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Beckett May 19

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Lord Kitchener's Land Settlement  
Scheme

Submits further particulars, & endorses  
Circular reply to applicants under the scheme.  
Requests interview

Mr. Washington, Mr. Girdlestone  
Col. Aldery  
Your note of the interview with  
Col. Army is attached. The only other  
points which I think have to be considered  
are

- (1) Are we to be satisfied with the  
Committee's sifting out of candidates  
or are they to pass to selection  
Board contemplated in Ex/150 (2/19)?
- (2) Is Lord Kitchener to give  
priority of selection of land?
- (3) Are we to try to encourage the  
candidates to have self-financing  
estates, so that they can, as the  
instructs, cooperate on factories, &c?

I think the answers should be

- (1) No (2) No (3) Yes — and

Subsequent Paper.

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It might be well to telegraph to the Lord  
to that effect? Lord Kitchener was to  
discuss with him in a moment.

- I attach a letter from Lord K  
published in this morning's Daily News  
You will see that he designs to the  
£500,000 which his Committee have  
given up - or has longer ago -
- (2) He looks the place as a whole  
man's country
  - (3) He writes of a steady supply of good  
labour
  - (4) He puts his Committee out of action  
by appointing candidates to work to him  
at his own expense

I agree. W. L. 13.2.19.

I think Lord Kitchener's letters are  
calculated to do more mischief than the  
acts of many fraudulent persons, & I suggest  
for Mr. Cairns' comfort that it is a matter  
for concern whether the Govt. Emigration Committee  
ought not to issue a definite warning  
in the Press - considering that we regard  
Lord Kitchener's letters (his name need  
not be mentioned) as a wickedly optimistic &  
misleading.

An immense number of officers who want to  
emigrate are turning their backs to E.A.G.  
the exclusion of the same. W. L. 13.2.19.

The proper course would be to issue a statement  
that Lord Kitchener's scheme is not official  
& that the Postoffice <sup>cannot take</sup> ~~is not~~  
responsible for it, it seems to me

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Col Army

14/2

I think a telegram should be sent to the General  
in the name of Mr Bottomley's committee, I propose  
giving a <sup>general</sup> warning in my name to Col Army  
Herbert on the 17<sup>th</sup>, but would wait a little  
longer before issuing any specific warning or  
disclaimer aimed at Lord K's scheme

JJA  
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LORD KITCHENER'S EAST AFRICAN LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME.

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Working Committee.

- Major E. A. Bockart R.G.A. (R of C)
- Major M. G. Wetherell R.A.M.C.
- Major H. M. Douglas R.F.A.
- Lieut. O. H. Barrisdell R.N.R.
- Lieut. E. Nisbet R.A.F.
- Capt. Hoehra.
- Lieut. Danlow R.H.A.
- Lieut. Donnett R.N.R.

Chairs 19  
Hon. Sec.

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*Date of Meeting*  
*Oct 2 1915*  
2, St. Mary's Mansions,  
Paddington, W.2.

The above working Committee has been formed to organize Lord Kitchener's East African Land Settlement Scheme, for Officers and men of the United Services. Several hundreds of letters have been received so they think it best to give a general reply touching most of the important points raised.

The Scheme is intended only for men with a small capital and not for those who can afford to farm on a much larger scale.

Lord Kitchener is strongly of the opinion that a single man who goes out to East Africa determined to work hard, live hard, and does not drink or indulge in other luxuries should make good in ten years with a Capital of £500.

The Committee have consulted several experienced settlers and is told by most of them that Lord Kitchener has taken an extremely optimistic figure and that far more Capital is required.

They feel it is premature to make a definite statement as to the Capital they consider necessary owing to the fact that the Government has made no definite statement regarding grants of land to Sailors and Soldiers.

In the event of failure to obtain a free grant of land from the Government the present scheme must inevitably fall through.

Lord Kitchener's idea is to assist Officers and men to help each other, and themselves to obtain a reasonably comfortable living (with prospects) under as pleasant conditions as possible.

Co-operation in machinery, stores, transport etc. is essential and the success of a Soldier and Sailor settlement.

What the Committee propose to do is to make a list of names of possible starters, which they will send to Lord Kitchener, who left for East Africa a month ago, giving full details of each applicant (a form is enclosed) and he will approach the Governor who is leaving shortly, on behalf of the settlers, and if possible get them a prior claim for any Government land. The first list has already been sent.

The following details cover most of the important questions raised by enquiry:-

- (1) The Climate will be suitable for white men and women. Women and children should not be present.



- (2) The land will be virgin land, and can be easily cleared. It is hoped to obtain 1000 acres at least for each settler.
- (3) It is understood that native labor can be obtained at a cheap price.
- (4) Milk is at present very profitable. The main source of milk will be obtained on co-operative lines. There is a good local market for food stuffs. A return may be expected in 18 months.
- (5) It is hoped that social conditions will ultimately be much better, much better than in the case of past new settlements.
- (6) An immediate knowledge of farming is not essential. The farming can be studied in this country, but general farming is better learnt on the spot. Lord Kitchener has promised facilities for a certain number to do so, if they apply to him personally on arriving at Umkomaas.
- (7) It will be necessary at first to live in huts for two years until one can afford to build a house, the cost of which will vary.
- (8) The best books to obtain in which all other questions are answered is "Farming and Planning in S.E.A." by Rowland, published by the Dept. of Agriculture, S.E.A.

P.S. As the clerical work is considerable and no funds are available it would assist the scheme if intending applicants enclosed stamped, addressed envelopes.

PROPOSED SCHEME TO ASSIST SETTLEMENT  
FOR DISCHARGED OFFICERS, N.C.O.'S & MEN7155  
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Name (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Present Location \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Record \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Experience  
and Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Where Educated \_\_\_\_\_

Married or Single \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Capital available  
for investment in  
Scheme \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

How do you expect to be able to sail? \_\_\_\_\_

Please state below and sign if you definitely intend to settle in  
East Africa on the land if granted.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Galleney  
Secretary

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Understand that disband

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condemned

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letter from him published  
 10 January 1938  
 account of products of men  
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