACTION.**

some time to come. When it does come  
it will of course be examined, <sup>Very Carefully</sup> but in a  
matter of native administration I should  
almost certainly be guided entirely by  
the views of the Colonial Government.

I think I might add that a  
similar proposal (for the appointment of a  
Paramount Chief) was put up last year by  
the "Kikuyu Central Association" and on  
commenting upon it the Governor pointed out that  
the very conception of a paramount chief was  
fundamentally opposed to "Kikuyu customs & history."  
It may be the same with the Kavirondo, though of course  
unless differ

with regard,

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Macdonald

S. B. preferred to  
leave this out.

Ed. B.

TELEPHONE  
SPEEDWELL 2145

2, ERSKINE HILL,  
GOLDERS GREEN, N.W.11

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END

11th September, 1935

Dear Malcolm,

re North Kavirondo Petition.

I have had a letter from the Secretary of the North Kavirondo Association, enclosing a Petition which was addressed to you on July 25th, 1935.

As you may know, the object of the Petition is to press for the appointment of a Paramount Chief over the North Kavirondo. I know nothing of the rights or wrongs of the case, other than what I have learnt from the Petition. But since their desire seems, on the face of it, a reasonable one, I hope you will give consideration to this Petition.

Yours sincerely,

*Crete R. & S. Co.*

Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P.,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.

*Answer 16 Sept*