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THE NORTH KAYIRONDO CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

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C.I.  
MEMORANDUM (N.B. & D.)

1. C.R. Buxton (S/O) ----- 17.3.38  
Fwd. Ltr. addressed to S of S. by A. Tumbo, President of the  
North Kavirondo Central Association.

2. To C.R. Buxton (In. ad) ----- 18.3.38

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3. A. Tumbo (President, North Kavirondo Central Assn.) ----- 17.2.38  
Indicates complaint + enclo. stamps for reply.  
(ENCL. TO NO. 1)

This Assoc<sup>n</sup> is not very good  
at observing the prescribed  
petitioning methods.

The petition is in the nature  
of a personal attack on the (late)  
Chief Native Commissioner, &  
a request apparently for the  
replacement of a "Mr R. Fielder"  
whom I cannot trace in the  
List.

NOV 9.  
1936

? For Gov's obsors, asking him  
to write petitioner attention  
to his prescribed channels, & to return  
the stamps.

"with" and  
envelope.

Unmarked  
21/3

J.G. Buxton  
24/3

Attn  
A. M. Mawe  
22.3

H/g

10. Kenya 186. (4/3 in orig.) - Same. 4 APR 1938

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Respect to ...  
Messrs. Montgomery & Fielder

The petition from the North Kavirondo  
Central Association is at 3.

This Association has about 300  
adherents and the Governor tells us that its  
presumably small influence is likely to lessen.

The sense of the petition was -

(a) Some vague and unspecified grievances  
against the last Chief Native Commissioner,  
Mr. R.H. Montgomery.

(b) A request to remember Sir A.Pim's  
recommendation that posts should not be filled  
from overseas which could be filled locally,  
(page 247 of the Pim Report: "...attention....  
to the restriction of recruitment from overseas  
to posts which cannot at present be adequately  
filled locally.") with particular reference  
to a Mr. R. Fielder.

As to (a), Mr. Montgomery is in no  
need of defence.

As to (b), it seems that Mr. Fielder  
is employed and paid by the North Kavirondo  
Local Native Council, whom he has satisfied  
to the point that they unanimously wish to  
re-engage him for a four-year term when his  
present engagement expires. He is a  
Development Officer, and if the Local Native  
Council wish to retain a European for this job,  
I do not know who is to say that they cannot  
or should not.

There is nothing in the petition that  
seems to warrant serious attention.

? As in draft herewith.

(I assume that no further communication to

Mr. Buxton

Mr. Buxton, who forwarded the petition originally,  
is required).

10/11/38  
30.5.1938

Sturges  
31.5

A. J. Maw  
31.5

I agree.

→ I think this is the Association  
in Kavirondo which Fielder  
has created.

6.5.38

2/6/38

6/6/38  
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AIR MAIL

KENYA  
No. 279



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI  
KENYA

17 May, 1938.

My Lord,

H. I have the honour to refer to your Lordship's despatch No. 186 of the 4th April, with which was transmitted a petition submitted by the President of the North Kavirondo Central Association, and to state that the petitioner's attention has been invited (not for the first time) to the desirability of addressing petitions through the prescribed channels, and the stamps which accompanied the petition have been returned to him.

2. The North Kavirondo Central Association represents about six to eight hundred persons in the North Kavirondo District, where the total estimated native population is 334,505. There has lately been a split in the ranks of the Association and any influence which it possessed has probably lessened.

3. The petition, as far as its purpose can be understood, deals with questions concerning two officers. With regard to the reference made in the petition to Mr. H. R. Montgomery, lately Chief Native Commissioner in this Colony, it is only necessary to quote minute No. 118/1937 of the North Kavirondo Local Native Council to show the esteem in which he was generally held in the North Kavirondo District:-

The retirement of Mr. H. R. Montgomery.

Paulo Agoi asked on behalf of members that a letter be sent to Mr. Montgomery, for so many years successively their D.C., P.C., and C.M.C.,

expressing ...

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD HARLECH, P.C.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S. W. 1.

expressing their sympathy in his recent bereavement, their sorrow at his resignation from Government service, and their hope that, even if only in a private capacity, he would continue to try to advance the interests of his native friends, as he had always done whilst he remained in the Administration. They rejoiced to hear that he had decided to settle in Kenya, and hoped to see him again often."

4. Reference is also made in the petition to Mr. Fielder, who is Development Officer employed by the Local Native Council in the North Kavirondo District. His appointment and service conditions were made and accepted by the Local Native Council. Mr. Fielder's agreement with the Council is due to expire on the 30th June 1938. The members of the Council have, however, unanimously agreed that he should be re-engaged for a further period of four years. The practice of the appointment of Europeans to posts in the employment of Local Native Councils is one which is followed by various Councils.

I have the honour to be,

my Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

*R Brooke-Johnson*

AIR CHIEF CLERK.

G O V E R N O R.

COPY.

Kenya Colony, British East Africa.

North Kavirondo Central Association,

P.O. Box 80, Kisumu.

February, 17th, 1938.

The Right Honourable  
Principal Secretary of State  
for the Colonies  
of Great Britain.

Sir,

We greatly appreciate your honour as you had been placed as the Overseer of all evidences from all the Colonies.

Hereby, we represent the Report of Mr. H. R. Montgomery the Chief Native Commissioner of Kenya.

(1) The Abaluhya (Natives) have seen that, the Chief Native Commissioner did nothing good to help us, For he has spoil the whole Kenya, therefore, we have no right to honour him at all. Because he knew that he had nothing to do with uncivilized Africans.

See what he said in the Kenya Land Commission that, "If they ever had a claim at all, it cannot lapse". He said this in the year 1932, yet he knew that the Abaluhya are in Great annoyance in this Colony. Thus, we see he had no peace with the Baluhya.

We have no right to complain about everything, neither we are not against to a European, nor all Europeans. But we better have the rights we ask for, though we are uncivilized people.

(2) Mr. R. Fielder is working among the Natives, and his salary is Shs. 8,000/- per annum, and he has an increase of Shs. 500/- a year all this great amount of money is due to Africans to pay him.

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But the Abaluhya have refused him, for we believe that these are the Natives who can fit this occupation. If it is you who sent him to this colony, it would be still better for him to be taken to another Territory. This may make Abaluhya comfortable.

We must humbly beg you to remember the Report of Sir Alan W. Pim. As he said. Some Europeans who have no any help to Baluhya at all, should be reduced in Kenya. This, we see, he was right about it.

Please Sir, we are looking forward to hear from you.

We beg to remain, etc.

(Sgd.) Andrew Jumba.

PRESIDENT.

North Kavirondo Central  
Association.

Enclose Sh. 1/- Stamps  
for favourable reply.



TELEPHONE  
SPEEDWELL 2119

8  
END

6, ERSKINE HILL,  
GOLDERS GREEN, N.W.11.

17th March 1938.

Sir,

At the request of Mr. Andrew Jumba,  
President of North Kavirondo Central Assoc-  
iation; I am forwarding you the enclosed  
letter.

(3)  
Yours faithfully,

*W. R. ...*