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(Subject.)

Applic of James Carr & Hannigan

for 40000 acres on Naasipaku plateau
Salamat - with report from Com. of Agric &
Comm. of Lands. Cannot recommend

(Minutes)

It was clear that the application cannot
be granted but we had better wait & see
whether Mr. Carr raises the question in the
future. If Mr. Carr makes no sign within
the next month a recommendation should
be made at once.

H. J. Fine
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Mr. Ellis

show Mr. Ellis this morning. He asked for the grounds on which her application was not recommended, - I told him that the main objections were:

- (a) the area was too large,
- (b) the proposed capital expenditure was too small,
- (c) the number of white people to be settled on the area was insufficient.

I said that if he would put forward more definite proposals they would receive full control by the Concession Co.

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Governor's Office,

Mombasa,

June 28th 1908.

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My Lord,

The enclosed papers connected with an application for 40,000 acres on the Usain Gishu made by Messrs. Carr and Pannigan in March last only reached me today, having been unfortunately mislaid in the Secretariat among the files of papers disposed of.

I much regret the incident and am telegraphing to Your Lordship to say that the application will be submitted by the next mail.

As regards the application itself I am quite in accord with the views expressed by the Director of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Lands.

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

W. H. G. ...

Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

Application
March 7th 1908.
March 24th, 1908.

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Sir,

I am instructed by a Syndicate of gentlemen interested in stock breeding and farming to make application for an area of 40,000 acres on the Juaso Ngishu plateau for stock raising purposes. They are represented locally by Messrs. Hannigan and Carr of Nairobi and the proposition is as follows:-

1. A capital of £4500 to be invested in stock, Agricultural implements, buildings and other stock plant etc. for stock raising, breeding and agricultural purposes allocated as follows:-

Purchase of breeding cows say	£700
" of 3 imported bulls	(?)
" of 10 " whaler mares (Australian)	(?)
" of 1 thorough bred Stallion	(?)
To purchase of native sheep say	£500
" 5 imported Merino ewes	(?)
To erection of ostrich shade and incubators say	£150

Balance for purchase of trained oxen, agricultural
 fence, farm buildings and sinking funds

The Syndicate undertake to immediately place at least four Europeans on the farms together with such stock as buildings etc. are available.

I should be glad if this application could be forwarded to the Colonial Office, at as early a date as possible as Major Carr is now in England and will proceed to the Colonial Office himself on the matter.

Sd/- Osmund Tonks.

Hon. The Commissioner of Lands,
Nairobi.

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I interviewed Mr. Hannigan who states that the purpose for which the land is being asked for is for Horse and Cattle breeding, that they undertake within one year to expend £2000 on stock, buildings and agricultural instruments - and the balance within a further 3 years - that all guarantees will be given by Major Carr who is now at home and will communicate with Colonial Office on subject. All details regarding individuals representing Syndicate will be given by Major Carr. Dr. Hannigan states that 100 trained bullocks and two skilled stockmen are available to get put immediately on ground. If venture is a success the idea is to import pedigree stock but he does not suggested giving any guarantee beyond that first stated. It is also contemplated to have agricultural experiments in ploughing with oxen above mentioned and trying such crops as may be thought suitable to soil and climate.

H. R. N.

March 20th 1908
 Director of Agriculture,

Forwarded to as requested by the Honourable Commissioner of Lands. Above note represents interview with Dr. Hannigan when I asked him to advance any special reasons for obtaining an abnormal grant like that applied for.

H. R. N.

March 20th 1908

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No. 11.

Nairobi,

March 17th 1908

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Sir,

The rapid allotment board after inspecting the land in the group is considered a farm 3000 acres in extent a suitable size for a settler and carried out the boundaries of the land accordingly.

Messrs. Carr and Hannigan ask for 40,000 acres, (13 farms) and only intend placing two white people on this area. The capital also which they propose expending on stocking is not a very great sum. distributed over the 13 farms, it is only equal to about £500 per farm which is not much more than that which the Land Board recommended should be spent on permanent improvements on farms of 3000 acres. I do not think this application should receive favourable consideration.

I have &c.,

(Sd.)

Director of Agriculture.

The Land Officer,

Nairobi.

24th March, 1905

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Your Excellency,

Messrs. Carr and Hannigan who are partners in this country in transport business, apply for a grant of 40,000 acres on the Usin Gishu plateau for stock raising purposes, stating that they intend to form a Syndicate to work the business.

I understand that Mr. Carr is possessed of capital, and doubtless money could be provided by the proposed Syndicate, but I am not in favour of so large a grant on such indefinite terms as are stated in the application.

I have consulted the Director of Agriculture whose minute (copy attached) should be read.

We have lately had an Allotment Board marking off farms on the Usin Gishu. This Board consisted of the Director of Survey, Director of Agriculture, Land Ranger, a settler and two Surveyors. They were of opinion that the land was of such a quality as to warrant the marking off of farms of the average of 5000 acres; some were blocked out of even a smaller area.

The application would cover at least 15 of these farms and some private grounds would be given for special cultivation, for the Syndicate.

The application asks that Mr. Carr may be allowed to present his case at the Colonial Office, and I accordingly forward these papers to His Excellency.

I have &c., &c.,

Sd/- J. MONTGOMERY

HIS EXCELLENCY,

The Governor,

Nairobi.

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