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Fort. Clove thambas in Jangbar
Purchased by Col. Owen Thomas

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The F.O. show a disposition to consult
no office in this matter, I presume
since Jangbar may be under our
control above long. It will be seen
that we do have a further opportunity
of expressing an opinion on the proposed
concession a sale. It might save trouble
however if we told the F.O. forthwith
that it is our policy in the C.A.P.
not to part with the freehold of
any Crown land, except in the case

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of home stead farms, limited to 320
acres in the highlands, and
to grant leases, for use as
a measure of agricultural and
no later as period in a case
for the purpose of their lands
being all considerable stakes

Nov 24

all the 6:00 quarter has
acquired a very large measure
the 5000 that we have not yet
had time to see whether it will be
properly & effectively worked, that is
there that part the matter should be
not carefully considered before any
further action is made to them &
suggest that it might be well to
hold the matter up until Mr. Clarke
writes a letter next year, when we would
be glad if Dr. S. Gray appeared to discuss
the matter with him since his the
benefit of our experience
he shall be taking over Zanzibar
before long & the hands of the
Commission is a warning of what the F.O.

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote

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The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.



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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,

November 22, 1910.

Reference to previous letter:

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date

Subject

To His Agent & Consul General
at Zanzibar,
No. 267.

Scheme of Colonel Thomas
for purchase of foot clove
shambas in Zanzibar.

November 22

(Similar letter sent to

FOREIGN OFFICE

London, December 2, 1908.

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I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to inform you that Colonel Owen Thomas, the Manager of the East Africa Estates Company in which the Duke of Westminster, Lord Plymouth and Lord Cobham are interested, called at this Office on the 15th instant to discuss the possibility of taking over the Government (Cave) shares in Zambiar, with regard to which he is understood to have spoken to you recently when visiting the Island. You will recollect that somewhat similar proposals were made by Colonel Thomas himself in September 1907, (see Mr. Cave's despatch No. 286 of December 20th of that year), by Mr. Fawcus, on behalf of Lord Hindlip, also in 1907 and by others during that year and 1908. It is understood, however, that Colonel Thomas now wishes to buy the shares outright instead of leasing them, as he has spoken of investing

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Halifax, 1908.

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500,000

Five hundred thousand pounds in them.

Colonel Thomas is now returning to Zanzibar, and it has been suggested that he should discuss the matter more fully with you and your expert advisers.

If in your opinion and theirs it would be to the advantage of the Zanzibar Government and the island generally that the plantations should be taken over by a company of high standing, Sir E. Grey would not be disposed to put any difficulties in the way of the negotiation. He would think it right, however, to discuss the matter with the Colonial Office before coming to a final decision, and he is sending them a copy of this letter.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

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 done. The next careful
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 be necessary before any further
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