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Mr. Talbot G.

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Murera State on Ruera River

27 Oct.

Last previous Paper.

Requests addition to his estate of adjoining plot of land with water rights now held by Nairobi Electric Power Co. Property is required for purposes of Sugar factory.

Dr. G. Zidler.

See my minute on Dr. 37257

He: recd. + say that a note has been made of his application + that a further comm: will be sent to him in due course?

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TREBOLFOUN,  
BWITH,



BRECONSHIRE.

27th October, 1913.

Sir,

NY MURRA ESTATE AT KYAMBU

Situate on the Ruero River and Numbered 119.

Following up the interview, which I had the honour of having with you on the 20th instant, with reference to the above Estate, I, now, beg to enclose for your information:-

1. Copies of 2 letters, under date the 14th and 25th August last, which my resident manager, Mr. Logan, addressed the one to the Colonial Secretary, and the other to the Director of Public Works.
2. Copy extract from my Estate Books showing the expenditure on the Estate to the 31st July last, and how made up.
3. A rough tracing on paper showing the Estate, and the portions cleared up to that date.

And, in further reference to my desire, as expressed to you on Monday last to acquire the Water Rights, which in the ordinary course would appear properly to be appurtenant to the Estate, but, now, together with a plot of land severed from the Estate, and held by the Nairobi Electric Power Company, I would venture to point out that while the plot of land in question and the Water Power would prove a very considerable acquisition to the development of the Estate the Company may be able to see whatever and so far as I can be of any use in relation to the acquisition of either the land or the Water Power.

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It is in these circumstances, and in view of a further concession, which I understand the Company are seeking at the hands of the Government - a concession which, if granted, will make the plot of land and Water Power of even less concern to the Company than in the past - that I venture very humbly to urge that arrangements might now be made in connection with any such further concession to the Company with a view to the restoration to my Estate of the plot of land and Water Power now severed from the Estate.

I will only add that this power, if vested in me, would enable me to work my machinery in the most economical manner to the material advantage of my Estate while, at the same time, the Company would in no way be prejudiced, as the water, returning as it would in the ordinary course to the river, after use of the power by me, would still be available in its full volume of flow for such purposes as the Company might require.

I thank you for your kind consideration in allowing me to put my case before you, and

I am, Sir, &c

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. La Pallo

H. J. Read Esq., C.M.G.

The Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.

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(Copy)

Murera,

Kyamba,

Aug. 14 - 1951.

Director of Public Works,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

From our conversation of yesterday, I gather the Electric Light Company are in treaty with the Government for other power than they are at present using -

I am therefore applying to be allowed to put in a 100 H.P. plant at the falls on the Ruero that are cut out of this block No. 119 it being marked 379a - The power is to be used for a Sisal factory and I shall be glad to get this permission so that I can make my arrangements for erecting the factory to treat the crop, which will be ready for treating in 18 months time.

Yours faithfully,

Murera Estate,

Logan,

Manager.

(Copy)

Ruwera,

Kyambu.

Aug. 23. 13.

Your Excellency,

I beg to lay before your Excellency for your consideration the granting of my erecting a 100 horse power turbine on the Falls which are marked 379a on the enclosed sketch - These falls were given to the Nairobi Electric Power & Lighting Company under a concession dated July 26th 1906 - From letters received from the Managing Director of this Company, I gather they wish to abandon the Ruwera Power Station for a larger one elsewhere - As this is the case may I be allowed to put in a 100 H.P. turbine for producing power to work the machinery of this Sisal plantation - It will not in any way interfere with the amount of water the Electric Power Station is at present receiving, merely passing through the turbine into the river again. As these falls are lying idle and the Nairobi E. P. & L. Co. are not wishing to make use of them, I hope your Excellency can grant permission for my erecting this turbine within the next few months as the Sisal will soon be ready for cutting and I must make my arrangements for treating it -

I enclose a Sketch of the Property and proposed site for the Sisal Factory with time for transmitting the power from the Falls. There are 400 acres of Sisal planted 200 acres more will be planted by the end of this year, 1000 acres being the object.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Ruwera Estate,

London

Manali

MURERA ESTATE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT to 31 July 1913.

Stock	7798. 15	A. A. Talbot	94017. 85
Building	17779. 66	E. P. Logan	200.
Govt. Rent.	176. 74		
Salaries	8700.		
Purchase.	26250.		
Wages & Crops.	10946. 97		
Tools and Plant	10132. 50		
Furniture.	342. 75		
General Expenses.	5078. 84		
CASH at Bank	6865. 23		
CASH in hand.	147. 19		
	RS. 94217. 85		RS. 94217. 85

Extracted from books of Murera Estate,

All vouchers & receipts checked.

Jacob Tate.

Nairobi.

6 AUG. 1913.



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Downing Street,

5 October, 1913.  
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DRAFT.

A. ASTON TALBOT, ESQ.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary

MINUTE.

Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of

Mr. Bottomley 31st Oct.

your letter of the 27th of October on

Mr. Read 3/10/13

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Justice

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

the subject of the use of the water of  
the Ruera River <sup>for power purposes</sup> in connection with your  
estate situated on that River.

2. The question of the water

rights involved is, as you are aware,

under discussion with the Nairobi

Electric Power and Lighting Company.

But a note has been made of your applica-

tion and a further communication will

be sent to you in due course.

I am, etc.

See two drafts in  
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Mr. 3/10/13

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