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Concession at Kilima Mchari

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Call attention to difficulty regarding disposal
of his concession, part 7, of being within the
Kilima Mchari Reserve - take that one
General policy to announce as a concession
agency or within this Reserve. include this

(Minister)

Mr. Antonsen

Per on 16/4/51.

Inform Sir A. E. Pease that the
Govt is being instructed to
take up the question of Mchari
Reserve with a view to this
matter being finally settled
at an early date, & made
indivisible

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10, White Horse
Telegraph, Yorkshire

Reference to
your 43393/1907

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The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office London

18 JUN 08

Sir,

I have a 99 years Lease (from 1907) of 1000 acres in the
Ukamba Province E.A. Protectorate, at Kilima. There I also hold a
special permission to take up 1000 acres additional and recently
obtained leave to purchase 10 acres of land (and to build a house
thereon) on ground adjoining my present leasehold property at
the point marked "A" on the attached sketch map, which is just
within the supposed boundary of the WAKAMBA Native Reserve. I may
explain this 10 acres was granted to me in order that I might
have a residence on a bank of water and in a healthier situation
than on my leasehold farm which is low lying, practically without
water or timber and swarms with ticks and other pests.

As you are aware, I am entitled to make 1000 acres of my lease-
hold freehold, but am, like other settlers, in a dilemma and do not
know how to act in respect of either:-

- (1) exercising my right to take 1000 acres additional,
 - (2) exercising my right to convert 1000 acres into freehold
- until the authorities definitely declare whether they intend to
throw open for settlement, any part of the Reserve or keep it
permanently closed.

This Reserve or as much of it as can affect myself and my European

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European neighbours, is as yet unbeaconed and has only been occupied by the Wakamba during the last few years, since the Government removed the Masai. It is by far the most valuable ground for crops, pasture, and fruit-farming, is timbered, has running streams and on account of its altitude is the most suitable for white settlers and their families. But as far as I am concerned I am quite content, now that I have a residential site with 10 acres - provided the Native Reserve is not thrown open and is for ever closed. You will however see that it would be very unjust and cause much feeling, if the pioneer settlers in this district, having exhausted their rights of enfranchising or taking up ground since the commencement of time that this vastly superior area is thrown open to new comers, or that privileged persons are allowed to obtain land which they were excluded from. It is said that both Mr. Macmillan and Lord Delacere have been allowed to purchase properties within this Reserve this year, which were originally lands only granted to missionaries for the purpose of Missions. Personally I see no objection to their being there, but with the further development of the colony is it probable that settlers will tolerate exclusion from this ground? If the Native Reserve is thrown open on any part, I wish to exercise my rights to extend my holding and to enfranchise there. I am told that if I do not exercise my rights within the next few years they may be prejudiced. You will see that till the question is at rest no settler knows what he is to do, for he naturally wishes to expend his capital on the ground he takes eventually

eventually his freehold.

I see the difficulty in which the authorities are placed and am
so advocate of breaking solemn engagements with the Natives,
besides neither my neighbours nor myself have anything to gain
having as our next-door neighbours natives with a grievance.
May I suggest that, in order to prevent future trouble, ~~and~~ it
should be decided at once and for all, that only such settlers
as hold land actually adjoining the Native Reserve shall be
entitled to obtain land within the Native Reserve and that in
no case (save in the case of mission lands?) shall more than 100
(100) acres be sold or leased to any one settler. Some definite
policy of this sort is much required. The present position is
very harassing to the colonists and discourages their spending
capital.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Alfred D. Pearce



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10 Aug 1808

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A. P. Pease Bart

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- Mr. Lewis 1 Aug
- Mr. Read 5
- Mr. J. J.
- X Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. C. 5
- Mr. F. H. H.
- Col. S.
- The Earl of O.

In your letter of the 17th June I am directed by the Earl of O. to inform you that the Gov. of the S. Africa is being instructed to take up the question of Native Persons at a new & then being finally set apart, submitted and made available at an early date

(4) Cont. to Gov
in Draft on
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