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Development of Jubaland.

States as to scheme for formation of Co. to take over the Emperor Steam Navigation Co. - also concession granted to Mr. Karyopoulis, to establish trading stations at places specified in Jubaland - lists of land concessions amounting to about 2000 acres in detail in enclosed plans.

Mr. Fiddes.

See also ^W below
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I have marked on the accompanying map of Jubaland the principal places mentioned. Mr. Walford's proposal to take over the Emperor Steam Navigation Company, a British Company now actually at work on the Juba. Ordinarily such a proposal would need no reference to the Colonial Office. In this case, however, Mr. Walford does not think the service can be successfully run unless the Company also engages on agricultural operations with a view to making certain of traffic for their steamers. This view is shared by the Protectorate authorities; see specially the enclosure in Gov. 19176/D3, where Captain Salkeld, the able Commissioner of the district, says that the Company running the service ought to take up land on which to grow cotton, maize, or some other established crop. As I understand the position,

Mr.

Copy (plan in my) Gov. no 256. 6 May 1910
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should at the same time tell Mr. Walford what we are doing, and promise him a further reply when the Governor telegraphs; and request him in the meantime to furnish the Crown Agents with evidence of his ability to carry out his proposals; and send the Crown Agents a copy of the correspondence and request them to report upon the evidence which he furnishes to them.

HAB
April 28

Sir J. Hopwood

Mr. Walford & I were
interviewed me about this I was entirely
non-committal, I did not think of the thing
was done it would be done badly.

But the scheme should be as reasonable
deserving of encouragement.

Mr. Walford (who was, I think, once an
Agent for his father's firm in business in
Antwerp) is known to Mr. Hopwood, who
came over to speak favorably about him
I proceed as Mr. Walford proposes.

W. S. J.

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12, GREAT ST. HELENS,
LONDON, E.C.

April 22nd. 1910.

TELEGRAMS
"SHARPS" LONDON.
TELEPHONE
1430 LONDON WALL.



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Sir,

I beg to confirm the conversation which I had the honour of holding with you yesterday, in company with Mr. Argyropoulos of Kiamayu, British East Africa, and in which I explained to you that my firm were occupied in forming a Company to take over the "Empire" Steam Navigation Company, belonging to our friends, Messrs A & W Nesbitt of Fenchurch Avenue, in this City, and also the Agricultural Concession belonging to Mr. Argyropoulos at Kiamayu. The Company of which I am negotiating the formation, will have a Capital of about £120,000 of which £70,000 will be cash, as this sum will certainly be required for promoting trade in the Jubaland Territory, which is the principal object the Company has in view.

Messrs Nesbitt's fleet as worked at present cannot pay on account of the want of trade, and these gentlemen have not felt disposed to increase their investment to the sum required to carry on a trading

G.V. Fiddes Esq. C.B.E. & C.

Assistant Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,

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N° 3980 LONDON WALL.

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business.

The principal station of this future Company would be at Gebouen, and trading stations would be established in British East Africa Territory on the Banks of the Juba; one, opposite Djelib, one at Gardara, and one at Dola, and probably at other intermediate stations.

The cargo required for supplying these depots would enable the steamers to be profitably worked, and in exchange for the products supplied to these depots, we expect to develop a very considerable traffic in native produce, which would provide the return cargo for the boats.

My friends with whom I am in close negotiations for providing the greater part of the Capital required for this important enterprise, are strongly of opinion that the concession of land which Mr. Argyrepeule has at present on the Juba is absolutely insufficient for the Company's requirements, because in order to be certain, so far as one can be, in an almost unexplored country like Jubaland, of getting an adequate return for the Capital at risk, one should not depend on one source of revenue alone, so that besides the navigation of the river and trading, we should also have considerable agricultural land, and that we should be assured of a minimum of 10/20,000 acres, of which Mr. Argyrepeule has 3000 and a further 5000 acres in option.

Mr. Argyrepeule has cleared about 2400 acres on which he has been making experimental culture. He has a valuable plant, consisting of agricultural machinery,

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and centrifugal pumps for irrigation imported from England and land under tremendous difficulties. The experiments made by him have proved successful, but it will necessitate much money to develop ^{culture} on a large scale.

I beg to enclose herewith an official plan of the plots of land of which I should desire a 99 years lease. They are those numbered on the plan, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, and 19, and I shall feel obliged if you will give me the assurance that I can acquire these leases under the terms laid down by the Government provided that within one month from this date I satisfy you as to the high respectability of the Company on whose behalf I make this application.

I may mention that Mr. Argyropoulos who would return to Africa on behalf of the Company to develop these Estates is a Civil & Agricultural Engineer with a diploma of the Belgian Government State College at Gembloux, Belgium.

It will no doubt be to your knowledge that the Italians are making great efforts to secure the monopoly of trade on the Juba and are actually negotiating a contract with a Belgo-Italian Company to place some steamers on the Juba with a subvention of 55,000 lire per annum. It is therefore all the more important that Messrs Hebbitt having been first in the field to open up this trade, should not be sustained by a foreign enterprise, and I am convinced that if I can get the encouragement which I am now soliciting, that the Company

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I propose to form will be sufficiently powerful to deter any other people from entering into competition and will assure the penetration of British Commercial interests in the hinterland of the Juba.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully.

G. R. Mearns

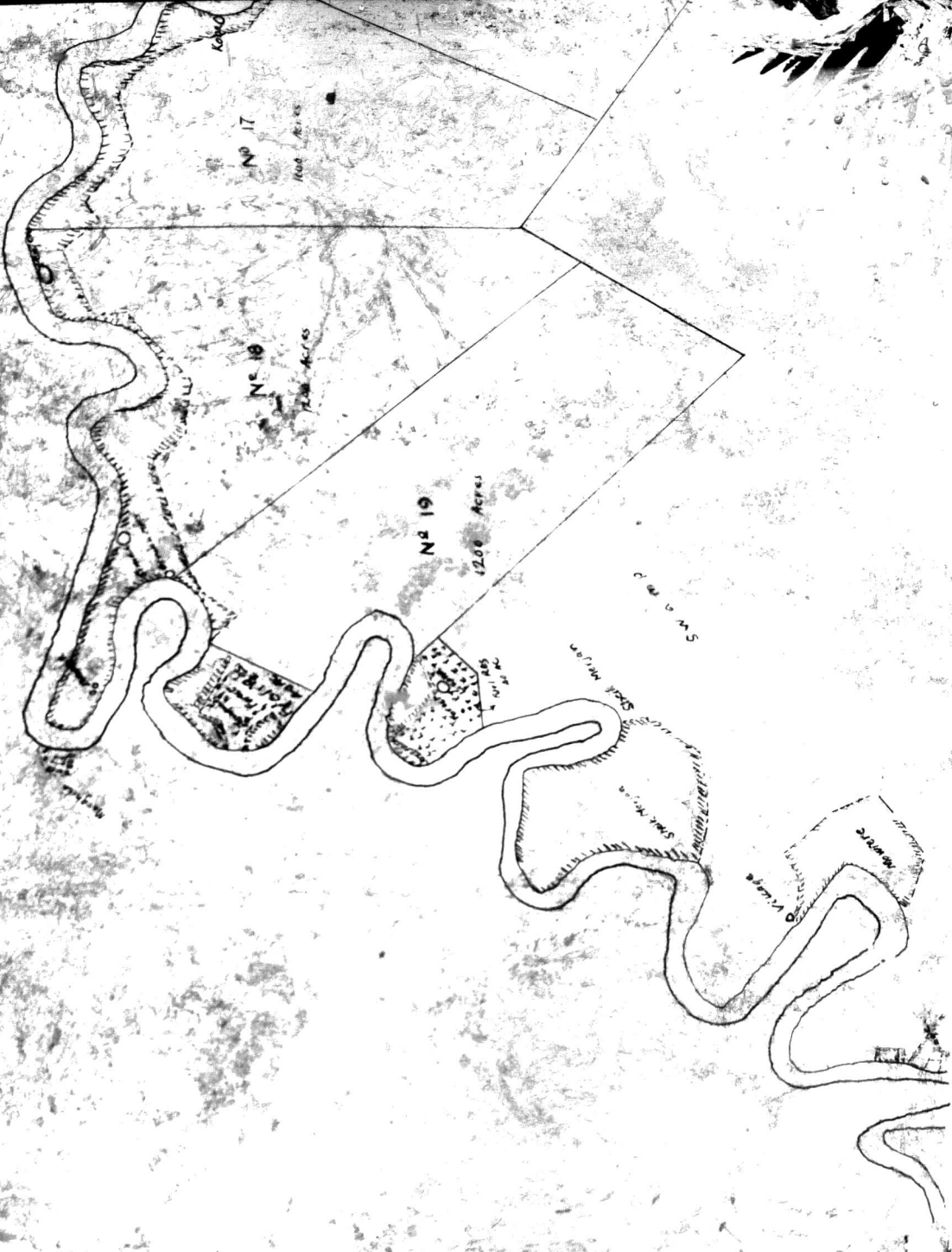
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showing farms as laid out on the Tjuba River.
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A. Anderson



No 17

1000 Acres

No 18

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No 19

1200 Acres

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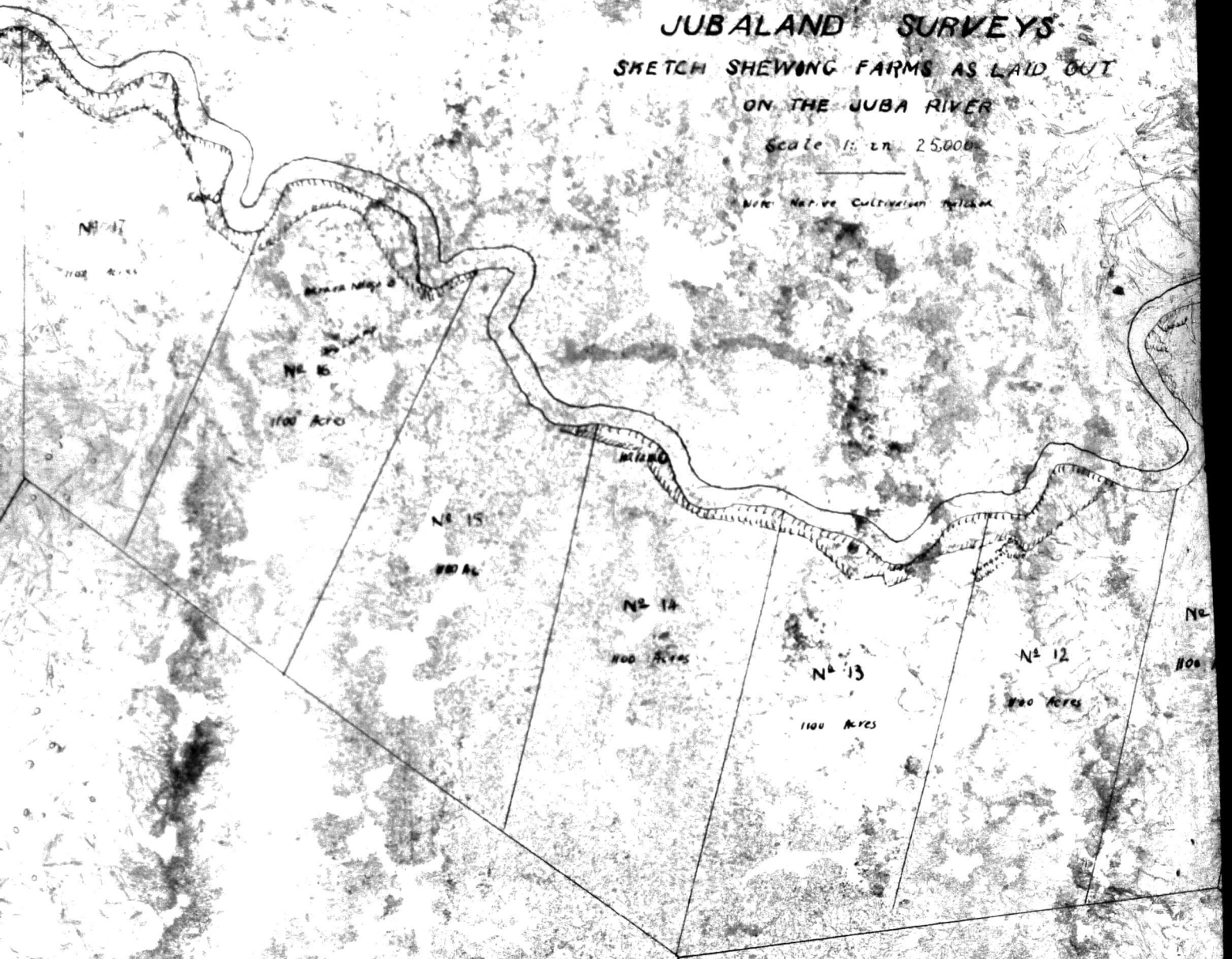
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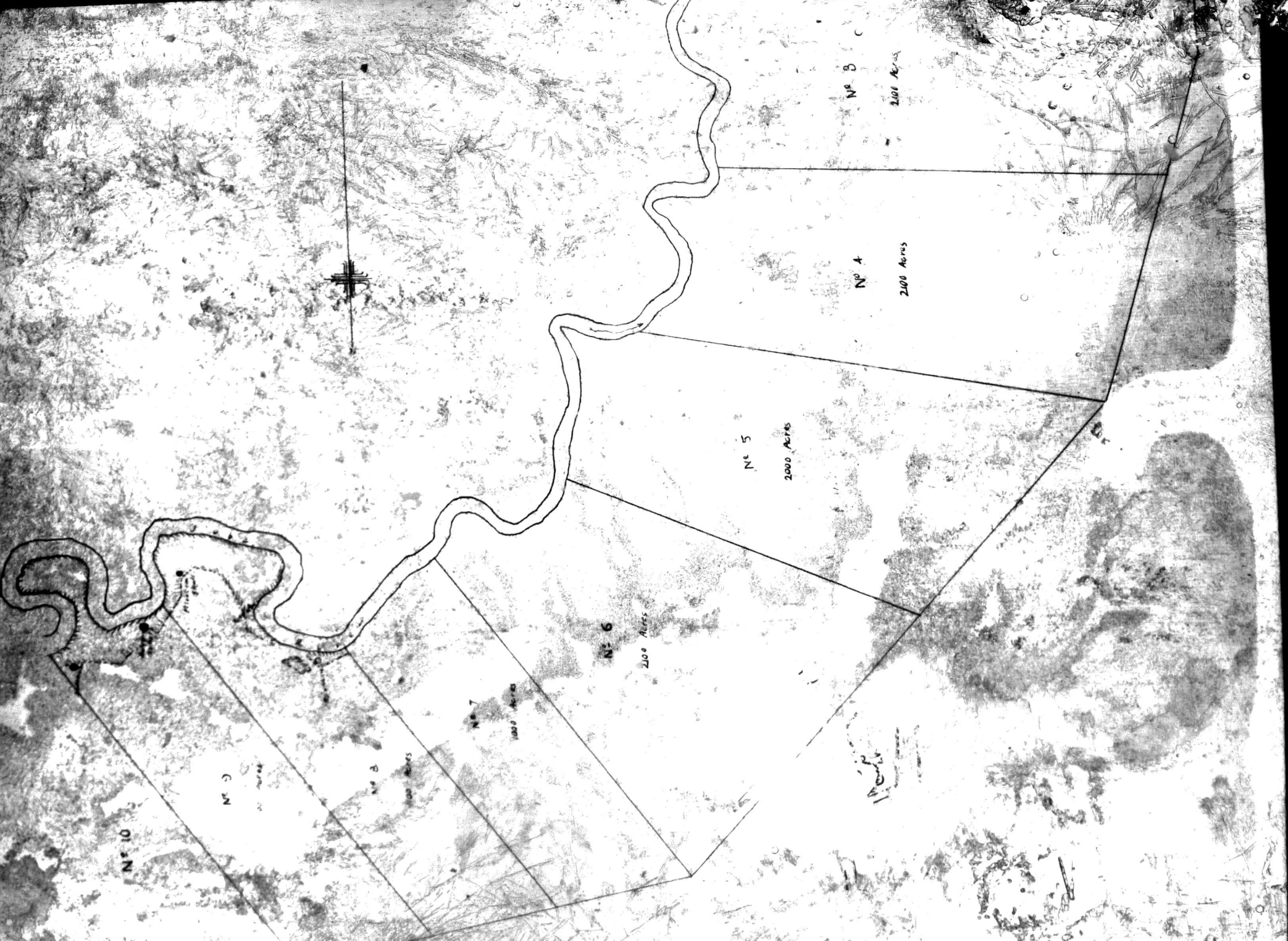
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JUBALAND SURVEYS
SKETCH SHEWING FARMS AS LAID OUT
ON THE JUBA RIVER

Scale 1: in 25,000

Note: Native Cultivation Fields





N° 10

N° 9

N° 8

N° 7

N° 6

N° 5

N° 4

N° 3

1000 Acres

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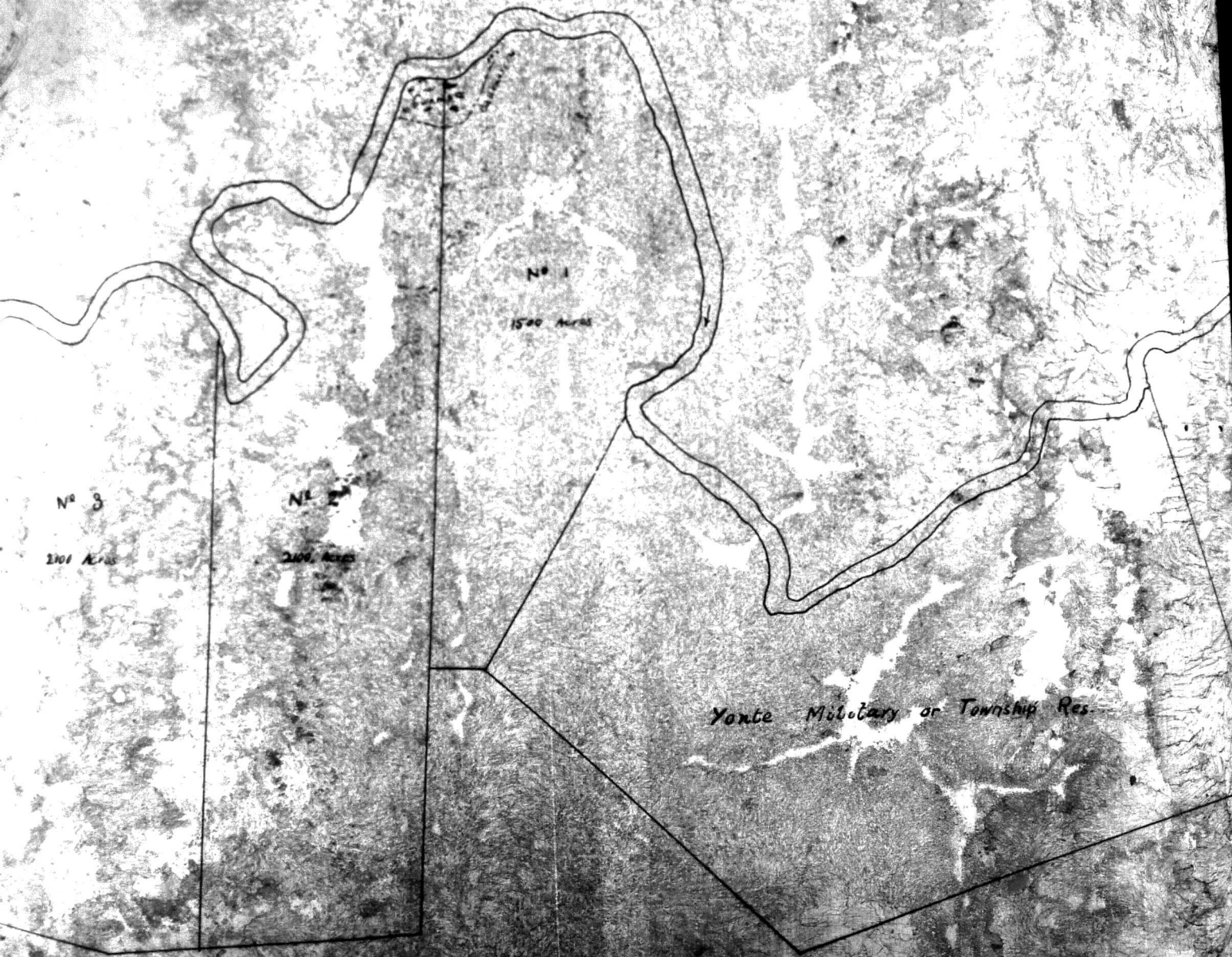
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JUBALAND SURVEYS SKETCH SHEWING FARMS AS LAID ON THE JUBA RIVER

SCALE 1" = 25000'

NOTE: Native Cultivation Marked

Italian Somaliland



No 3
2100 Acres

No 2
2000 Acres

No 1
1500 Acres

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Native Cultivation

W. 1866
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5 May 1866



Sir John
I am directed to ask you

DRAFT

A. Walpole Esq

x. 14134
and

Receipt of your letter of
the 22nd of April relative

to a proposed scheme for
the development of Jubaland

+ 2 A despatch in reply
addresses to the Gov^r of

the Cap^t requesting him
to report by telegraph when

the plots of land which
you desire to lease, as

marked in the plan

accompanying your letter,

and if so, whether to

agree to the conditions of

the same to be

MINUTE.

- Mr. ~~W. 1866~~
- Mr. ~~Battle~~ 4 14
- Mr. Fiddes
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Crewe.

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St. Stephens 20

5th May 1906



Dear Sir

I am, etc. to transmit

to you, for your answer,

the accompanying copy of

correspondence in regard to

relation to a proposed

scheme for the development

of Freetown

I am to request

that you will advise what

the evidence furnished

will show in regard to

proposed you as to the

financial value of any

of the proposal

I am, etc.

C.A.

1906/5

Sierra Leone

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(Signed) G. V. FIDDES.

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6 May 1908

Sir

With reference to

Your predecessor's despatch

of the 10th of Nov 1908.

I have the honor to transmit

to you, for your consideration,

the accompanying copy of a

letter from Sir J. P. Worsfold

relating to a proposed scheme

for the development of

Ireland

2. I have to request

that you will report by

replying whether the plots

of land, which he proposes

DRAFT.

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to P. Bernard

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Mr. 1884/5

Mr. Butler 4

Mr. Read 4

Mr. Just.

Mr. Cog.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

Lord Curzon.

Worsfold 22 April
New to report

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to this proposal, to be held
here to give the necessary
assurance and will be
agreed to enter into the
actual agreement to the
Particulars

3. Reading the ~~draft~~
of your adv. I will
cause steps to be taken to
Inquire into the financial
standing of ~~the company~~
the company,
which it is proposed to form
to carry out the scheme to purchase
I have the

Yours
C. W. C.