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1906  
10<sup>th</sup> May  
at previous Paper.

(Subject.)

Memorial of 19 Settlers Nkuyu District

Treasury, respecting Land Regulations  
has informed them that amend. of Regs.  
must await view of Land Comm.

(Minutes.)

M. Antrobus

Let Mr Lambert see spec by?

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Mr Lambert

Mr James

Mr Antrobus

Any objection regarding to E. 10 for info  
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Mr. James  
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Commissioner's Office,  
Nairobi,

May 10th 1921.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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Dear Sir,

I have the honour to submit copy of a Memorial,

signed by nineteen of the settlers of the Ellyuu

district which has been presented to me.

I have read the memorial yesterday, which was fairly  
representative of the interests concerned, and told

them that I would keep their requests in mind, but

that I was not in a position to take any action towards

amending the Land Regulations till the Land Commissioner,

who is shortly to be appointed, has had time to study

the land question and submit his views on the situation.

3. I have personally visited most of the farms

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...the conditions.

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...statements that have been made, particularly on the  
...was urged at the meeting yesterday that there is  
...labour available in the district to allow of the  
...land, as  
...under cultivation and  
...heavy items being to the  
...other vegetation. Also as regards  
...being a deep forest land  
...the rainfall is consequently absorbed and no  
...rises from below in the dry season. Without  
...will not yield productive crops after three  
...a long rest, the cost of laying down  
...manures under present conditions is too heavy, and  
...amount of stock should be kept if only for the  
...purpose of manuring. But one of the conclusions

...in the course of my tour was that the prospects  
...Agriculture by white settlers in this district were not  
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Commissioner's Office,

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Nairobi,

May 10 1906

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 239.

(Incl. 1.)



My Lord,

I have the honour to submit copy of a Memorial, signed by nineteen of the settlers of the Kikuyu district which has been presented to me.

Memorial.

2. I saw the deputation yesterday, which was representative of the interests concerned, and told them that I would bear their requests in mind, but that I did not propose to take any action towards amending the Land Regulations till the Land Commissioner, who is shortly to be appointed, has had time to study the land question and submit his views on the situation.

3. I have personally visited most of the farms belonging

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belonging to the signatories to the Memorial and made myself acquainted with their conditions.

4. I am of opinion that there is a great deal of truth in the representations that have been made, particularly on the point that was urged at the meeting yesterday that there is not sufficient labour available in the district to allow of the quantity of land, on both the homestead and pre-empted land, as required by the Regulations, being put under cultivation and kept clear, clearing alone being a heavy item owing to the rapid growth of thick grass and other vegetation. Also as regards the soil, which is of fair quality, being a deep forest loam with no subsoil, the rainfall is consequently absorbed and no moisture rises from below in the dry season. Without manure the land will not yield productive crops after three seasons without a long rest, the cost of laying down

Chemical manures under present conditions is too heavy, and a certain amount of stock should be kept if only for the purpose of manuring. But one of the conclusions

arrived at in the course of my tour was that the prospects for Agriculture by white settlers in this district were not bright and that there would be a better outlook in the direction

of stock and dairy produce. I may say that in several of the homesteads where the land is found to be more suitable for grazing than for Agriculture, Agricultural conditions have already been relaxed and grazing conditions substituted.

The matter referred to in the Memorial will be brought to the notice of the Land Commissioner and will be discussed later in connection with the general question of the Land Laws.

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I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

*Thos. Hall*



Hope Farm, Nairoba  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 1906

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J. Ainsworth Esq. M.A.  
H. M. Sub. Commr.  
Nairobi

## The Kana Regulations

Sir

We the undersigned have the honour to inform you that at a meeting held here the following resolutions were agreed to.

That you be good enough to arrange for an interview with H.M.'s Commr on the 9<sup>th</sup> May for the purpose of laying this before him and discussing the Kana Regulations.

That four settlers be appointed to interview H.M.'s Commr and that a copy of this be sent round to the settlers in this District for their signature

That after our experience here of from one to two years we find that it will be impossible to carry out the present Kana Regulations

1<sup>st</sup> Because of the excessive amount of land required to be cultivated & kept in good order

2<sup>nd</sup> Because of the uncertainty & expense of native labour

3<sup>rd</sup> Because of the poor crops owing to the poor quality of the soil

4<sup>th</sup> Because the capital required by the Regulations is quite inadequate to keep more than thirty acres continuously in good order, exclusive of cost of house, living & implements

That we consider the cultivation conditions should be done away with entirely, so that settlers can go in for stock & by this means have the land well manured. In this way the land will be in a condition to produce crops in a few years.

That we consider free transfer of land should be granted & that the freehold of the 600 acres should be granted to those settlers

A closing

That

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That Messrs Fenison, Sutcliffe, Imprey & Ouis be appointed  
to introduce the Commons on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May

Trusting that the foregoing will receive your sanction  
We have the honour to be Sir

Your obedient Servts

Signed

- M Ouis
- E A Hill
- A R O'Neil
- M Sutcliffe
- R Fenison
- A Johansen
- A D Imprey
- J Wiffenham
- Erling Fenison

per Board

Others

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