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Land Settlement Scheme

1919

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at previous Paper.

Requests allocation of farms situated together
for Capt H.D. Mountain, Capt R.G. Mountain, Lt. SA Chambers
Lieut Munro RN and two others. These names
have already been approved

-W. Jeffries

In your letters, please.

You will see below action taken
on letter of 9th August.

As Mr. Chambers is everything
on the part about statement
in the House & interests

(quite family but unpleasant)

to take the matter up there
his end, this must be
sent to Col Amery when

You have reviewed
and

Major Burton

The arrangement for co-operative
groups is set out in para. 14 of the

at subsequent Paper.
24/3/20 (Humb)

district to persons ~~going in~~ going in for
 (flax) but also to the many other
 groups of friends who have made up
 their minds to take their chances of getting
 together under the general scheme.

I have consulted the selection
Bd., who consider that it would be
out of the question to entertain Mr. Chamber
proposal.

I express regret that the proposal
 cannot be agreed to ^{that} ~~as~~ the allotment of
 farms shown in the catalogue must be
 according to the results of the lottery, as
 stated in the scheme; and point out that
 if any of his party do not succeed in obtaining
 the farms which they want, there remains
 the possibility of effecting an exchange with
 the persons who do secure those farms, at
 any time up to the 1st of July 1910.

b. J. J. 15/8/19

Hi H. Head
C.R. Avery
S. J. Strac

Please see also attached letter
from W. Wigglesworth to R. H. and see
on this case -

I proceed as proposed - I say Wigglesworth
(when Mr. Chambers called I told him that
we would not go against the Government
recommendation - He points out that
the Governor has not refused to allow
official farms numbered in the official
list - Please see Mr. Jeffries' minute
to the British Government)

deal

15/10/19

J. R.

15/11/19

~~15/11/19~~

The Governor has stated that he requires the
quite small amount of money in his hands for
the purpose of making loans of the kind
which he has long been desirous of making

I don't think we can proceed to the extent
that I think we shall not of course to

work that has found its way together of
exchange, but that we will not be able to

help to him in the matter - We ought not to
want to get the necessary exchange to find a place

look for them here the land is not in a position to
take them here the land is not in a position to

Reply as
suggested
K.C. Avery
18.10.19

15/11/19

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C. J. J. 19.8.4

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Mr Chambers called about
the 2 letters annexed (9" x 11" aspect).

1. I explained that Governor had
stated that no ~~more~~ applications
for syndicates under the Land
settlement scheme could now
be entertained.

see 66213/19

2. He wished this application which
he has put in to be considered
on its merits apart from this
general decision from Governor
because -

(1) He considers it will be consistent
with general statements made here
as to desire of the Govt. to help
men under the scheme.

(2) The farms required are
in an isolated part of the country
some 140 miles from the railway -
so that co-operation is essential
otherwise things cannot be worked.

(3) The himself proposes to
assist the men in provision of
procurement of material for the contract.

factory & transport which
will be necessary.

3. I told him that I could not
deal with a special applicⁿ.
of this kind, but wd send it
on to the Permanent Under Secretary
in time to get him a reply
tomorrow.

Incidentally I explained (what
Mr Jeffries told me) that if these
men ~~are~~ are successful in
the Lottery, the chances are that
with an out-district like
that in which the farmers in
question are situated, they
wd probably get what they
want.

May I know please what
reply to send? Presumably
Sir G. Diller will not wish
to make an exception.

I refer to the
the Gov's letter

deed
13.1.49
H. J. R.
13/1/49

address
Mr. Chas
Crawley
Lancaster
tell & bring
them forward

closed
13/1/49
to Chambers, Ennisby
- 13/1/49 next application

Full & out

Walham Grove,

C O
47285

Near GRIMSBY.

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9th August, 1919.

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The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
WHITEHALL.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME.
No. 1071.

Dear Sir,

I beg to make application on behalf of my son and 5 other applicants, all under Class B., who desire to work on the co-operative principle for a special allocation of Farms situated together, and, as there is not time to communicate direct with the Governor in Nairobi I am advised by Messrs Newland Tarlton & Co. that by making application to you, you may be good enough to cable direct to Nairobi.

Four of the applicants have already passed and been approved of by the Selection Board viz:- Capt. H.D. Mountain, Capt. R.G. Mountain, Lieut. S.A. Chambers, Lieut. Munro R.N. and the remaining two applications have today been submitted to the Selection Board.

I am arranging for the applicants to meet together this weekend when it will be decided the particular district in which the farms are desired, and I will then write you as to the district and farm numbers.

I shall be in town on Wednesday when I could call upon you or arrange with your agent, Messrs Newland & Tarlton & Co. for any further particulars required.

Y. ours faithfully,

Ernest Hillman

Telegrams -
"Chambers, Grimsby".

Waltham Grove,
NEAR GRIMSBY.

14th August, 1919.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
WHITEHALL.

Sir,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME
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With reference to my letters of the 9th and 11th inst., and my interviews of yesterday with

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I was informed by the former that they were entirely under the Colonial Office, to carry out any instructions received from there.

Major Parkinson kindly took up the case, and made enquiries, informing me on my second call in the afternoon that owing to the receipt of a Cable (or instructions), from the Governor in Nairobi, "The Colonial Office were unable to make any more special grants of allotments under paragraph fourteen of the Land Settlement Scheme".

On my expressing dis-satisfaction, having regard to the expressions made in the House and in public of the Government's desire to do all they possible could to help demobilised men to secure grants of land situated together, and so work co-operatively with a view to much quicker development, which obviously is in the interests of the Colony to encourage, Major Parkinson agreed on my pressing, to put up the case again to one of the Heads for a decision.

I am informed this morning that the case has been placed before the proper Authorities, and my application on behalf of these discharge officers and men has been refused.

I desire to again bring my case up for your special consideration, inasmuch as I am of the opinion that the particular point of my application has been over-looked, and whereas the Governor has declined to allot any more reserved land which is not

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These seven applicants having met together and arranged for the erection of one central factory to treat their produce, I desire to make special application to you that:- "The seven farms stated in my previous letter may be withdrawn from the public drawing and allotted to these applicants" - otherwise if each of the seven applicants have to take their chance, and probably obtain farms in seven different districts, it will be absolutely impossible for them to co-operate together, and the development in consequence will be much slower, and a loss to the State.

Although the applications close to-day, the drawing will not take place for another week, and there is therefore time, in the event of a favourable decision by you, for the farms to be withdrawn - as others have already been for men now in Nairobi - without detriment or loss to any other applicants.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. G. G. G. G.

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E.A.P.

21st Aug. 1919

Sir, I am etc. to ask the receipt
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 of your letter of the 14th of August
~~of the 14th of August, and~~
 to say for that after full

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Parker on 19.8.19

H. Reed 19

consideration, and after consulting
 the E.A.C.S. Selection Board,
 he regrets that he is unable
 to approve of the withdrawal
 of certain farms from the
 London allotment of the
 Land Settlement scheme to
 provide for the syndicate
 referred to in your letter
 of the 14th of August.

2. His Lordship fears that
 to act as you suggest would

be unjust to other applicants, ~~as it would~~
as it would entail giving ~~any farm~~ ~~which~~ ~~is~~ ~~held~~ ~~by~~ ~~any~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~applicants~~

priority of selection irrespective of their
places in the lottery. ^{for this reason} and he has
decided that no exception can be made
to the general ~~rule~~ ~~that~~ condition of
the land settlement scheme that allotment
must be in all cases according to the
results of the lottery and that special
consideration cannot be given to persons
wishing to acquire neighbouring farms.

3. I am to point out, however, that
if the persons named in your
syndicate are unable to secure the
farms which they desire as a result
of the lottery, there remains the
possibility of their effecting exchanges
with the holders of those farms at
any time before the 1st of July
1921. If, however, it should be found
impossible to effect a copy of the ~~impossible~~
arrangements.

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impossible to effect satisfactory

of the I. A. P.

exchanges, the fact will be asked

to give you any assistance that

may be in his power.

I am
CHAS. H. I. READ

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S.A.P.

answers to
signature of
Mr P.S.

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14th Aug 1919

Wiglesworth Esq.

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W. Reed 19

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to ack. the receipt of your letter of the 14th of Aug, and to inf. you that he has given very careful consideration to the application of Mr. S. H. Chamberlain for the allotment of certain farms included in the S.A.P. Scheme to a syndicate in which he is interested.

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signature by
the P.S.

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find it impossible to obtain the farms
they require in the first instance, it
will be open to them to endeavour
to effect
to exchange the farms with other allottees
at any time up to the 1st of July, 1921,
in order to get together. If, however,
they find that they cannot arrange
this satisfactorily, Lord Milner will ask
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I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Hubert Cook

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I am,
Yours sincerely,
J. B. (Bignall) Bignall, Secy.

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~~Mr. Wilkinson~~

Please see attached letter from Mr. Worth. He rang me up yesterday and said the matter was urgent and he was anxious that it should be brought to the personal notice of the Secretary of State. He said that it should receive careful consideration.

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E.C.3.

August 14th 1919

Viscount Milner P.C. G.C.B. G.C.M.G.
Colonial Office,
DOWNING STREET.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my telephone conversation with your private secretary this afternoon, I enclose you copy of my friend's letter, namely, Mr. Sydney H. Chambers of Waltham Grove, Nr. Grimsby, which you will observe has already been submitted to the Secretary of State and had the special consideration of Major Parkinson.

Mr. Chambers is co-operating with us in increasing the area under cultivation of flax in British East Africa and we do not need to emphasise the importance of a supply of flax material being produced within the Empire to take the place of supplies formerly coming from Russia.

The Group under which Mr. Chambers is applying is for relations and friends of his who are known to us personally and you will judge by the letter that the scheme is for these men to work co-operatively so that one central factory may be established for preparing the flax produced by the seven men. If therefore properties are allotted to them which are far apart the scheme falls to the ground and the experience and capital which these men are willing to supply will be lost as far as the production of flax is concerned.

We are approaching you on short notice because the drawings for the lottery take place on August 19th and it will therefore be essential that steps be taken immediately.

Yours faithfully,



AW/GB.

14th August, 1919

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~~Ray House~~
? attach *me*

82, Fenchurch Street, *23. 8*

London *EC3*

22nd August, 1919.

all right
at once

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A. Cooke, Esq.,
Secretary to Viscount Milner,
Downing Street,
LONDON.

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 21st inst. with regard to the proposal made by Mr. S.H. Chambers for the allotment of certain farms in connection with the East Africa Land Settlement Scheme.

I am pleased to note that if it should not be possible for his applicants to obtain adjoining lots or to make arrangements for an inter-change of plots with others, that Lord Milner will be kind enough to ask the Governor to give them assistance. I have no doubt that this will meet the case.

I am passing on your letter to Mr. Chambers and thank you for what you have done.

Yours sincerely,

Wigglesworth

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