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Native Settlements on European Farms  
in Nyamira Dist.

I've desired info regarding proposal to transfer the  
Native to Kikuyu district, compensating them  
by granting an acre of the station.

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Enclosed for you are the following  
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the matter was in 1889. I cannot  
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I think that the matter should be  
further discussed with the Govt  
before any leave  
see next page for details  
the usual trouble connected

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them for the loss of their rights of ownership, the  
 Government agreeing on its part not to increase his rent.  
 The settler retains his labour supply and is able to  
 exact terms from the natives as his tenants. In the  
 latter event the precautions suggested by the South  
 African Native Affairs Commissioner in a similar conting-  
 ency should be observed. Contracts of tenancy exceed-  
 ing one year should be in writing and duly attested  
 (Section 181 (4) of the Commissioners' Order) and care  
 should be taken to secure that the terms of such con-  
 tracts should be clear and ~~should be~~ <sup>are</sup> understood by the  
 natives. It is pointed out by the Commissioner that  
 labour is at times unreasonably tied up under such con-  
 tracts, and that natives industrially inclined are  
 debarred by servitude from earning wages elsewhere for  
 an improvement of their condition, and the payment of  
 their taxes.

The Council suggest that the matter should now be  
 put to Sir Grey Gilchrist on the lines and that he  
 should be asked whether he could frame an estimate of  
 the cost to the Government of dealing with the question  
 in the manner suggested. The cost should clearly be  
 considerably less than the sum of £5,000 mentioned in  
 these despatches, as the settlers would have to pay the  
 compensation in some cases and in others would refund  
 the compensation to the Government in the shape of  
 increased rent. The question should be carefully con-  
 sidered <sup>in the light of</sup> with a view to any pro-  
 vision which may be necessary to be made in the Estimates  
 for 1912-13.

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July 29th 1910.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

THE EARL OF CREWE, K.G.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, W.

remission of taxation and the annual loss of revenue

would be thereby involved, the amount is somewhat

larger than was first anticipated. It is probable

that if we give compensation the amount, viz: £5,000, will

not be exceeded, but if we remit the hut tax for five

years on 567 huts and the poll tax on 893 bachelors, the

loss of revenue will amount to £8,560 or £1,518 yearly for

five years. The payment of compensation would doubtless

be preferable, for not only would it be cheaper, but the

question of the natives' rights would be settled soon,

whilst with the remission of taxation the title of the

Government and of the Government lessees or purchasers to

the land will not be satisfactorily established for

another five years. Mr. Hebley recommends that in lieu of

remitting the taxes the money received from these natives

of these lands be placed in a fund account, and at the end of five

years a lump sum to be paid to the owner of every

hut in compensation of the farms in 1910. He is afraid that

if the natives once cease paying their taxes they shall

find it far from easy to collect them in the future. I

do not however recommend this as a very desirable

difficulty



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- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Col. Seely.
- Mr. Hareourt.

