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Native Reserves, Lumbwa, Busat, Satik

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States action taken. When limits defined reserves will be gazetted a map submitted to paper showing view of Land Board. Does not propose refer matter of this kind to them.

(Minutes.)

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

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East Africa Protectorate.

April 2nd 1908.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 489 of the 4th September last and subsequent reminders.

2. I have gone through the questions of these Reserves again with the Commissioner of Lands and the Secretary for Native Affairs. The line of farms referred to in the 2nd paragraph of Your Lordship's despatch will not be allowed. As early as October last the Commissioner of Lands informed me that further investigation had recently shown that the proposed line has been actually cultivated by natives.

3. A small tongue of land joining the Buret and Sotik Reserves has been included in the area reserved for the natives for free communication between the reserves and to meet their wishes for an increase of grazing land. The boundaries are now settled and the Director of Surveys is being asked to give correct definitions of the boundaries for publication in the Official Gazette when the reserves will be gazetted and a corrected map submitted to Your Lordship.

Mr. Montgomery  
Jan. 21st  
Mr. Hollis  
Jan. 24th

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

4. In accordance with the wishes of the Board the matter of these Reserves was referred to them. The view they take as disclosed in the enclosed papers is quite foreign to our policy, and as the Land Board is merely an advisory body to the Commissioner of Lands, I do not propose to refer matters of this nature to them.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

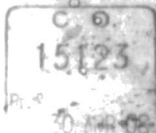
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
Humble servant,

*Thyres Butler*

LETTER No 1

In Despatch No 100 dated 2nd 1908



Office of the Commissioner of lands,

Nairobi,

Dist. Mombasa, 100.

Dear Excellency,

The Secretary of State in his despatch dated the 4th September, 1907 approved of the situation and boundaries proposed by me for the native reserves of the Mombasa, Buret and other tribes.

An objection was made regarding a proposed line of farms in the Buret reserve, and I was able to report in my No. 1771 dated 11th October that I had already abandoned the idea of marking off farms in that position.

2. The Honourable the Secretary for Africa wrote to me in October suggesting that the boundaries of the Reserves should be beaconed off as early as possible, adding that if the Land Board as to be consulted it would be well to have this done at once. The latter suggestion was made because Lord Delamere had asked a question in the Legislative Council on the subject of reserves.



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the legal order.

The Board of Education has resolution  
to be ordered to the Secretary of State. The  
Board was notified to comply with the resolution  
of the Board, and it is not clear if any good reasons  
for sending its resolution to the Secretary of State.  
It is not clear if the resolution is a  
particular order should not be served.

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's  
most obedient servant

*J. Montgomery*  
Commissioner of Lands.



MINUTE.

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I agree with the Honourable the Commissioner for Lands in thinking that the gazetting of the Lambwa, Buret and Sotik Native reserves should not be delayed. The papers were submitted to the Land Board to avoid criticism, and the whole matter was thoroughly explained to them. They were also informed that the Secretary of State had acquiesced in the declaration of these particular reserves and Mr. Churchill's reply to Mr. Mason (vide C.O. No. 489) on the subject of Native Reserves generally was read to them. I consider therefore that no notice should be taken of their resolution.

2. The views regarding natives held by many of the principal settlers in the country and by some Government officials are not worthy of consideration. Nearly all the members of the Board which sat on January 9th gave as their opinion that only so much land as the natives actually had under cultivation should be reserved for them in order that when this land became exhausted the occupants should be forced to work for the white man.

In my memorandum of 4th instant, mentioned by Colonel Montgomery, I suggested that the boundaries of the Lambwa, Buret and Sotik Native reserves should be regarded as provisionally only in order that the Provincial Commissioner might consult with the natives as to the actual areas to be set aside for them for ever. It appears, however, that this has already been done.

3. I am of the opinion that the Lambwa and Buret

been justly treated, but the land reserved for the  
 Sotik is mostly mountainous and barren, their grazing  
 grounds having been marked off for soldiers. If the  
 X area mentioned by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor  
 in his memorandum of 11th instant is included in the  
 Sotik Reserve, I withdraw all objections.

sd/- A. C. HOBBS

January 24th 1909.

Secretary for Native Affairs.

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Sir I have to honor back to  
you of your despatch No 160  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> April on the subject  
of Native Reserves.

2. I note that the proposed  
to allot a piece of farms running  
through the Queen Reserve has  
been dropped, and I have approved  
the proposed Reserves on the  
understanding that the land which  
the Sec. for Native Affairs wanted  
should be added to the Scotch Reserve  
is all as added.  
Clear from your desk. No the

OTO (This is the case)

I agree with your view  
of the Land Board  
not up to standard in the  
extent & boundaries of Native  
Reserves

4 I shall be glad if  
you will consider what other  
lands should be set apart &  
delimited as Native Reserves.

When the work has been  
completed, it will be necessary  
to give legal  
confirmation to the various  
reservations. I shall be glad

to receive a report from the  
Crown Advocate as to the  
legislation proposed to secure  
the rights of the natives

in the Reserves, subject to the  
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