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16 Sept

ACQUISITION OF LAND BY FOREIGNERS

Last previous Paper.
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Doubt whether measure suggested...
be effective owing to difficulty...
convention Prot. have that...
enemy considers it better to enact...
States and requests authority.

Mr. Botsford to Head

Drafts for consideration herewith on this paper and on minutes on 44707.

I think there can be no doubt that the proposed Ordinance should be sanctioned immediately. The Foreign Office said in 4250c that, if the measure were really required, there seemed to be no alternative but to enact it, and we told the C.A.G. in our telegram of the 4th of September that, if he considered it necessary, the Secretary of State would be prepared to authorise the enactment of the Ordinance in spite of international objections. The rest of the drafts are covered by the minutes on 44707.

You kindly undertook to add a note as regards the Waterman - Sjogren aspect of the matter.

Handwritten notes:
Manson (as tel 21 Sept 1917)
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The following drafts have been...
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but if our views about it were conveyed to
Sweden - Swedish interests might not
be complete.

Lord Waterman has been the chief channel
of communication with the C.O. in the
negotiations about the Dispector - Macalister
concessions, and Sjogren was interested
in these negotiations up to the outbreak of
war. There is nothing to show that
Lord Waterman has since then had
any dealings with him and or any
other Swede.

As regards Sir O. Thomas, his name
and those of other officials of the East
African Estates Ltd. are mentioned
in the intercepted telegrams, but it
is not possible to attach any meaning
to the references to them. I mentioned
the proposed sale of the Company's
bacon curing establishment as an
affair in which these Swedish interests
may be concerned. There is of course
nothing to show that either Lord
Waterman or Sir O. Thomas ~~do~~ have
any idea that there may be
any backing behind the
Bliss - Forster - Hamilton operations.

The names of Sir O. Thomas (in
his personal capacity) and Sjogren
are mentioned in the Foreign
Department files, and it is
in all the files.

On this matter of the Wagon lands, I need only note here that

1. The bargain between Sir O. Thomas & Spogren was made before the war.

2. The F. T. D. papers indicate that S. has his money of his own & is trying to come find someone who can relieve him & Sir O. Thomas of their difficulties.

(3) From the telegram in para 7 of Mr. Kothly's report refers to "shareholders" who are willing to sell the Wagon lands, in fact, as against (2), that a company holds the rights. [Mr. McMillan, suggested as a buyer, a well-known & wealthy settler in the E. A.P.]

(4) The same telegram adds "against Bliven & others." As this remark is "strictly confidential" it may be presumed that in other transactions Spogren is not against the Bliven group, but this is conjecture.

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H. J. R.

2/15/17

They recommended
the Redfield for
night school.
H. J. R.

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM From the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 5.30 p.m. 16th September, 1917.)

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4 September 16th. Your cypher telegram September 5th. I doubt whether the measures which the Board of Trade suggest would be effective here owing to difficulty of obtaining evidence of contravention of Protectorate laws restricting trading with the enemy. I consider that it would be better to enact an ordinance to prohibit for duration of war sales to any but British subjects or the subjects of states under British protection. Will you authorize me to proceed accordingly.

BOWRING.

TELEGRAM From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate.

(Sent 4.30 p.m. 21st September, 1917.)

21st September.

With reference to your telegram of September 16th in view of your opinion concur in the enactment of the proposed Ordinance to prohibit for duration of war sales of land in the Protectorate to any but British subjects or subjects of States under British protection. Action should at once be taken accordingly.

Since my telegram of 4th September was sent I have received from War Office copies of Notley's further report dated June 30th as to the activities of Swedes in the East Africa Protectorate. It appears to me that position of affairs described in this report is so serious, that it is in my opinion, necessary to take drastic action against the individual Swedes suspected quite apart from preventing them from purchasing land in the Protectorate. Let me know with least possible delay what are your views as to this and what action you recommend. It is a matter of surprise to me that information of such serious import reaches His Majesty's Government by means of report of Commissioner of Police forwarded through War Office and that you have not reported direct to me by despatch on the matter.

LONG.

Downing Street,

SECRET AND IMMEDIATE

23 September, 1917

Sir,

With reference to your letter, No. 163309/C/150, of August the 26th I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Balfour, copies of further telegraphic correspondence with the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate as to the enactment of an Ordinance to prohibit for the duration of the war sales of land in the Protectorate to any but British subjects or subjects of States under British protection.

In view of the Acting Governor's opinion as expressed in his telegram of the 16th of September, Mr. Long considers it essential that the proposed Ordinance should be brought into force immediately.

It will be seen that the telegram to the Acting Governor of

42508

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SENIOR SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE

MINUTE.

- Mr. Buxton 26/9/17
- Mr. Buxton 20/9/17
- Mr. Brindle
- Mr. Lambert
- Mr. Reid 20/9/17
- Mr. G. Fiddes 20/9/17
- Mr. A. Steel-Maitland
- Mr. Long

and 3822

for counter
Tel. 16th Sept. (45885)

Tel. 21st Sept.
(draft herewith)

by Commissioner of Police
P. (enclosure in 44707)

drafts

Scott

Downing Street,

27 September, 1917.

Dear Major Hall,

I return herewith the

report of the 30th of June by the Commissioner of Police, East Africa Protectorate regarding the activities of Sweden, which was sent to Macnaghten in your note of September the 6th.

The enclosed copies of tele-

graphic correspondence with the Acting Governor of the East Africa Protectorate of a letter to the Foreign Office sufficiently indicate the view of the matter which is held here, and the action which is being taken. If the Intelligence Department of the War Office should be in a position to throw any further light on the matter or to help in getting to the bottom of it by means of making further enquiries, we shall be most grateful for any such assistance.

DRAFT.

Mr F. Hall,
Waterloo House
16, Charles Street

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Mr. Mächtig 26/9/17
Mr. Schanley 20.9.17
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Mr. Grindle.
Mr. Lambert.
Mr. Read. 20/10
Sir G. Fiddes. 20/10
Sir A. Steel-Maitland.
Mr. Long.
O.A.G. 19 July (34608)

From - do - 11 August (40321) ✓
do - 6 Sept. (42508) ✓
From - do - 16 Sept. ✓
do - 16 Sept. (draft herewith)
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In your letter, you refer to the return of Mr.
Atley's earlier report which was sent to the
Colonial Office on July the 6th. This earlier
report was in fact returned to you in a private
note from me of July the 31st. I shall be

glad to know ^{reluctant} that it reached you safely.

Yours etc.

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In your letter of the 22nd for the account of Mr. Wotley's earlier report which was sent to the Colonial Office on July the 6th. This earlier report was in fact returned to you in a private note from me of July the 31st. I shall be glad to know that it reached you safely.

Yours etc.

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