

1911

EAST AFR. PROF
17097

P.O.
17007
RECEIVED

Summary

Coast Land Settlement.

Considers figures disappointing, but as it appears that there are good grounds for hoping that schemes will ultimately prove self-supporting, will be largely without sanction to capital provided in current estimates.

Mr Butler

Copy of our letter to the Treasury of the 16th of May, and of this reply to you to the effect of £ 146,800

WMS
26/5

W. Read.

I did not think this would be as done so lightly.

WAB

copy for 28/5

subsequent Paper

S-R

26/5

In reply to this Letter the following
Number should be quoted

~~22~~

C O
17037
REC'D
REG 25 MAY 11

TREASURY CHAMBERS.

9931
11

24th May 1911.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Fiddes' letter of the 16th instant (14630/1911) and its accompanying copy of a despatch from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate on the subject of Coast Land Settlement.

It appears from this despatch that the Revenue anticipated from fees during the present financial year amounts only to £1,150, whereas the provision for expenditure on this service included under Head 32 of the Estimates is £6,262. These figures are very disappointing, but My Lords were prepared to face a loss in the earlier years of Registration provided that the fees fixed were sufficient to ensure that the scheme would ultimately prove self-supporting. They gather from Sir P. Girouard's remarks in the eighth paragraph of his despatch that he considers there are good grounds for hoping that Their Lordships' wishes in this respect will be fulfilled, and on this understanding and in deference to the representations of Mr. Secretary Harcourt My Lords will no longer withhold Their sanction to the expenditure on Coast Land Settlement for which provision has been made in the Estimates.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. Murray

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.