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The following is a list of the  
 items which are being exchanged  
 for the supply of Bacon to troops  
 in the field. The items are:  
 1. Bacon  
 2. Beans  
 3. Sugar  
 4. Flour  
 5. Rice  
 6. Coffee  
 7. Tea  
 8. Salt  
 9. Oil  
 10. Soap  
 11. Matches  
 12. Paper  
 13. Candles  
 14. Tobacco  
 15. Alcohol  
 16. Medicines  
 17. Tools  
 18. Clothing  
 19. Shoes  
 20. Hats  
 21. Blankets  
 22. Tents  
 23. Beds  
 24. Stoves  
 25. Pots  
 26. Pans  
 27. Knives  
 28. Forks  
 29. Spoons  
 30. Plates  
 31. Cups  
 32. Saucers  
 33. Dishes  
 34. Trays  
 35. Baskets  
 36. Boxes  
 37. Bags  
 38. Sacks  
 39. Bundles  
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The list has been prepared by the  
 medical officer, and is subject to  
 the approval of the commanding  
 officer. The list is being  
 distributed to the troops for  
 their information.

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Referring to the interview at the Colonial Office on the 26th ult. between Mr Reed, Mr Bettemley, Mr Owen Grant (our Manager in East Africa) and myself, I propose, as suggested, to outline the matters then discussed.

1. Land leased to this Company at Limuru.

The original lease had no plan attached, and in the plan now attached to the new lease a small plot of land on the Railway line is marked out as a Railway

in addition to the usual 30 yards on each side of the track. I understand that this was intended for a station which might possibly be built there.

Mr Grant informs me that he has in his possession in East Africa a plan of the concession, but this extra plot is not marked on it. When the new Bacon Factory built in 1910/11 General Owen Thomas fixed the site near the Railway for convenience, and no objection was raised by the Railway's Authorities - In fact they afforded every assistance by subsequently making, in conjunction with the Railway, a Railway Siding for our private use.

The Factory has been erected on part of this Railway Station Reserve, but I do not think that anyone up to now has been aware of the fact.

Within the last few weeks the Railway authorities have built a shed close by the Factory with the intention, I understand, of making a Station also after the war.

In view of the recent satisfactory settlements of all <sup>476</sup> outstanding difficulties between this Company and the Government, I think it only right to call your attention to what has inadvertently happened in order to obviate any possible future cause of friction.

This Company does not in any way wish to obstruct the Railway authorities, and I feel sure that the Land Officer Mr ~~Wright~~ Wright, in conjunction with Mr Owen Grant, who is sailing for East Africa in the course of the next week or two, could easily come to some amicable arrangement whereby the Railway authorities could have sufficient adjoining land for their purpose in exchange for the land whereon our Factory stands. It would obviously greatly facilitate matters if you can see your way to suggest that this course should be adopted.

10 Acre Plot Water Reserve.

When the concession was originally granted, the lack of water was a great inconvenience, and in order to obviate this it was therefore arranged that a plot of 10 acres of land on the ~~Rua~~ River being outside the 2000 acres towards Limuru should be granted to the Company, and I understand that the Land Office at Nairobi has a record of this. This plot is

not shown on the plan attached to the new lease.

When our Engineer came to examine the feasibility of securing water from the said 10 acre plot, it was found to be so much below the Factory level as to render the expense entailed in installing pumping plant prohibitive. Subsequently some 18 months ago a spring was discovered some 700 yards to the north of our boundaries which would adequately supply our needs by gravitation. The spring has been tapped by means of a small pipe line, and so far no objection has been raised by the Local Authorities.

I suggest for your consideration that the Land Officer in Nairobi be asked to look into the question, and discuss it with Mr Grant on his return, and, if possible, that a small plot surrounding the source from which the Company now obtains its water be granted in exchange for the original 10 acre plot.

Bacon for the Troops.

During the past year the Company has received at various times contracts to supply bacon for the troops in B.E.A., but these have suddenly ceased. I have reason to know that orders have been now placed in London direct through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and no local tender by this Company was asked for, although no complaint was made as to the quality of the Bacon supplied.

In view of the fact that this Company erected their Bacon Factory in East Africa at the wish of the Government for the purpose of helping the Swine industry, and that the initial cost was very high and unremunerative I would like to point out <sup>that</sup> with a view to the future needs of the Colony

The Factory is constructed and maintained to deal with many times the number of animals at present provided by the farming community. It will be readily understood that this factor materially affects the question of cost of production. Were we to successfully tender for the military orders now being placed direct in London, it would assist us in some degree to utilise the full capacity of the Factory.

The Bacon imported by us in the past has been of the half cured type, and has been finished at the Factory. We have our own cold storage car for conducting the Bacon from Mombasa to Uplands. I suggest whether it is not possible that, under the circumstances, local tenders might be called for, and that Mr Grant discuss the matter with the Committee of Supplies on his return.

Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. J. Murray*  
 Assistant Manager.

The Under Secretary of State for  
 Colonial Office,  
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W. H. Balfour

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With reference to my  
note No. <sup>540</sup> ~~727~~ of the 30<sup>th</sup>  
23<sup>rd</sup> of July,  
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The East African Manager,  
East African Estates, Ltd.

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- Mr. Harper 16/12/15
- Mr. Bottomley 16.12.15
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

I am etc to acknowledge  
 the receipt of your letter of the  
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