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ACQUISITION OF LAND ON MOMBASA ISLAND

Reports steps being taken for acquisition of land in Mtongwe and LIKENI blocks and promises further report.

Mr. Read

This procedure is what Sir H. Delfield contemplated. I have ascertained from him that the survey of the land will not give people an inkling of the Government's intentions.

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20th July 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your cypher telegram dated the 30th June, conveying your approval of steps being taken as soon as possible to acquire for Government the land suggested by Mr. Hobley in the Mtongwa and Likoni blocks.

2. After consideration of the matter in my Executive Council, I have caused arrangements to be made for the immediate survey of the land in question, and have asked Mr. Hobley to submit a report as to the extent to which land can be acquired by private treaty. On receipt of Mr. Hobley's report, the manner in which the remainder of the area can be acquired will be considered.

3. A further report will be sent in due course and, in the meantime, every precaution is being taken to prevent the contemplated acquisition becoming known.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

Honourable,
 Walter Lohg. P.C. & L.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON.

Acting Governor.