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LEASES FOR SAND AND FOR FIBRE WORKING

States that and asks that new conditions and asks that matter may be discussed with Sir P. Girouard.

previous Paper.

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Mr Read

The question of the terms on which land shall be leased for fibre working has been referred to the Commission

in its terms of reference in 1909 73542

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New conditions
old conditions

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that before Sir P. Girouard went on leave he made certain suggestions for a variation in the terms obtaining in the past in respect of areas leased for the working of fibre. Under the new proposed conditions, copy of which is attached, the lease is granted for the purpose of collecting fibre and not for the purpose of growing or cultivating it, with provisions to take out of the area so leased such portions as are deemed suitable for the cultivation of fibre or other products. The lease would be a long one and granted on the ordinary terms as in the case of agricultural land.

2. The reasons for the desirability of

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SIR HENRY CAMPBELL BELL, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET

the variations are briefly as follows:-

Under the present leases the land is rented at 1 1/2 cents per acre per annum and there is nothing to prevent a lessee acquiring an enormous area of say 50 square miles, a very large portion of which is suitable for Sisal or other cultivation. Even if sisal is cultivated it is obvious that only a limited portion can be dealt with and the remainder is locked up and all the time only 1 1/2 cents per acre per annum is realized against the 12 and 18 cents per acre per annum charged for agricultural land. The suggested provision allows for the man who genuinely wishes to cultivate being given a longer lease of a limited area.

3. I shall be glad to know your views on this proposal and perhaps you would wish to take advantage of Sir P.Girouard's presence in England to discuss the matter with him.

4. A copy of the old conditions is also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,
W. H. ...

SECRETOR.

Approved leases applying for the first time
collect wild sanseveira fibres shall in future be
granted a fibre collecting lease. RECEIVED 23 MAY 12

3. No application registered unless accompanied

of the receipt of the application and registration fee
this amount together with the registration fee (total
Rs.1725/-) to be ultimately allocated to survey fees.
The applicant to be held responsible for any additional
cost of survey. The amount paid to be forfeited if
the terms of clause 4 are not complied with.

(NOTE. Survey fees for surveys in the
Provinces of Bayidie, Tanalana and Jubaland
are 25% above the foregoing rates).

4. A deposit of £1000 as a proof of bona fides to
be made within six months of the date of reply to the
application.

5. Term of lease

The term of lease shall be for twenty-five years.

N.B. If the lease will only convey the right to
collect fibre and not to plant the same. Any
portion held, in opinion of Director of Agriculture
to be not producing or not suitable for producing.

all the wild fibre which is available in the area
an application for an extension of the lease would
be considered.

An area of to be reserved for the purpose.

Applications

Applications for Planting Areas within the area covered by a Fibre Collecting Lease

Note (a)

The leases of any person applying for a planting area, within this 60 square mile area, for planting purposes, may be granted only if the land of which the lease is held is free from the growth of *sansaveira* wild fibre.

(b)

When an application for a planting area is received, a report will be made on the suitability of the land for planting purposes and the land to be granted must be free of *sansaveira* wild fibre, or contain only such an amount as would, in the opinion of the Director of Agriculture, be of no commercial value. If *sansaveira* fibre exists on the land, arrangements must be made with the person holding the fibre collecting lease to cut & remove the wild fibre; otherwise no planting area will be granted.

(c)

A Planting Area may be utilized for growing any crops whatever; but the extent of such area shall, in ordinary cases, be limited to 5000 acres, though, where special reasons are advanced for exceeding this area, and proof of extra requirements is shown, an area not exceeding 10,000 acres may be granted.

Leases to plant for any purpose within the area...

For a full list of the areas...

All such areas to be...
...on the payment of...
Application is referred to the... Office for
sanction subject to the...

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to a ... unless ACCORDANCE
 by a registration fee of Rs. 75/- (this amount ... MAY 12
 forfeited if the terms of clause 2 are not complied with)

2. The sum of Rs. 1350/- to be paid within eight weeks of the receipt of the application and registration fee. This amount together with the registration fee (total Rs. 1,725/-) to be ultimately allocated to survey fees. The applicant to be held responsible for any additional cost of survey. The amount paid to be forfeited if the terms of clause 3 are not complied with.

(NOTE. Survey fees for surveys in the Provinces of Seyidie, Tanaland and Jubaland are 25% above the foregoing rates).

3. A deposit of £1000 as a proof of bona fides to be made within six months of the date of receipt of application.

4. Lease to be for collecting and cultivation of ... only.

5. Term of lease - 25 years

6. Lessee to spend £2,500 on the property in 5 years from the date of the lease.

7. Rent - £50 (Rs. 750/-) per annum and royalty of 5% on produce for first two years and thereafter 10%.

8. All such grants to be sanctioned by the Colonial Office.

(Note. On the payment of the registration fee the application is referred to the Colonial Office for sanction subject to the conditions being complied with).

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For 8 May 1913
Mr. Bottomley 8/5/13

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that my attention has been drawn to ~~with reference to~~ the fact that as rightly has fallen into Mr. Belfield's hands, No. 311, of the 27th of April, 1912 in which he proposed certain new ~~subject of the~~ conditions under which ~~severance~~ should be granted for the working of such portions of fibre. I have the honor to say that you will recollect that ~~to~~ and you that your attention will be drawn to ~~the~~ while you ~~are~~ in the country.