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white troops at Nairobi

I do copy letter from Colonists' Assn. advocating the stationing of no nothing to add to Hobson's remarks to be deposited below.

H. M. T. (Minutes)
I want to see that the particular point was raised in the question from the Colonists Assn. They suggested a mounted Lts. Police Force as a substitute for the W.O. but not the stationing of white regiments in the Nairobi.

Stedman writing - says they had Elgin here at earliest that the W.O. had not yet been doing the command itself to the maximum. He also said that he was at that time very hopeful before we be comit by approaching the W.O. on the subject.

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Mombasa,

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SARAFICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 16.

(Incl. 1.)

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from the Colonists' Association advocating the stationing of white troops at Nairobi.

This question was discussed in Mr. Jackson's despatch No. 810 of November after forwarding the address of the "Colonists' Association" and I have nothing to add to the remarks made therein.

My Lord,

Your servant most obediently,

Yours very truly,

P. G. Whittleton

Principal Under-Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

Dominion Street

LONDON

COLONISTS' ASSOCIATION
OF E. & S. AFRICA.
No. 6/4

ASSOCIATION ROOMS,

Nairobi,

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January 8th 1906.

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To

H. H. Secretary of State for War,

LONDON.

Sir,

At the Annual General Meeting of the above Association held here on the 3rd instant, I was instructed to bring to your notice the suitability of Nairobi as a convenient centre for the stationing of white troops.

In less than a fortnight soldiers stationed here could be transported to the centre of South Africa, India, Persia, and even the West Coast. Nairobi is only a few days from Aden and the Persian Gulf.

The climate here vies with the best English summer weather. Soldiers living here would be in perfect health. There are soldiers in our midst who have been in the country for eight, nine, and ten years without feeling any necessity of going home on furlough.

Food is cheap. Meat and European vegetables of every description are plentiful and about one-half of home prices.

We would respectfully submit the above details for your consideration, and trust that they may give you some idea of the advantages which Nairobi has as a ~~place~~ for white troops.

I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,
W. Macmillan Wilson,
HONORARY SECRETARY.

The Secretary of State

Government of Canada

Department of National Resources
Ministry of Natural Resources
Ministère des Ressources naturelles