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**EAST AFR. PROT.**

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Date.

1912

27th May

the previous Paper.

H.D.

MR SCHYNGOUR WEDDEBURN  
APPLICATION FOR LAND

Cannot add anything to what has already been said in memo. in letter of 23rd December.

Asks if it would be possible for the Prot Govt to send brief monthly telegrams stating whether any allotment of Govt land is in contemplation and if so at what date and to what amount.

*W. Read*

There is nothing for it but to let Mr. Weddeburn's case drop.

*W. H. 12*

As for the suggestion in the last paragraph, everything turns on the method of allotment of land eventually decided on for the E.A.P. The question is, as you know, under discussion with Sir P. Girouard & Mr. Tannachill. As soon as it is settled, I will discuss with Mr. Tannachill if you agree, the possibility of devising some

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arrangement for letting us know periodically  
in this country whether Govt. land is  
available. Such information would be  
useful to the C.O. no less than to the  
E. I.O. Mr. Batterbee has had several enquiries  
on the subject lately.

Yes  
to Joe

HAB.

May 30.

at once  
H. J. R.  
31/V

Mr. Batterbee

Please see. This will work in with  
what we are <sup>proposing</sup> to get from Mr  
Tanna Hill <sup>(for the hand Dept)</sup> for the C.O.

HAB.

May 31.

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. Macgregor should be drawn  
in 31500 both as to his [unclear]  
of giving him [unclear] of any  
land [unclear] (side [unclear] in [unclear])

para 7 of Mr Belfield's report  
and as to his own proposals personally  
I do not think that he shall be  
in a position to make any general  
statement to the S.O. until we have  
Mr Belfield's reply

W.S.T.

12/11

Mr Macnaghten

H. J. R.

seen / c.M.  
13/11

12/11

Went

at 11

H. J. R.

Mr Macnaghten

19/11

This paper has been brought up.  
It will be necessary to keep it for up  
to the state another notice (was long notice  
is possible) but the moment is not  
propitious. The proposed amendments are  
being practically altered & in any case  
no vote is to be held for some time.  
The S.O. got early info. of the Play  
1915 etc

3/11

Bring up in 3 mos.

Mr Macnaghten

W.S.T. 3.9.13 et seq

We now know that there will be  
no

No general sale of land until after February 'at the earliest.

With regard to my previous minutes, there have been two 'remnant sales' since the May auction - i.e. farms not sold that were offered to applicants & where there was more than one application an auction was held. I fear that E.S.O. might have been informed, pro forma, but in these special cases only short notice was given & an announcement in this country would not have been of much practical use.

It is still impossible to give the E.S.O. any general info as to future land sale arrangements & until we have a certain draft Order (now being drafted) a Commission announcing a sale would have to be very long if it was to be conforming to conditions.

We must try to remember to let E.S.O. know of every forthcoming sale & refer them to the 'Gazette' (which I suppose they have?) for particulars when received.

CAS 4/12/14

Thanks. The positions appear to continue to be unsatisfactory until the Ord. comes into force.

Bring up again about 31st March

TCM 5/12/14

SR

Mr. Baskerville

Nothing new as to sales & the Ord. will not be ready for a long time. Bring up 30 April. Recirculated. Calk. Wait 2.4.14

SR

Mr. Griffin  
Mr. Baskerville

You will see that on <sup>16.5.14</sup> ~~16.5.14~~ E.S.O. we have next E.S.O. info as to the next sale (August). This is all we can do at present.

? Bring up - 6 months

CAS 13.5.14

Mr. Griffin  
Mr. Baskerville  
Lapre Calk 19 May 14  
KWS

The draft Order has been returned to the E.S.O. & the will no doubt go on the next session of the Legislative Council. We don't know when that will be. Land matters are at a standstill at present.

27.5.14  
at once

Notes  
2nd

? S.R. to write to bring up with the Ord. when received, or in 6 mos which ever is the first

T.C.M. 18/10/14  
Calk  
CAS 18/11/14

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In any further communication  
on this subject please quote—  
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EMIGRANTS' INFORMATION OFFICE

31, BROADWAY,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W.

May 25th, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th of April, relating to the case of Mr. Scrymgeour Wedderburn, and to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Harcourt that the letter from Mr. Wedderburn of which a copy was enclosed in Mr. Bowring's despatch of the 20th of March does not enable my Committee to add anything to what has already been said in the memorandum enclosed in the letter from this Office of the 23rd of December as to the improbability of Mr. Wedderburn's having received from this office any kind of definite statement that he would be able to obtain a grant of Government land if he went out to the Protectorate. It is observed, however, that Mr. Wedderburn saw in the Handbook on the East Africa Protectorate published by this office, that a certain number of farms were ready for allotment, and it is possible that his statement may be based on this printed information. The information in question was inserted in the Handbook when the book was revised by Sir Percy Girard, in January, 1911, but was cancelled a few months ago on receipt of a telegram from the Protectorate Government.

2. The question has been discussed personally with Sir Percy Girard and with Mr. Tamahill, one of the Land Rangers of the Protectorate now at home on leave, but it does not seem possible to throw any further light upon it.

3. This case has called the attention of my Committee to the desirability of obtaining, if possible, periodical



information from the Protectorate Government as to the Government Land available for allotment to applicants. They would therefore enquire whether it would be possible for the Protectorate Government to send brief monthly telegrams stating whether any allotment of Government land is in contemplation, and if so at what date and to what amount? Any such information would of course be used with great discretion. It would enable this office to inform intending emigrants either that no Government land would be available for allotment in the near future, or that land would be available for allotment by a certain date and under certain specific conditions, but that no ~~contracts~~ <sup>undertaking</sup> of any kind ~~can~~ <sup>could</sup> be given that a particular applicant would be successful in obtaining a grant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. Baker.

Chairman