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Mairobi,

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 585 of the 15th ultimo with reference to the delay that has occurred in completing the lease of a piece of land to the East Africa Industries Limited in the neighbourhood of Mombasa.

- 2. The facts of the case are as stated in the correspondence which accompanied Your Lordship's despatch and though the delay is very regrettable, it is, pending the application of the Land Titles Ordinance to Mombasa, quite unavoidable.
- 5. The applicants were informed that as far as was known there were no native rights to the land which they desired to lease but as Yeur Lordship will admit it was absolutely necessary to protect ourselves against any judgment that might subsequently be given by the Land Titles Court, and so occupation was only granted conditionally on the applicants taking any responsibility that might arise in the event of native rights being subsequently established.

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- 4. As soon as the Land Titles Ordinance is promulgated the matter will be dealt with but in any case 12 months must elapse from the date of the promulgation of the Ordinance before an indefeasible certificate of title can be granted.
- 5. I would add that I am now informed that the Company have occupied the land and the brick and tile factory is in full working order.

I have the homour to oe, with the highest respect,

Your Lordship's nost obedient, humble servant,

7. J. Jackson

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