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26 MAR 08

Morro County.

Propose to buy it under Govt control
and establish a station there

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

It is no longer in line
to buy the Hayman boundary
inspired by the Govt. so that
that reason for occupying
Morro (which appears to be N. or
N.W. of Mt. Kenya) no longer
exists. But the district was
warrant occupying on its own account
I appear if the Govt. still
recommends now that he bears
of the change of plan regarding
the Redoubt - MCB/5

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Governor's Office,

REC. 26 MAR 08

4 Nairobi,

March 6th 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.
CONFIDENTIAL (18)

My Lord,

When the Right Honourable Winston Churchill visited Ngora in the Kenya Province he was struck by the advantages that would be obtained by opening up the Ngora country and establishing a station there. It will be within Your Lordship's recollection that such a project has been under consideration of this Government, especially in connection with the measures about to be taken for controlling the Southern Abyssinian Frontier, for which Ngora is well adapted to form a base for food supplies, and that provision for establishing a station there has been made in the Estimates for the forthcoming year. Attached is a report dated the 15th of November last by the Provincial Commissioner, Ngora, showing why it would be desirable to bring Ngora under administration and control.

2. After consulting with the Right Honourable Winston Churchill I accordingly sanctioned Mr. Lane proceeding to Ngora with a suitable escort to examine the country and prepare for peaceful penetration. The results of the visit are contained in Mr. Lane's report

of

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, E. W.

Actions
v. 15th 07

of the 9th January inst. These are very satisfactory and they show that the country is rich in cultivation and they show that the Chiefs desire and guarantee that the matter will be handled and that peaceful relations will be maintained.

It is proposed that a railway should be constructed from the Lake country which has proved a direct source of supply and which has indeed opened up the way to Mombasa. And as I have pointed out Mombasa will be very useful to us as a food base for the Abyssinian boundary party; it will soon be a direct source of revenue and it should also be available as a labour supply; members of the Lake port coming in to work in Nairobi.

4. Mr. Lane is coming here on the 16th instant to be present at a conference of Provincial Commissioners when various questions connected with the Province will be discussed. As soon as this meeting is over I propose to request Mr. Lane to accompany a mission to have and to discuss the administration of the District.

5. I trust that this will meet with Your Lordship's approval.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Amble servant,

John Buller

INCLOSURE

In Despatch *Aug 18 of 1905* No. 5. 1905

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Recd
RE. 26 MAR 08

Provincial Commissioner's Office,
Fort Hall,

No. 89

Secretary

In reply to your despatch of today's date
re the establishment of a post at Iweru.

I would strongly advise that this country be
brought under Government control, and that a station
be established there.

It appears to me that the time has now come when
this extensive district can be opened up peacefully,
and as a small post to Government.

This is a district, which from a point of revenue
should very quickly repay the initial outlay, and in
a short time bring in a substantial increase of revenue.

In October of last year, the Swahili established
in the Iweru District were withdrawn, and since then
the ivory trade has practically ceased. It would
appear that the ivory which formerly found its way out
of the country via Robaa, is now smuggled through
via Somaliland.

Besides ivory, the trade in skins and live stock
in that district and Rendile, is of great importance.

A station at Iweru would serve as a check on

the

His Honour

The Lieutenant Governor,

Nairobi.

the Abyssinians, who are reported to have raided within 8 days of that district, and prevent the possibility of an encroachment on their part.

As regards labour, which is at present of the greatest importance to the Government, I have little doubt but that it would prove a most timely source to recruit from. Natives from the Nyeri district have frequently obtained passes to work at Nairobi, and no doubt in time to come, large bodies could be recruited to work at reasonable distances from their homes.

Already Masineli and Ali, two of the most important chiefs there, are known to the officers at Nyeri, and there seems to be a general feeling in favour of a station being established in their midst.

Recently these chiefs have visited Fort Hall and reported that their people are gradually forming themselves into hostile bands and are always raiding each other. They seek our protection and beg us to open up their country and to restore it once more to a state of law and order. Unless this is done in the very near future I fear the chiefs will have lost control over their people and will be unable to help us.

In my opinion we can open up the whole of that vastly populated country without bloodshed, if we start to occupy it at once.

My reasons for recommending this procedure are briefly:-

1. We can open up the country without bloodshed.
2. The chiefs are anxious that we should take them under our protection at once, their object being that

(a) We will support their authority.

(b) We will restore law and order in the country.

country and internal warfare will be stopped.

1. We can open up the district at a small cost.
2. The district from a point of revenue should be made to repay the initial outlay and in a short time to show a substantial increase of revenue.

3. The opening up of Mweru will also take under our protection the Wa Suka, the Usanzi, the Weimbi and the Iaccha, all of whom have hitherto persecuted their countrymen.

I have already reported that these tribes have, under our direction, cut a good road, and bridged all the rivers, from Taba to the borders of Mweru.

For the above reasons I would urge that I be allowed to visit Mweru, to make acquaintance with all the chiefs and their people and to report fully on the internal state of the country.

If sanctioned I don't wish to visit Mweru last month; I prefer to visit Men, as I have been ordered to return the day of the capture of a white man on the Aberdares, and to enquire into the charges brought against Masindi in connection with the alleged theft of ivory and cattle belonging to the late Masindi.

I can get through with 30 rifles or 20 men; I do not wish to take more as the natives might misconstrue my intention.

I would like Mr. Horne and Mr. Phillips of the 3rd. King's African Rifles now stationed at Taba to accompany me. Mr. Campbell Assistant District Commissioner could take charge of the station and district during Mr. Horne's absence.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Phillips

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Mr. Phillips would be in charge of an escort of
50 of his men.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

John A. ...
Provincial Commissioner,

P.S. - Attached is an estimate of the cost of the
establishment of a temporary post at Uweru.

John A. ...

Estimated cost of the establishment of a temporary post
at Iwou.

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• Recruit carpenter at \$2.00 per month	
for 3 months	\$6.00
• Recruit cook at \$1.50 per month	
for 3 months	\$4.50
cost of building huts - 50 huts	500
• 3 large cross huts for officers and	
offices at \$2.50 each	750
Tools (picks, axes, axes, axes &c)	175
Incidental expenses transport, presents	
to chiefs, &c	\$125
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C. A. ...
P. W. ...

10 April 1868

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Sir,

I have the honor to
ack. the recd. of your
conf. despatch as: 18
of the 5th of March,
on the subject of the
proposed establishment
of a station in the
Inveru country.

As it is not now
intended to have the
on the E. A. Part of the
The above mentioned
of the Abyssinian
boundary, there is no
longer any force in the
argument that the same
might form a base for
food supplies, but

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2nd P. Conf.

Mayer-Saale

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bottomley 8/4
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- Mr. E. Hume
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin.