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MR W.G. SEWALL'S LAND

States that his present holding is 17,773 acres and that he applies to purchase at public auction a further area of 3281 acres. Raises question whether this should be allowed. He also desires to acquire by transfer 640 acres at Mazeras. As all his other holdings are in the highlands asks whether this small grant at the coast is justified.

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Sir,

I have the honour to bring the following case to your notice and to ask for instructions thereon.

2. Mr. W. G. Sewall originally purchased from the Hon. R. B. Cole 10,000 acres of land at Njoro on which he has expended some £6,000 in development. Later he was allotted a farm on Kinangop comprising 4560 acres which is also being occupied and developed. He was then allowed to purchase the lease of a farm of 3213 acres as by an unfortunate series of accidents he had been debarred from getting the land he had applied for in the Menengai allotment. His holding at present is therefore 17,773 acres and he now applies to purchase at public auction a further area of 3281 acres which would bring his total holding up to 21,054 acres.

3. Although Mr. Sewall is a wealthy man and develops his estates at a considerable cash outlay it is a question whether he should be given this additional grant of 3281 acres in view of the

Secretary

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LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

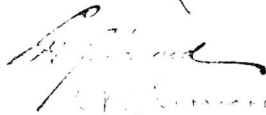
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Secretary of State's strongly expressed views on the subject of the accumulation of the land in the hands of individuals.

4. Mr. Sewall has also asked to be allowed to acquire by transfer a farm of 640 acres at **Mazeras**, and I should be glad to know whether the fact that his other holdings are all in the highlands would be considered to justify a small additional grant at the coast.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR.