



EAST AFR. PROT.  
No. 12852

DOMESTIC  
C. O.  
12852  
REC'D  
REG'D 11 APR 08

or Individual.  
vers W.P.P.  
1908  
9 Apr  
previous Paper  
2750

(Subject.)

*Destitute Immigrants*

*Submit explanation of his action regarding Messrs Rogers & Inherwood, & consider some allegations unfounded.*

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read.

*It does not seem very important whether these people were forced backwards or forwards between the Assoc. and Mr. Parsons or not. If Mr. F. not only took charge of their applications for Govt land but undertook, in the event of delay in the grant of those applications, to place them on land of his own, he must be considered personally to have encouraged their emigration.*

*As regards the ~~best~~ quality of the land in question;*

- (1) Rogers: "absolutely valueless for purposes of agriculture, as both wood and water were absent"*
- (2) Inherwood: "barren - no water or timber nearer than to or three miles the spot... agreed with my verdict (that of us who saw)"*

all Copy comes from Conf 11 June

subsequent Paper.

(3) Fawcett: better watered than the majority of  
"an estate being bounded on one  
"side by the Njoro River - as food  
"as any we see elsewhere, cultivating"  
Analyst's report on the soil enclosed, and  
apparently favourable - although the  
percentage of organic matter seems low.  
Nothing is, however.

(4) Devercourt [who, having been taken into the  
employment of Fawcett & Hindleiff, does  
not complain]:

(1) "No timber within three miles, and  
during the dry season the water in the  
river ran underneath about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile  
higher up. I don't think that either  
Lord H. or Mr. F. knew of this."

(2) "A plot 2 miles [from] the land I was  
occupying... a river frontage of 2 miles  
I asked him (Shenwood) not to  
proceed beyond Nairobi until he had  
thoroughly examined the land, because  
I had been informed it was stony."

He found that a bed of stone ran  
underneath most of it near the surface. No  
water during the dry season and no  
timber within 3 or 4 miles.

I think we should reply that his offer to  
provide land must be regarded as an ~~unwise~~  
encouragement to other people to go out, and  
that, apart from the stony character of  
his Shenwood's land, that the absence of  
water and, in the dry season, of water, are  
points on which he ought to have informed  
himself before offering that encouragement.

Wanted

Shenwood's land

File 9.5

to Mr. Devercourt - copy of map 4 & 5  
Mr. F. 1775 4.9.98

(3) Fawcett: "better watered than the majority of  
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 employment of Fawcett & Hindsley, does  
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(2) "A plot 2 miles [from] the land I was  
 occupying... a river frontage of  $\frac{1}{2}$  m. each.  
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 proceed beyond Nairobi until he had  
 thoroughly examined the land, because I  
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Sherrwood's land

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 provide land must be regarded as an unwilling  
 encouragement to other people to go out, and  
 that, apart from the stony character of  
 Mr Sherrwood's land, that the absence of  
 wood and, in the dry season, of water, are  
 points on which he ought to have informed  
 himself before offering that encouragement?

25. 5. 1895 - copy of map 46  
 26. 5. 1895 - U.S.P.  
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Sherwood's Land

Wanted  
No 9.5  
5.5 acres - copy of map of  
No 9.5  
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Sir,

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These people were not among those mentioned in my letter to you of November 27th 1907, who arranged to settle on our property, nor were they induced by me to emigrate. Before leaving England they applied to me for land but as I was not in a position to offer them any, I handed on their letters to the British East African Association, and I have requested Mr. Cowan, the Hon: Secretary of that Association, to inform you what transpired.

The only part I took in connection with those who applied through the Association, was at the request of Mr. Morris for whose friends I had already set aside 2,000 acres at Njoro. I agreed in the event of their experiencing delay in obtaining land from the Government, I would allow any of them to settle there, either temporarily or permanently, so long as the amount of land set aside was not exceeded. Furthermore, if you will refer to my letter of November 27th 1907 and the analysis enclosed, you will see that this land is not, as indicated by the Governor, of inferior quality.

94 O. 607-15 x 20.

+ No. 41380

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I beg to remain, Sir,

~~Yours faithfully,~~

*W.C. James*

~~WSP:~~

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*W. C. James Lawrence*

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14 May 08

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W. J. James Francis Esq

MINUTE.

- Mr. Darnley & Co.
- Mr. Ellis
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Anthonis
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

WJ 12/5h

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Leven to ask the rest of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, relative to the case of Mr. Rogers and Mr. Isherwood, and to inform you that he will regard your offer to provide land for them as an encouragement to them to go to East Africa, and that, apart from the strong character of Mr. Isherwood's land, the absence <sup>in both cases</sup> of wood, and in the dry season, of water, were points on which his Lordship considers you should have informed yourself before giving that encouragement.

Yours,

R. L. ANTHONIS

Copy for Earl of Leven

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