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Governor No.

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Applⁿ for Title Concessⁿ
in Geoffrey Williams

Expresses opinion that it will be inadvisable
in view of fact land is situated in a Native Reserve
to entertain applⁿ at present as it is being so well settled
action on acceptance of lease as it is valuable if so it might
be possible to do this by the way of a lease of the land
itself in order that it might be possible to compare with other land
of similar nature in the district.

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November 21, 1907.

WEST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 407.

My Lord,

In reply to Your Lordship's despatch No. 269 of
 May 15th which calls for an expression of my views as
 to the desirability of granting the application made by
 Mr. Geoffrey Williams for a concession for the collection
 of ~~plant~~ and human fibres in the Native Reserve, I have
 the honour to report that, in my opinion, it would be
 inadvisable, in view of the fact that the land is situated
 in a Native Reserve, to entertain this application at
 present. This conclusion has been arrived at after
 consultation with the local officials, the Commissioner
 of Lands and the Secretary for Native Affairs, who are
 unanimous on this point.

I am causing Mr. Williams to be informed to this
 effect.

H. M. Principal Secretary of State
 for the Colonies,
 Downing Street,
 LONDON, S.W.

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3. It appears that there is, in the district applied for a considerable amount of forest, and I am directing the Secretary for Native Affairs, in conjunction with the Chief Conservator of Forests to ascertain whether this forest is valuable, and if so whether it would not be as well to exclude it from the Reserve, and to give the Nandi land elsewhere in exchange.

4. If this were done it might be possible to reconsider Mr. Williams' application at a later date. At the same time I consider the area asked for viz: 13,000 acres is too large, and I note the fact that the applicant has already been granted a considerable tract of land elsewhere.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

By Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Humble servant,

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4. If this were done it might be possible to reconsider Mr. Williams' application at a later date. At the same time I consider the area asked for viz: 75,000 acres is too large, and I note the fact that the applicant has already been granted a considerable tract of land elsewhere.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest respects,

By Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

Thomas S. G. G. G.
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