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MR W.G. SEWALL'S APPLICATION FOR LAND

Trs further letter from him setting forth certain consideration in respect of which he claims that his proposals should be favourably entertained.

Address: Sir G. Fildes.

It would appear to allow Mr Sewall to acquire the additional area of 5000 acres. It is clear from the case that he desires to acquire this additional area, but because he has not already got enough land to develop, but because he is selling (as I understand) some property to himself, and if he is to be allowed to acquire this additional area, he certainly does not want to purchase this

Subsequent Paper

end of land speculation

As to the farm of 640 acres at Meyers,
I think that he ought agree to the
Governor's suggestion to let him acquire the
property in the Coast district in view of
the fact that all his other holdings
are in the Kingdom.

I think that we might let him
have the 640 acres in the Coast, ~~but I would not do more than that.~~

H. J. R.
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Is there any trouble in his statements
the grazing on his Nyoro farms? ~~Can he~~
be stock farming?

S. J. Anderson

E. A. Dept. have no
M. J. G., Ch. Dept.
will know.

W. A. G. G.
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E. A. Dept.

W. B. G.

With reference to Sir John Anderson's
minutes, I have to submit some of the
letters to me attached. In view of what
the Party says, I do not think that
he had attached much importance to
his General's statements about grazing

~~at~~ Sir J. Anderson

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as proposed in Mr. Read's minutes of
Feb 29.

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W. B. G.

Extract from letter from Mr. Stordy to Mr. Batterbee

Dated 24th April, 1912

Yes, I know Sewall quite well. He is a wheat farmer; at least he is an active member of the Wheat Growers' Association.

His request seems to me unreasonable. If Sewall is prepared to sell such portion of his present holding as makes it worth the while of a sheep farming Syndicate to purchase, then surely he is parting with more of his farm than would prove sufficient for the resting of his work oxen, for no Syndicate would propose to purchase a "pair, 3000 acres" on which to run sheep.

If Sewall's oxen are anything like the class of oxen in general use, does he require 100 head to work his "holding" and, is it his intention to give the entire herd a holiday at the same time?

His statement in regard to the grazing at Njoro can be verified by requesting the acting C.M.O. to visit Njoro and report. There must be well hundreds of oxen working the extensive farms in the district. I cannot remember having heard the



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Personally, I have always been opposed to extensive holdings, and as the area suitable for white colonization is, comparatively speaking, a small one, and as we are always being told by experts and the settlers themselves of the marvellous fertility of the soil and the carrying powers of the pasture-lands, then I say extensive holdings, while very desirable from the capitalist's point of view, are not essential for the furtherance of the Protectorate, but are detrimental to its best interests.

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Sir,

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In continuation of Sir Percy Girouard's despatch No.134 of the 22nd ultimo respecting Mr. W.G. Sewall's application for land I have the honour to transmit a further letter from that gentleman setting forth certain considerations in respect of which he claims that his proposals should be favourably entertained.

7th 1912

2. The facts would appear to be as stated, except that, if he parts with his Kinangop Farm, Mr. Sewall would still have, with the acquisitions which he now wishes to make, an area of 17,154 acres.

3. As regards his claim to have a larger area under cultivation than anyone else Mr. Sewall is perhaps correct, if he refers to wheat only, but Messrs Swift and Rutherford at Punda Milia, Sisal Limited at Makuyu, and the East African Estates Limited at Gazi have more land under crops of all kinds.

4. The point is not however of great importance, the fact of his having effected very considerable development being undisputed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your humble obedient servant,

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

ACTING GOVERNOR.

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NJORO,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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February 27th 1912.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, No.S.1566 and Es.S.1657. In referring the matter respecting a Homestead area at Maso/ua and also my application to bid at auction for farm No.1529 to the Secretary of State, will you be good enough to send the following information.

- (1) I have only received one grant of 4,466 acres from the Government; all other land I have bought.
- (2) I have fulfilled all conditions on the above farm, No.15 on the Kinankop Plateau, and have made arrangements to sell same to a Sheep Farming Syn. when permitted by law i.e. August 2nd 1912.
- (3) That I have the largest area under cultivation on my farm at Njoro of any one farm in the Protectorate, i.e. 1,500 acres.
- (4) That farm No.1529 is of the utmost value to me as the grass on my Njoro farm has little or no nourishment in it, and I must have a piece to rear 2000 head of oxen on; which number I require to work my farm, No. 1529 being near my Njoro farm and having good grass on it. My statement regarding the work on my Njoro farm has been verified by the District Officer, Maso/ua, and the District Officer, Njoro, and the District Officer, Maso/ua, who are not connected with the Government and who are not connected with the Government and who are not connected with the Government.

which appears to be the case.

J. Hanson Esq,
Secretary to the Secretariat,
Nairobi.

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Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

W. G. SEWALL.

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