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(Signed)
Their Lord

Submitted alternative proposals for mining requirements. It was proposed that where no mineral claim shall be returned to them - full area of 500

(Signed)

Mr. Read

The Syndicate wish to make it a condition of their agreeing to this agreement of the boundaries that they shall be granted a further 10 sq. m. to make up the full area of 500 sq. m. as part of which they were defined in the area set out in 36577/05. Marshall probably has begun way - for the meantime, as we are waiting for the correct map of the land we may as well sign this and follow

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10, BONNIFIELD'S LANE,
LONDON E.C.

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29 MAY 1907.

My Lord,

I had the honour, in my letter of the 5th February, 1907, to inform you that my Board found it necessary to communicate with its Representative in East Africa upon the proposed exchange of land suggested in your letter of the 30th January, 1907.

I am now to suggest that the requirements of the Maasi referred to in your letter would be met by giving to them a 5-chain stock road south of Lake Olohollokenet for the movement of their cattle from time to time, in accordance with what we understand to be customary in other cattle countries, and for them to have a similar stock route to Nairobi and Naivasha from Lake Olohollokenet along the foot of the Abudare Range and Ngongi Mountain. If, however, this suggestion would not fully meet the Commissioner's views, my Board would be prepared to consider a proposal to give, in exchange for land on the West, a strip of land on its Eastern boundary, provided that, in the result, whichever of the above two suggestions is accepted, there shall be secured to the Syndicate a full area of 500 square miles.

In this connection, I am to refer to the previous correspondence in regard to the (about) 10 miles short area,

To H.R.H. The Earl of Elgin.

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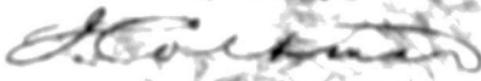
as disclosed by the Gailey & Roberts survey, and particularly to the letter from your Office of the 1st November, 1900. I am to urge that, whatever the legal definition may be of the clause in the lease recited in the letter referred to, the intention was that the Syndicate should receive an area of 800 square miles, and that the further 10 miles, as surveyed by Mr. A.J.R. Frew, Licensed Surveyor, should now be added to the Syndicate's area.

The approximate plan supplied by the Syndicate, and which was referred to in the lease, was primarily intended to indicate the position of the land chosen, and was not at any time held up by my Board as correctly representing the 800 square miles which it was agreed should be granted to the Syndicate.

In the event of an exchange of land being arranged, my Board consider it desirable that effect should not be given to the arrangement until the land to be given in exchange has been surveyed, without expense to the Syndicate, and added to the Syndicate's property.

My Board will be pleased to instruct its representative in the Protectorate to arrange with the Protectorate officials for stock roads or other surrender of land on the North-east in exchange for land on the West, upon hearing from your Lordship that the foregoing suggestions are acceptable to you.

I have the honour to be, My Lord,
Your obedient Servt,


Sir Charles Colbeck

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Merton, G.C.I.E., M.P.,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State,
Colonial Office,
Whitehall, S.W.

Secretary.

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