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Charity-Giving Scheme for Disabled Soldiers

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previous Paper.

Is copy of rules of Society proposed to be formed + requests approval. Please details w.r.t capital subscriptions + requests scheme be started soon.

~~Mr. H. B. Hartley~~
~~Sir H. Hartley~~

Colonel Amherst

However anxious we might be about the scheme, the fact we have to face is that it is a one-man scheme run by Lt Col Ridge. Lt Col Ridge was found "unfit and unable" by the Dept. of Agriculture, & w.r.t. the Dept. here he has little real knowledge of the agricultural or the factory side of these operations." We have found that his estimates are inclined to be too favourable, therefore I am afraid the scheme will not be successful. I have told him so.

I have made arrangements with the Rubin submitted, which Col Ridge will find very

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glance that it is a cooperative society organization.
All power rest with the Managing Committee
against which there is really no redress and
there are elaborate provision to secure that
Col. Ridge shall be ~~the~~ ^{the} General Agent
of the Society and for the first five years
a third of the Managing Committee shall be the
first General Agent with him. There are
also sufficient loopholes provided to enable
the Managing Committee to remove themselves
from his control in the event of the failure of
the first.

I should like very much to know
whether there was present at the
meeting, or if there can be any one on the Committee
so connected, of what sort of influence
or if any sort of support Col. Ridge held
over the other officers who are said to be
connected with him. It would need a long time to
investigate the kind of influence adequate
to suppose so many sufficient power to the
Managing Committee, also the original
organization of the Society in the hands of
Col. Ridge like the First African Colonization
Board - as the Land Settlement Scheme,
the general manager should be appointed by
him with a single eye as to his fitness.

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& Govt. shall have a general control over the
country's accounts. The Managing Committee
should include representatives of the three
Govt. Depts. - and of Mr. M. J. Benson &
M. J. T. - and we shall send off
the proposed rules to them for their comments.
Please let me know if any we can't
use, and we will add some that we believe
would be useful if it is intended on the lines
proposed, but that if they wish an attempt
to be made to settle disabled Officers in E.H.
and we consider it should be attempted on the
lines indicated above. Ask if they agree & would
be prepared to help in the selection & training
of the Officers etc. J.H. 211
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These are the Rules referred to in my
memorandum of 11 June on Gov/32082. Before
we pass final judgment on them we
must compare them with the model - which
was presumably supplied under the U.K. act
referred to. Mr. Calder is looking into this.
His comments, with mine I agree
generally, are actually influenced by the
different amounts we have had of
Mr. Ridge; but generally the scheme seems
to set up an attorney completely
separated by Mortality from the
assessor.

unanimity, and I hope that now
form of Govt. control and administration
is inevitable. The Eng. Govt. is interested
in the further development of the land and
of ports in very favourable terms, & the
Eng. Government has a large force &
considerable financial resources at its
disposal.

In addition to the maps (which
show a few routes) which Mr. Caldecott
proposes, I think we should

not yet promise anything
but to very quickly to have
an impact
on (i.e. as soon as many
existing factors) viewpoints at
the stage of para 62, who are the
"other" (would come) contemplated
in the 10 of para 62), whether
assumption is not intended to be
limited to instead of more or
less defined areas and whether any
division, indeed between
these and which candidate to
the roads; and along the
specific proposed areas mentioned
in para 7 of the existing letter.

Also, I ask Mr. Duke pointedly
to give us copies of his evidence

chief obstacle to the scheme - in
writing he writes - in what words -
of the unavoidable opinion of the
Board of Directors of the
Bank under them.

Enclosed

H. J. H.
8/10/19

I think the working of the
Bank of Eng. to much of the last
part of the time seems to be wrong. The
present management will be unable
to fulfil many of their ob-
ligations to the Bank and
will then damage other big eng. Co.
and also me, that is, too bad when
they start of at Ridge. The Bank Co.
have got the best places + work
or office operation of the S.A. bank
and in ten years shall hold nothing
more of Mys. Pess. + 7 of L.
and we can not be quite satisfied
of their debt. Otherwise applied
to Botany - Is it done

[Note added by
Mr. Duke] We
recommend the
Government to
apply for the
transfer of
from us

[Para 6]

Col Ridge called & wanted the copy of the Rules
back as it was the original & he had no complete
copy. We are going to send us a copy well out
shortly & after carefully
examining all the first notes made on the
Draft Rules & also in making out the original
copy we will add a revised copy of the
rules.

Yours & cordially yours
Wm C. Biffen
I am sending you a copy of the
new & old rules & regulations now in force
in the State of Oregon now contained
in one book. I have had trouble finding
a copy of the new rules & regulations
so my administration organized & published
a copy of the old rules & regulations

22nd July, 1919.

Dear Coltonley,

In his services as Chief Camp Commandant under the Flax scheme, his appointment was for a period of six months and when the six months ran out he was allowed to depart. I understand, however, that the then Director of Flax Production told him verbally that he had not discharged his duties in such a way as to induce the Board to consider prolonging his engagement or taking him on in another capacity. In the circumstances I suggest that if you have to get him out of the chief post under the scheme you should tell him simply that you have come to the conclusion that his general knowledge of administration, finance, and technical experience of the flax industry are not sufficient. He was, I believe, engaged before the war

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PROPOSED BRITISH EAST AFRICA DISABLED OFFICERS
COLONY.

AURICL ROAD,

CHISWICK WEST KENSINGTON, W. 1.

10th July 1919.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

Referring to the proposals for the a colony, of which a copy is already in your hands, and to our interview of to-day, we now beg to hand you a copy of the rules of a Society proposed to be formed under the Industrial & Provident Society Acts 1893, 1913; For the purpose of carrying it into effect.

We are given to understand that as soon as the approval of the Colonial Office can be given to our proposals, the Minister of Labour will permit the selected Officers to proceed with their training and make the appropriate allowances for the purpose.

It is also necessary that we should be reasonably assured that the Government of the Protectorate will be prepared to approve of the grant of the land referred to in all proposals to a Society formed on the lines indicated in the draft, which is so far as we know the only Society at present formed to assist disabled officers to make a start in the Colonies and which has assumed its present shape to enable this assistance to be given in a form calculated to insure the commercial success of their venture.

We accordingly beg to apply for the necessary approval and desire to add to the facts and figures contained in our former proposals the following additional information, which we have already given you verbally:-

The proposals were accepted by a meeting of disabled officers held in London on June 1st and a Committee was appointed to carry this scheme into effect, and several special meetings

Capital Subscriptions to the full amount of six hundred pounds per member have already been secured from the contemplated number of officers subject to their selection being approved in the manner contemplated by the proposed rules.

The Committee have been successful in securing the assistance of several officers of special experience in the work contemplated

including an Officer who has three years experience in a similar position in British East Africa, and another who will have practical experience in the cultivation of rubber trees in Ireland, and includes five additional officers, one who has seven years practical experience in growing in Scotland and the other four having qualified as Agricultural Assistants at an Agricultural College.

It will be noticed that as soon as their training is completed the allowances of each of these officers will be increased to £175. per year for two years, and a training grant will also be payable of £50. per year.

We need only add that it is important in order that a start be made in British East Africa in due season, that no time is lost in completing the necessary steps to start the enterprise.

We have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

W Hughes Ridge

Chairman for Committee.