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Kikuyu Native Reserve

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previous Paper

Hopes that reserves when once allocated  
should be secure from alienation  
to white settlers.

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Mr. Gwiddle.

The Governor's last letter  
on the land settlement scheme  
gives the districts which the farms  
will be & enquires as to whether  
that the local Govt are sound on  
the question of the Kikuyu reserve.  
As to looking with regard to native  
reserves please see Ex/10217 at the  
bottom of this bundle.

? Ask. what. may that the Govt  
is taking a long time to settle formally  
by Gazette. the native reserves were  
Part II of the Land Laws  
1915. as that land  
included within the reserve will  
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subsequent Paper.

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# The Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society

(in which are incorporated the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society and the Aborigines Protection Society)

DENISON HOUSE.

VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD.

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 RE LONDON S.W.  
 (RECEIVED) 1 MAY 1919  
 (CLOSE TO VICTORIA STATION)

Secretaries: Messrs. Dutton, M.A.

and Mrs. Harris

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1st May, 1919.

To

The Rt. Hon. Secretary, G.C.B. G.C.M.G.  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.

Our Committee has been watching with concern the  
 operations in British East Africa with reference to native  
 land and labour, more particularly the proposal to reduce the  
 Kikuyu reserve, and we beg leave again to emphasize  
 the principle which should in our opinion be applied to  
 all native reserve lands: namely -

That <sup>when</sup> once native reserves have been allotted to  
 aboriginal tribes the title to them should be a secure one,  
 and that portions of reserve land should only be alienable from  
 the natives for indispensable public works, and then only upon  
 the same conditions as those applying to the alienation of  
 lands occupied by White Settlers.

In view of the local agitation, we beg to ask that  
 the Society may be allowed to express through you its warm  
 appreciation to the Governor, Sir Edward Northey, for his atti-  
 -tude upon this question as expressed in the following words -  
 "Take the Kikuyu reserve, you cannot in justice, as far as  
 I can see, straight away take a ten mile strip along the  
 Railway and give it to soldier settlers....." We welcome  
 this declaration because it appears to negative the bare-  
 faced proposals which have been made for the expropriation

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of thousands of Kikuyu natives from their tribal lands, contrary to Government pledges, for the purpose of providing areas for soldier settlement.

At the same time we beg to urge that, in any local enquiry which may be made as to the adequacy and suitability of the reserves, the membership of any Commission appointed for the purpose should include those who have made special study of, or been responsible positions for, Native Affairs.

We desire to emphasize this latter point in view of the extremely two-fold speech made by Major Grogan on behalf of the settlers in February last, in welcoming Sir Edward Northey upon his arrival in the Protectorate. The fact that this offensive speech, delivered in terms of a barbaric ultimatum, has been received with an large measure of local approval has greatly deepened the concern of our Society for the welfare of the African subjects of the King, and also on behalf of the Indian immigrants in the East African Protectorate.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants

*Maxwell Stewart*

Secretary.

*John P. ...*

Organising Secretary.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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The Secretary  
Anti Slavery Heliconian  
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Order 30432

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13<sup>th</sup> May 1919

- Mr. P. M. ... 7 May 1919
- Mr. Calder, s. s. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Grubb.
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. ...
- Sir G. ...
- Col. A. ...
- Lord ...

Off for 500. 14 May 1919

I am to look the sub  
 of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> of May  
 to inform you that the Govt of  
 the C.A.P. is taking or has  
 taken steps formally to  
 Gazette the native reserves  
 under Part VII of the  
 Crown Lands Ordinance 1915, so  
 that land included within  
 them will be secured from  
 alienation except in the areas

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contemplated in Sec 56 of the Ordinance  
of the Indiana  
A copy is herewith enclosed for  
your review & return

Wm. C. CRIDDLE

British East African Sisal Producers London Committee.

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CAPEL HOUSE

11, NEW BROAD STREET

LONDON. 2nd May 1919.  
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HP/AB

W. G. Bottomley, Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
WHITEHALL, S. W.

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Dear Sir,

E. E. A. Fibre & Industrial Company, Ltd.  
AFRICAN HEMP & LIME COMPANY, LTD.  
AFRICAN HEMP & LIME CO., LTD.  
FIBRE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Applications are being made to the Treasury, Capital Issues Department, (Form No. 2 - Existing Company desiring to raise fresh Capital), for permission to issue shares of the above Companies. In the Treasury Form, Paragraph 10(b), it is stated that it is desirable to give the names of any individual officials at the Government Departments who are conversant with the subject of the application, and the above Companies will be very much obliged, should the Treasury apply to you, if you will kindly support the Applications.

The importance of the cultivation of Sisal hemp is probably so well recognised now, that it should hardly be necessary to substantiate the importance of the British Empire being able to produce sufficient Sisal for its own requirements.

We are attaching to the separate applications by these four





War Office,

(Raw Materials Department),

Imperial House,

Tothill Street,

Westminster, S.W.1.

9th March, 1918.

Ref: R.M.S./1216(8).

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British East Africa Sisal Hemp Plantations

I am directed to refer to your letter of 16th ulto. and to subsequent personal representations regarding difficulties encountered in obtaining Priority Certificates and export Licenses necessary machinery and material for established Sisal Hemp plantations in British East Africa.

I am to state that it is the view of the Department that the production of Sisal Hemp in British East Africa is of very great importance for essential national purposes and particularly so for the production of Binder Twine for the Harvesting of the Grain in the United Kingdom.

The Department is responsible for the supply of the raw material used in the manufacture of the Binder Twine and the greatest difficulty is being experienced in securing sufficient quantities for the purposes.

The production in the Philippine Islands of the grades of Sisal Hemp suitable for the purpose show a considerable falling during the past year.

Sisal Hemp is the most suitable fibre for the manufacture of Binder Twine and it is the desire of the Department that the greatest possible quantity should be produced and transported to the country.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) George Malcolm,

for Director of Raw Materials

Mr. J. H. Swan, Esq.,

4, Queen Victoria Street,

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War Office,  
(Raw Materials Department),  
Imperial House,  
Tothill Street,  
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10th March, 1918.

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Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) [Signature]  
for Director of Raw Materials

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Colonial Office  
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Downing Street,

May, 1919.

Dear Mr. Portlock,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd of May about the Steel Companies applications to the Capital Issues Department.

We have not yet received, either officially or un-officially, any reference from the Treasury on these cases, but I think you may be assured that they will receive all the support here which it is practicable for us to give.

(Signed) W. C. Bottomley