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Nominal.

5.2.37. 2
... of Lord Kitchener could be
... a view to persuading him to return to
England or to providing some means to safeguard and care
for him in his present weak state.

The information in the last paragraph
of Mr Logan's letter is a new
fact.

? We must turn to
Lady Broome again.

C. H. Foxworth

11/3/37

I suppose so, though it is a regular
situation.

J. J. Bassett
11/3

Hopeless! Perhaps the present S. of. will be able to
get at the family. But Lord K. won't leave Kenya to
whom he is devoted - and if he did he'd die

J. G. Ford

11.3.

* Sir Walter Kitchener left daughters, I think;
but surely Lady Broome is the person
to approach.

W. G. B.

12.3.37

This report from the states introduces a new
fact of which the family should be told.
It can't read well if an view to support
the spiritual work of life devoted in the papers.
Probably he has to come to his letter, but
is a miser.

J. H.
12/3/37

Mr. J. Boyd

yes. Communicated in the Lady
Broome.

W. G. B. 12.3.37

3. ABELA BROOME 19.3.37.
Comments on (2) which has been forwarded to her.

Staffs here with -
C.F. Forsythe
25/3

4 To Viscountess Broome (3 ans) - 23/3/37

5 To H. H. ... (1 ans w.c. 21/3) - 24/3/37

see hand
25/3

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

6 O.A.G. Kenya - TEL. 66 Conf. - 25.3.37
States that Lord Kitchener is seriously ill and
has refused to go to hospital - local doctor is in
attendance.

80h.

I do not see that we can do
anything more.

[On S. of P. has some
money, but in
letter etc. he
signed by P.S. He
will settle it accordingly]. J.P. 25/3

7 To Viscountess Broome (s.o.) 25.3.37.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

8 TO SA Tel No. 68 - 6 ans. 25/3/37

9. Extract from the "Daily Express" of 30th March, 1937.

10. O.A.G. Tel. No. 70 Conf. 30.3.37.
States that Lord Kitchener died in hospital on
27th March.

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The S. of P. will no doubt wish to
send some message to Lady Broome.

8h.

J.P. Passin
30/3

Lady Broome knows all about it & is quite sensible
(if the 'Express' cutting is accurate). So I don't really think
we need say anything & unless the S. of P. wishes to do so personally.
If so, he has no doubt done it on seeing the Press reports.

? Put by

S.S.O. H.C.
30.3.

11 To Lady Broome

30 March 1937

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12. Viscountess Broome

(11 Ans.) will be very glad to accept 5 of S's offer when she
hears from the lawyer and the executors.

6-12-37

? Put by

C.F. Forsythe

8/24/37

J.P. Passin

11 8/4

ans

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TELEGRAM
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MAYDEKEN,
DENTON,
NS CANTERBURY.

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-7 APR 1937
O. O. REGY

12
April 6th, 1937.

Dear Mr Ormsby Gore,

Please accept my apologies for addressing you
wrongly when I wrote from St. Thomas's Hospital.

I feel sure there will be a good many difficulties
to contend with in Kenya, and when I hear later on from
the lawyer and the executors, I shall be very glad to
accept your kind offer.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Adela Broome

The Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, W.

C. O.

Mr. *Sherwell* / *30/3/37*
Mr. *Parkin* / *30/3*

Amad (12)

Mr. Flood.
Sir C. Parkinson.
Sir G. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley
Sir J. Shuckburgh.
Perm. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

30th March, 1937

DRAFT.

*The Viscountess Broom
St Thomas's House
St Thomas's Hospital
London S.E.1*

Dear Lady Broom,

I have learned with regret of the death of Lord Kitchener, in hospital on the 27th of March. If there are any matters in which the family would wish the assistance of the Government of Kenya in clearing up Lord Kitchener's affairs I will gladly communicate with the Foresecor, who I am sure, will be very ready to render any assistance within his power.

*Yours sincerely
W. Wendley Gore*

FURTHER ACTION.

MARCH 30, 1937

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Master Tells Boy 'You Are An Earl Now'

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Viscount Broome was in his study at Winchester College yesterday packing his things for the holidays when the housemaster sent for him to say his grandfather, elder brother of "Kitchener of Khartoum," was dead; that he was now an earl.

Lord Kitchener, who was in his ninety-first year, died in hospital in Nairobi, Kenya, after being found critically ill in the dilapidated bungalow, twenty-five miles from the nearest town, in which for many years he had lived alone.

Lived Alone In

Wooden Shed

Viscountess Broome, widowed mother of the new earl, said yesterday: "He will not go to Africa to take over his grandfather's farm; the place has gone to seed. In later years it was neglected.

"Lord Kitchener would live alone, in a horrible sort of wooden hut, almost a shed, with only native servants for company. We did everything we could to bring him back to civilisation, but he was a very obstinate man.

"He said the air of Africa was good for him, and he loved his farm. But for a long time he had done little else but potter around."

Colonel Henry Elliott Chevalier Kitchener, second earl, succeeded to the title in 1916 on the death of the field-marshal in the sinking of the cruiser Hampshire while bound for Russia. He married in 1877 a daughter of the late Colonel F. Lushington. She died in 1887, and his only son, a naval commander, in 1928.

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- Mr. Cross Smith 2573
- Mr. Perkins 25
- Mr. Flood 26
- Sir C. Perkinson *See Office 25/37*
- Sir G. Tomlinson
- Sir C. Bottomley
- Sir J. Shuckburgh

Perms. U.S. of S.
 Parly. U.S. of S.
 Secretary of State.

P.S.
 Sp. for the Signat.
 Signature.

25th March, 1937.

DRAFT.

The Viscountess Broome

Dear Lady Broome

In Mr Ormsby Gears' absence in the county, may I ~~be continuation of my~~
 refer you to his letter of the 23rd of March?

I am very sorry to tell you that Lord Kitchener is now reported to be seriously ill. We understand that he is refused to go to hospital and is being attended by a local doctor.

Perhaps you will be good enough to arrange for Lord Kitchener's niece and nephew to be informed.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) C. Y. OARSTAIR

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C. O.

AIR MAIL 5

Mr. Grogan Smith 2/3/37

Mr. ~~Logan~~ 23

Mr. Flood 2/3

Sir C. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomkinson

Sir C. Bottomley

Sir J. Shackburgh

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State. WJ

Semi-official for Mr. Flood's signature.

Downing Street,

CONFIDENTIAL.

24 March, 1937.

Dear Logan,

DRAFT.

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M.M. LOGAN, ESQ., O.B.E.

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th of February, No. S.A. Pol. 70/1/1/67. You will see from the enclosed correspondence that the Secretary of State has been in personal

communication with Lady Broome regarding Lord Kitchener. ^{Sorry that} ~~the position~~

~~Pol. Sec. Broome 15/3/37 (2)~~
~~Don " " 17/4/37 (3)~~

~~is not very satisfactory, but there is~~
~~nothing more we can do at present.~~ ^{this end}

Yours sincerely,

I am sorry that the position is so very unsatisfactory, but I am afraid that there is nothing more that we can do at this end.

Yours sincerely
R. H. Flood

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Mr. Grossmith 22/3/37

Mr. Parkin 23

Mr. Flood. 25

Sir C. Robinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bokemley

Sir J. Shackburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

Semi-official for Secretary of State's signature.

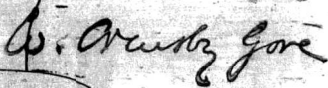
Downing Street,

23rd March, 1937.

Dear Lady Broome,

Thank you very much for
your letter of the 19th of March. I
will let the Kenya Government know
what you have told me.

Yours sincerely,



I am very sorry that things
are in such a state but I
do not see what you can do.
It is very distressing.

DRAFT.

THE VISCOUNTESS BROOME.

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3
St. Thomas's Home,
St. Thomas's Hospital,
London, S.E.1.
March 19th, 1937.

Dear Sir William,

Your letter of March 15th has been forwarded to me, and I have sent a copy to Lord Kitchener's niece and nephew.

Personally I have little hope that Lord Kitchener will consent to leave the farm in Kenya, and as his mental state is not considered bad enough to compel him against his will, the position is very difficult. I have written to a neighbour of him, whom he quite likes, and asked him to arrange to have the Assistant District Commissioner to pay a visit to Lord Kitchener in the hopes of persuading him to take medical advice.

It is difficult for you to imagine the condition in which he lives, and no human could possibly live with him. For many years we have done our best to make him live in a more human manner, and my husband went out every year to keep him straight over his financial affairs. In 1938 I hope to go out to Kenya, but that is some way off, and if anything can be done before then I will let you know.

I do not understand his debts, as he writes home saying that his total expenses are a few pounds per month, and we know that he has considerably more income than that.

Yours sincerely,

Adela Brooke.

The Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

pp. B & S.

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copy of copy

C. O.

Mr. Goswami 13/3/37

Mr. ~~Parkin~~ 13

Mr. Flood 13

Mr. B. C. 15/3

Sir C. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

Semi-official for *the Lg's* signature.

Downing Street,
15th March, 1937.

Dear Lady Broome,

I am sorry to tell you that

I have had ^{another} ~~an~~ unhappy report from

Kenya regarding Lord Kitchener.

I have seen the correspondence which

you had with Lord ^{Plumstead} Kitchener in 1933

and I fully realise the difficulties

involved.

The Kenya Government

continues to provide direct police

protection to Lord Kitchener, but it

seems that the old gentleman has ^{now become} ~~been~~

indisposed and that, although his

physical condition has become more

enfeebled, he ^{still} refuses to call a

doctor or to accept medical advice.

Moreover, it is understood that he is

heavily in debt, the whole of his

pension

DRAFT.

the VISCOUNTESS BROOME.

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pension going to pay interest on his
financial liabilities.

^{Should}
I shall be most grateful if you
would once more consider whether anything
can be done to persuade Lord Kitchener to
return to England, or whether some means
can be provided to safeguard and care for
him in his present weak condition.

Yours sincerely,

W. Arundel Gore

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S.A.POL.70/1/1/67.

The Secretariat,
NAIROBI,
Kenya Colony.

RECEIVED
9 MAR 1937
C. O. REGY

32 February, 1937.

Dear Flood,

You will remember that on 8th June, 1935, Sir Joseph Byrne addressed Confidential despatch No. 71 to the Secretary of State on the subject of Lord Kitchener and that you replied demi-officially to Mr. (now Sir Henry) Moore in your No. 3238/33 of the 27th September, 1935, shewing that little assistance could be expected of the relatives towards persuading Lord Kitchener to forsake his mode of life on his farm in the Eldoret District.

This Government continues to provide direct police protection for reasons given in Sir Joseph Byrne's despatch, but I think it only right that you should know that the local Superintendent of Police has recently reported that Lord Kitchener has been indisposed and that, although his physical condition

W. FLOOD, Esq., C.M.G.

has become more enfeebled, he refuses to call a doctor or to accept medical advice.

It is understood that he is now over ninety years of age and that he is heavily in debt, the whole of his pension going to pay interest on his financial liabilities. In the circumstances it would be appreciated if you could see your way to approaching his relatives with a view to their persuading him to return to England or to their providing some means to safeguard and care for him in his present weak condition.

Yours sincerely,

R. M. [Signature]