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NYIKA RESERVE
ADMINISTRATIVE STATIONS

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April, 1920.

My Lord,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 4 of the 2nd January on the subject of the administrative stations in the Nyika Reserve and to confirm Mr. Monson's telegram No. 952 of the 29th December last, notifying you that Kakeneni sub-station had been abandoned and Rabai was in process of abandonment.

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I have discussed the question fully with the Chief Native Commissioner, the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Seyidie, and Mr. E. S. Horne, the Officer at present in charge of the Reserve, and have reached the conclusion that the headquarters of the District should be at Kibwa well, the first alternative suggested by Dr. Radford in paragraph 14 (a) of his Report which was forwarded to Your Lordship under cover of my despatch No. 1115 of the 13th November last, and a few miles north-west of Mwa Nya Nyunda, the place advocated in the same despatch.

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Mr. Horne for the last three months has been engaged in clearing an area for this station and

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RIGHT HONOURABLE
VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c. &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

digging for water in the vicinity. He has not been successful in the last-named efforts and I have instructed the Acting Provincial Commissioner to consult the General Manager with regard to the possibility of extending the pipeline from the Railway and so rectifying the sole physical defect of the locality. The question of a reservoir or tanks at the new site is also being considered.

3. I have emphasized further to the parties concerned the essential need for proper housing accommodation and in bearing in mind the points raised in the above paragraph of Your Honorable Order, I have advised that the

establishment of a new post at Kibungo is being considered as a temporary retention of the Headquarters of the Nyika Reserve on the advice of the Acting Provincial Commissioner, who considers that at present it is by far the most suitable site for the purpose. An Assistant District Commissioner will be stationed at Kibungo for the purpose of superintending the area to the north of the Nzovani River, whilst the District Commissioner and another Assistant District Commissioner will use Rabai as their administrative centre. It is hoped to provide both posts with motor transport to facilitate touring in the wide and sparsely populated areas under their control.

4. I may state that in view of Your Lordship's strong and natural disapproval of Rabai

Rabai as an administrative post I have only acceded to this proposal on mature consideration with the members of my Executive Council, who have had the advantage of hearing the opinions of both Dr. Radford and Mr. F. M. Lamb, District Commissioner, an officer with an intimate knowledge of the locality affected.

6. Dr. Radford expressed the view that, provided money was allocated for the immediate repair of the existing European quarters, he would raise no objection from a medical stand-point to the continued use of the accommodation as a temporary measure and it was agreed to place £100 at the disposal of the Provincial authorities for re-conditioning purposes.

7. The officers stationed at Rabai will be on tour for the greater part of every month, but the improvements effected should add to their comfort during the brief periods of their enforced residence at the post. All serviceable materials in the buildings will be removed for ultimate use at Kibwa Swani or elsewhere, so that the money expended will not prove a loss to Government.

8. Lack of funds threatens to delay the establishment of the new station now that it is understood from Your Lordship's telegram of the 3rd April that the anticipated loan for building will not be forthcoming, but every effort will be made to provide for the necessary expenditure and expedite construction at Kibwa Swani.

In this connexion I have to add that the timber from the dismantled building at Kakoneni has proved to be unserviceable and it will be necessary to supply a new roof for the house now in course of erection at Kibwa Ewani, which the Acting Provincial Commissioner reports should serve to accommodate two officers for the time being, once the necessary water tanks are forthcoming. This matter is receiving the close attention of the Acting Director of Public Works.

9. I trust that for the reasons cited Your Lordship will concur in the action taken, as it has been found to be the only practicable means of providing for the inevitable stage of transition in the administration of the Nyika Reserve. Should Your Lordship be in any doubt on the question, I shall be glad if Mr. Redford may be consulted. He is proceeding shortly to England on leave of absence.

10. I have noted Your Lordship's comments on the ill-adviced selection of the posts at Rabai and Kakoneni. Rabai is an old-established station, 12 miles from Mombasa, and a natural outpost of the Coastal Headquarters. It served at one time a convenient centre for maintaining touch with the Arab and Swahili elements owing to its present position at the South East corner of the Nyika Reserve its utility except as an emergency centre has disappeared and Kibwa Ewani is decidedly more central and convenient as well as enjoying a far healthier situation. The reasons for the choice of

Kakoneni

Kakoneni were set forth in the report of Sir H. Belfield's deputy, Mr. ... the 11th November 1915. It was recommended that to establish a post from which the movement of the Giriama could be controlled and after considerable inspection the local officers favoured the Kakoneni site. The restrictions on the northern move of the Giriama have now been withdrawn and the grounds for the retention of a settled sub-station in that area no longer exist.

11. The importance of opening communications in this difficult Reserve are being borne in mind. The road from Malindi to Kakoneni, Manges and Rabai I underground would be a great boon for traffic and the Provincial Council, under the report with Estimates proposed for extensions, will be recommended throughout the area. It is possible at the present time to reach Kakoneni in one day from Mombasa by rail and car via Malindi.

12. It will be seen therefore, that Dr. Hedford's main recommendations are gradually being carried out. The water-supply is the main problem; once that is solved, there should be little difficulty in effecting closer touch with the natives, as it will be possible for the administrative officers to live permanently in the Reserve.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant
W. G. ...
ACTING GOVERNOR.

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General Correspondence

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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 2005 of 10th inst 27th instant in the subject of the administrative station in the Nyika Reserve.

2. I will enquire into the question on my return to East Africa and report to the Secretary of State what arrangements I consider most suitable.

3. I share with much regret that E. B. Horn is dangerously ill and hope that some of his correspondence may have been received.

Yours faithfully

Edward Hadow

Secretary of the East Africa Protectorate

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