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# Kenya Land Settlement

Previous

Dec X. 10168 (Land Bank)  
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Subsequent

Dec X. 10526 (OSD)  
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18/2/16

M. Bollenby 1/6

S.C. Standing 1/6

R. Slaton 2/6/17

W. M. Jones 10/1/27

M. Bollenby

Room 3 16/6

Room 1

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Reference

C.O. 5000 310

1 ———— Letter Major GAT ———— 31 May 1927

Note of Mr. Bottonley's interview with Mr. Hartin regarding Kenya Land Settlement. Sir J. Gregg has approved of the statement: asks matter be pushed through before the Governor returns to Kenya

Sir C. Sturges

I refer to Sir E. Duggi's report that I should discuss settlement with Mr. Hartin, and make it clear that the result should be strictly ad referendum so far as I was concerned.

I emphasized strongly the doubts about native claims, & the Land Trust. As we had not yet the draft N. L. Trust Bill till the 20th it is not yet possible to land claimants go ahead with settlement (if any view is accepted that it is politically undesirable to allocate land till we can claim that the natives is

skewed).

Part of the memo. showing  
is appended, I think it might  
be sent to Kenya for record,  
promising a further communi-  
cation as to the final stage of  
elimination when the A.L.T. that  
they had dealt with. ~~Good~~

The [So far as I know I do  
know does not deserv-  
ing further discussion, but  
I am unable sure of details]

W.S. Army  
11/6/27

This seems wise safe, but I don't see what  
"probing forward" is to be done from the Dept.

Mr. Van Dyke  
I will like to see. I think  
the proposals are all right & that a  
copy might go to Kenya first.

at 10.6.27  
R.H. 6.9.27

S.G.S.  
done  
M.C.H.

There is no difficulty in applying the  
S.M.S. instructions and his attention  
I am sure that he need not see the paper  
again.

Of the committee - the exact form has  
been discussed with Grogg - I  
to Grogg with a letter on this in his  
packet.

W.S. Army  
15.6.27

- 2 to O.C. Kenya (copy made) 16 JUN 1927
- 3 To Denham (no 2) } 16 JUN 1927
- 4 To Grogg (no copy made to no 1)

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Mr. Boscawen 1876 fr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. E. J. Harcourt

Mr. Sturges

Sir J. Shackburgh

Sir G. Grindle

Sir C. Doria

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Earl of Clarendon

Mr. Amery



Copy only 508. 16/6/27

10 June 1927

I am in uniform to  
that he has approved the  
terms of the memorandum of

**DRAFT.**

At Mt. St. Edward Griff  
RWD only 280 MC

the document in last sentence  
with a check book placed  
at the Memorial Office on the  
9th of May, in the terms shown  
in the copy which accompanies  
this letter.

2. It differs only from the  
form of the memorandum that

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(checked by the S. 111  
and with alterations)

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the C.O. with your approval  
only in the direction of the  
wards "outwards" or "inwards"  
and "or Liberty" in the  
first half.

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Mr. Bottomley 17/6/27 36

- Mr. E. J. Harding.
- Mr. Strachey.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir S. Wilson.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Earl of Clarendon.
- Mr. Amery.

16 JUN 1927

Dear Sir

I send under cover of  
this letter an official  
despatch which Sir Edward  
Griff wishes to be held in  
reserve until such  
arrangements are announced  
which has been settled.

It seems more convenient  
to send it to you personally  
than to make it unnecessarily  
"confidential".

DRAFT.

Sir Edward Durbam  
16/6/27

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(Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY

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- Mr. Buxton (15/6/27)
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. E. J. Harding
- Mr. Strachey
- Sir J. Shackburgh
- Sir G. Grindle
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- Earl of Clarendon
- Mr. Amery

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Deep date sent with copy to Sir J. Shackburgh (16/3/27)

20 pp under cover of personal letter to Sir J. Shackburgh 2/1  
Debarren 2/1  
16 June 1927

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for records of record, the accompanying copy of a letter, with its enclosure, which I have caused to be sent to Sir J. Shackburgh in the subject of land settlement in Kenya.

DRAFT.

Kenya  
OK

20/6/27  
16 June  
(off. letter)

(Signed) L. S. AMERY.

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H.M. EASTERN AFRICAN TRADE & INFORMATION OFFICE.

RECEIVED  
7 JUN 1927  
OFFICE

DOCKSPUR STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

31st May 1927.

Copy sent to Mr. Grigg & Mr. ...  
16 JUN 1927

Dear Mr. Bottonley,

As I promised you on the telephone yesterday, I am forwarding to you the note of the interview which you gave to Mr. Martin about Kenya Land Settlement and cognate schemes.

You will note Sir Edward Grigg has approved of the statement. He is most anxious that the matter should be pushed forward before he leaves. Will you very kindly take what steps you think fit to bring this about?

Yours sincerely,

E. S. J. Botton

W. C. Bottonley, Esq.  
C.B., C.M.G., G.B.E.  
Colonial Office,  
Westminster, S.W. 1.

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Note of an interview granted to Mr. Martin by  
Mr. Bottomley of the Colonial Office on the  
9th May 1927.

SUBJECT: KENYA LAND SETTLEMENT.

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It appeared that proposals could be divided into two categories, in both of which the assurance is necessary that no possible native land rights or claims are involved.

- (1) The ordinary local demand independent of any Government assisted scheme, particularly for land still unalienated within areas already settled.
- (2) Definite Government Settlement Schemes involving assistance from a Government Land Bank, or from such grants as might be obtainable from the Empire Marketing Board or some such other source.

The establishment of some Trustee body in charge of native lands was agreed to as a matter of urgency and as a condition precedent to such new Government settlement schemes prepared by the Kenya Advisory Committee.

The suggestion, therefore, is that immediate action should, so far as possible, be taken in two directions.

- (1) The creation of the land trust already proposed by the Governor, and, subject to this and to the assurance mentioned in the first paragraph.
- (2) The disposal of lands in urgent demand, particularly for types of production not requiring exceptional demands for labour; these types are mixed farming including wheat and dairying, sheep-farming and sisal planting, the last of which industries appears to be

running.

(It'd) H.T.M.  
25th May 1927.

Endorsed by Mr.  
Bottomley vide  
his letter to Mr.  
Martin of 25/5/27.

Approved.

(It'd) E.G.  
26/5/27.



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It is understood that the consideration of any further settlement dependent on official pecuniary assistance must await the results of the examination of Land Bank possibilities into which Mr. Herold has been invited to enquire, and also of such applications for subsidy as are submitted to the Empire Marketing Board, or other organisation connected with Empire Settlement. It is recognised that Land Bank proposals should be limited to new commitments and should not attempt to take over existing mortgages. So long, however, as requisite assistance is obtained such schemes should go forward, provided that no special difficulties in respect of labour need be anticipated as the result of this form of settlement.

It was agreed that while the introduction of settlers in the form of farm pupils is desirable particular care should be taken to place pupils with selected farmers who would utilise their services without at least requiring any premium, and who would hold out the early opportunity of some wage.

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