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APPLICATION FOR LAND

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States as to negotiations, they to be granted 1,000 acres of freehold on the Ngoro River or 1,000 acres on the Kiboko River.

Previous Paper

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Reply that the S. of B. has no knowledge of the applications to which she refers, and that a copy of her letter has therefore been sent to the O. A. C. for his observations, & add, with reference to her request for the grant of 1000 acres freehold, that the grant of freehold is now limited to homestead grants of 320 acres; & send the O. A. C. a copy of the letter & our reply for his observations (13).

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of Henry S King & Co.  
9 Pall Mall

To The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. London

13 August 1912

Sir,

I beg to lay before you the following representation:—  
In April '06 an application was made by <sup>my late husband</sup> Col. A. Pelham Burn through his attorney Mr. Trevor Sheen for 5,000 acres of land on the Njoro River in the East Africa Protectorate. As the land lay on the confines of a roughly demarcated Reserve, the application was referred to the Chief Conservator of Forests who refused to release this area stating, as his reason, that the land was under forest.

Mr. Sheen repeatedly pointed out that the land was open grazing, and after a period of five years a Ranger was sent up to view the area and as Mr. Sheen's explanation was found substantially correct, it was decided to release some 4,000 acres.

Previous to Mr. Sheen an application for the same land was made by the Hindlip & Fawcus Estates and refused by the Forest Department. My son, Mr. Sheen, informs me that he believes the Hindlip & Fawcus Estates subsequently applied for and received some 20 to 30,000 acres in various parts of the Protectorate, and that they applied for and received as much as they were qualified to hold and that by doing so they automatically released their right to this area on the Njoro River. In the face of this the Land Office grant the Hindlip & Fawcus Estates about 750 acres, and acting under the Governor's

instructions, order the remainder to be cut up into three farms and sold by public auction at a future date. I have endeavoured to remove my application to the Kwatata District and again to the Sio River, both of which applications have been negatived by the Administrative Officers on the ground of native rights. This may be so, but my application is still pending and I would be very grateful if it could be found possible to grant me 1,000 acres of freehold on the Njoro River or 1,000 acres on the Kiboko River, Kenia Province. This latter area is in the Native Reserve but was made the subject of a question in the Legislative Council, and, so far as I am informed, was never replied to.

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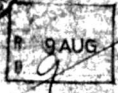
Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Kate Pelham Burn

1st August 1912

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- Mr. Venning
- Mr. Bead 9
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Mad am,  
 I am directed by the Sec Harcourt  
 to ask the  
 receipt of your ltr of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 of Aug<sup>x</sup> to inform you that  
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Adm. etc

H. G. Road

(for the State Land Office of State)