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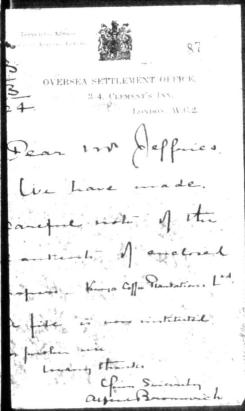
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KENYA. No. 6. CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

January.

My Lord Duke.

With reference to Your Grace's Confidential despatch of the 12th September last, I have the honour to report that the small 10 acre subdivisional scheme there mentioned has not been further pressed beyond the original application; and that there has been subsequently presented another scheme which provides for allotments of between 31 and 561 acres each in area.

- 2. I attach a memorandum by the Director of Agriculture dealing with the economic aspects of such holdings.
- 3. The delay in replying to Your Grace's despatch is regretted. The operations of this Company have been brought to the notice of this Government in another connection on which further enquiries have been necessary. There does not appear at present to be grounds for any Government. action on the matter, but it would appear inadvisable to give any encouragement to their scheme.

I have the honour to be, My Lord Duke Your Grace's most devoted and most obedient servant,

COVERNOR BETTTY.

HIS GRACE

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S. W.,

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MEMORANDUM BY THE HON. DIRECTOR OF

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The advertisement to which the Secretary of State has drawn attention offers attractions and proceeds along lines adopted by Land Development Companies in different countries. Their interests are usually and primarily financial, and they develop the property largely with the money advanced by investors. These investors under a 10 ac. or similar scheme do not become settlers, indeed under the scheme of this company as originally laid down residence was not permitted on the 10 ac. block.

As to the returns, if any, which such investors may get in the future I am unable to offer an opinion at present. In any case the share of profit on a 10 acre portion of a coffee plantation would be a comparatively small one.

It would appear, however, that the Company has now revised its original proposals and that settlers are being sought for holdings of about 100 acres, and on payment of £14 per acre - half down and half over 4 years - the Company undertakes to plant 40 acres of coffee; also to cultivate a further 40 acres. In my opinion, even under that larger scheme the profits are not likely to be sufficient to support a European family.

I would not advise the Secretary of State to give schemes of this kind his consideration, rather would it appear advisable to indicate to enquirers that they should satisfy themselves as to the offer made and the conditions attaching thereto.

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