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14 Apr.

Last previous Paper.

Settlement in E. Africa

Submit proposal for settlement of Americans in E. Africa & enquire terms for grant of land for Cotton growing.

2 May 14

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subsequent Paper.

~~Mr. H. H. H.~~ Sir J. Fisher

I may be prejudiced, but I look with no favour on the 'settlers' in E.A. whom we shd be likely to get from Arkansas.

We sh. put this by, except that we should be sure to get another application. 'E. Africa' is suddenly being discovered by various persons & companies who are attracted by a 'new' country where the unknown is all wonderful.

? with receipt - copy

That

that full grants of land in S.A.
are not made to anyone under
any conditions - that Govt.
is unable to entertain this
proposal.

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for info.

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A. S. R.

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ONE 225
ALL HOURS
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DR. G. W. BELL, A. B., A. M.

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OFFICE: MASONIC TEMPLE
4TH & STATE STS.

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PINE BLUFF, ARK. April 14th. 1914

London Colonization Society.
London England

Europe

Gentlemen.

I desire to learn the terms required of those who wish to become colonists. of your country. There is a large number of families who desire to leave the United States of America to become citizens. of your government. They are thrifty Cotton growers. and wish to settle in some locality in East Africa. Within five years we hope to be able to locate five hundred families.

If this is possible we assure you that we can bring the Cotton market nearer your door, which will be a greater advantage to your interest. We can grow cotton cheaper with native labor, than it can be grown in the United States. We have watched with much pleasure, your equitable, and honorable dealings, with all your subjects, we therefore, beg the opportunity, to become citizens of your possessions in East Africa. We desire that your government, set aside a certain portion of land, as a grant, with conditions, that when we become citizens,

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DR. G. W. BELL, A. B. A. M.

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No. 2 London Colonization Society,
PINE BLUFF, ARK.

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after five years residence, that the land so granted, become our permanent homes.

If this proposition, meets Your approval, can we hope to
obtain a map of the land so granted? Our aim is to bring only
those persons, who are self supporting, and of good
repute. A special committee would be appointed, to visit the
land granted and report conditions to our colonizing
Society. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am yours

most truly,

George W. Bell,

Box 94.

Pine Bluff, Ark. United States, of America.

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2 May 1914

Sir,

I am pleased to acknowledge

2 May '14

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DRAFT.

G. W. Bell, A.B.A.M.

the receipt of your letter of the 14th of April, addressed to the "London Colonization Society", and to inform you that free grants of land in E. Afr. are not made to anyone under any conditions, and that ^{(regards that by} the S. of S. is unable to entertain your proposal.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Cooke 30/4/14
- Mr. Read 30
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

[Handwritten scribble]

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(Signed) H. J. READ.

for the Under Secretary of State