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FROM  
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

DATE  
9th December 1924.

FOR CIRCULATION:—

Mr. REMOVAL OF NATIVES ON NORTH OF MT KENYA. 508  
Mr. ALIENATION OF SAMBURN COUNTRY.  
Mr.  
Asst. U.S. of S.

160. Sir Robert Hamilton.—To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he can state whether the Kenya government has moved, or intends to move, any Natives on the north of Mount Kenya out of the areas now occupied by them; and particularly whether it is contemplated to alienate a portion of the Samburn country to a European settler. [*Munday 15th December.*]

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Secretary of State.

Oral reply

Previous Paper

See A. of S. 51863 (Native Land)

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Please see Governor 57067 not yet minuted. There is absolutely no reason to suspect that it is intended to clear off these fragments of tribes from the land which they now occupy in order to alienate the land to a European or any number of Europeans.

Subject to supplementaries I do not think we need ask the Governor for a report on this point.

The references to Mombasa, Nairobi, and Mombasa name in 57067 are correct. There is that those already moved are

Mombasa 182  
Nairobi 59  
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Subsequent Paper

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Answer before 23 Dec 1924  
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*Official Report 15<sup>th</sup> December 24***KENYA.****REMOVAL OF NATIVES.**

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Mr. **AMERY**: The Governor has reported that owing to the resistance to administrative control of a small section of the Masai who were not removed to the new southern reserve in 1912, and owing also to the spread of disease among the stock of their neighbours and their propensity to destroy pasturage by grass fires, it has been necessary to take steps, after observing the necessary veterinary quarantine precautions, to remove these people to the southern reserve. The move was expected to be complete in November. The question of dealing with members of other tribes who had added themselves to this group of Masai is still under consideration by the Governor, but there is no question of moving them in order that the land vacated may be leased to a European settler. The total number of natives concerned is 800, of whom apparently less than one-third are Masai.

Sir **R. HAMILTON**: May we understand that no movements of natives are made in Kenya except with the approval of the Colonial Office?

Mr. **AMERY**: I cannot answer for small movements, but, broadly speaking, that is so.

Colonel **WEDGWOOD**: Has the right hon. Gentleman seen the allegation that it is proposed to move natives from the territory to the north of Mount Kenya, not to the southern reserve, but to the neighbourhood of Lake Rudolf, into an area stricken by drought and where they will be raided by the Turkumans?

Mr. **AMERY**: No, and I should be glad if the hon. and gallant Gentleman would furnish me with particulars.

*✓ We have nothing  
in the first instance, said*

*Q+A 580 on 11/3*

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17th December 1924

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The Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
House of Commons, S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Amery,

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With reference to the question I asked in the House on Monday relative to the movement of natives in Kenya, North of Mount Kenya, the answer which you gave me related only to the proposed movement of the small group of Masai, but the matter to which I wished particularly to direct attention was the proposal for a much larger move, affecting the Samburu. As it was not convenient at question time to pursue the matter further, as it would have entailed some lengthy explanations, I should like to inform you now that I have received information from reliable sources that definite proposals are on foot for moving a large number of Samburu in order, it is said, to free an area of some hundred thousand acres to make them available for a large land-holder in West Kenya.

Such a movement as that proposed raises very important questions, particularly, as if carried out, it would probably have a serious effect on the Samburu tribe, owing to the inevitable position into which they would be

put in regard to their ancient enemies, the Turkhans.

This appears to me to be a matter into which it is desirable that inquiry should be made, and I propose to put down a question with regard to it as soon as the House meets again in February.

With reference to my second question relating to the Wakamba on the Yatta Plains, I obtained my information from an account of the movement which appeared in the "East Africa Standard". I regret, however, to say that I have not a copy of the paper by me, but I think that the date on which it appeared was either June or July of this year; but of that I cannot be quite sure.

Yours very truly,

Albion Williams

*See also p. 578 15 above*

*W.A.S.*  
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Robert Millin

*Jan 2nd 1912*

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*to be sent to the  
Governor of Kenya*

DRAFT. REPLY TO SIR ROBERT HAMILTON

ORAL 15th December 1924.

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- Sir J. Shackleton.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir G. G. G. G.
- Sir H. Lambert 12/12
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- Lord ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Amery 12./12

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ORAL 16th December, 1924.

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Mr. Bottomley. 12. 24.

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Mr. *Strachey* 12  
Sir J. Shackburgh.

Sir G. Davis.

Sir G. Grindley.

Sir *Robert Hamilton* 12/12

Lord *Arncliffe*

Mr. *Wainwright*

*See memo 12/12*

*See report 12/12*

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of members of other tribes who had

affiliated themselves to this group of

tribes still under consideration by the Government

but if it is decided to restore them to

the tribes to which they belong I have

~~no~~ no reason to suppose that the land

restored will be leased to a European

settler.

The total number of persons

is 839, if

some estimate less than

the actual number (who

are ~~not~~ ~~included~~)

\* P. 1001. The number is very definite  
+ I think the answer might be

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when there is any objection  
I would prefer

but there is no question  
of moving them in order  
that the land needed may  
be leased to a European  
settler.

What is my answer to a  
representative - do you want  
land if they are moved?

John

I spoke to J/O and told him that  
the Government would want the land  
but will lease a suggested that  
he should say that he was asking  
for - the he will do - or that  
the Government will say something  
to the Government with the land  
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of members of other tribes who had

added themselves to this group of

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the tribes to which they belong I have

no reason to suppose that the land

reverted will be leased to a European

settler.

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is 839, if

shown otherwise less than

the total of Kassai (to be

has been included)

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+ I think the answer might be.

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but there is no question  
of moving them in order  
that the land needed may  
be leased to a European  
settler.

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representative - do you get the  
land if they are moved?

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man would want the land in the  
but will keep a suggestion that  
he should say that he was asking  
for - that he will do - or that  
that for with a Dr. suggestion which  
is all done with the land

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