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M. J. G. G. G.

Baker G.S

Land Settlement

1919

26. July

Last previous paper
No
27700

Draft spread with farm allotted - requests
like exchange - that same may be
entered for London Registry

~~Sir H. Reed~~

~~Colonel Asery~~

Capt. Baker called on Colonel Asery on the
5th to plead his case, and Colonel Asery sent for me.

He was informed that it was impossible to
work the Settlement Scheme on any but mechanical lines,
and that we could not recognise hard cases under it.
He was told he must, in the first instance, try to
exchange his farm in the ordinary way. At first
he demurred to this but came back and told me that he
would take steps at once, and that if he failed the
question of special treatment would be taken up. He
was promised that a despatch would be sent to the Gov.
drawing attention to his case now, so that, if special
treatment was necessary and possible when he arrived
in E.A., there would be no loss of time.

I submit draft despatch to the Gov. and have also
drafted to Capt. Baker himself.

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... to Capt. Baker ...
... for Capt. Baker ...

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S. J. G. G. G.
27/10/19

Downing Street,

31st July, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th of July, addressed to the Secretary of the East Africa Land Settlement Selection Board, I am directed by Viscount Milner to inform you that he has considered your case, and after consulting the Selection Board, has decided that, as you have been successful in the lottery held at Nairobi, your name cannot be included in the London lottery for the allocation of farms under the East African Land Settlement Scheme.

2. It will be open to you, however, in view of the fact that the farm which you have allotted is unsuitable for your purposes, to endeavour to effect an exchange with any other allottee under the scheme, provided that any such exchange is notified to the Governor by the 1st of July 1921.

3. As regards any payments that may have been made in respect of the farm originally allotted to you,

you

AIN G. S. BAKER.

will be in the same position as any other allottees
is able to effect an exchange, but it is not yet known
arrangements the Governor contemplates with regard
to allotments made in such cases.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signature)

July 19/19

Sir,

G.S. Baker

28/7/19

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With ref to your letter of the 26th of July, addressed to the Secy of the S.A. L.S. Bd. I am to inform you that your case, has been considered by the Selection Board, and after consulting the Selection Board, has decided that, as you have been successful in the lottery held at Nairobi, your name cannot be included in the London lottery for the allocation of farms under the East African Land Settlement Scheme.

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is notified to the Gov. by the 1st of
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as any other allottee who is able to
effect an exchange. As regards ~~the~~ any
payments that may have been made
in respect of the farm originally allotted
to you, but it is not yet known what
arrangements the Gov. contemplates
with regard to payments made in such
cases.

I am etc.

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After considering Capt. G.S. Baker's letter of July 26th, the Selection Board recommend, subject to the decision of the S.P.S., that

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(1) Capt. Baker should be permitted to exchange his farm, after the allotment, in the ordinary way, if he can.

(2) That his application to the London Board should be cancelled.

His third point they do not consider to be in their province.

? So reply.

(2) Agree

Say that his position will be the same as that of any other successful applicant who is able to effect an exchange but that it is not known what arrangements the Govt. contemplate as to payments made in such cases. CW 28/7/19

C.G.J. 28/7/19

RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

C/o. Mr. Lucas

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The Secretary
East Africa Land Settlement Scheme
57 & 59 Victoria St.

With reference to your letter of 27
dated 3rd July, informing me that my
application has been passed for inclusion
in the lottery.

I have just recd a cable from my solicitors
in Nairobi informing me that they had put
forward my name in the Nairobi lottery in
1879 & that I have been allotted £200
to participate.

There is a very poor farm & subject to me
as I require a farm for stock raising which
I have been studying for some time.

Will you kindly allow me to -

- 1) to exchange it for an estate for farm.
- 2) If not will you allow my name to stand
in the London lottery.
- 3) Will you allow the same fund in
connection with farm £200 to be
deducted from sums which will be due
on any farm I may draw in the
London lottery.

In any case the £200 to be
remembered as it is useless to me.
I should like to point out that
it is not in any way my fault that
I was included in the two lotteries. I
instructed my solicitors in Nairobi last
18 to put my name forward if the
land was included in the lottery.

held in hand, & to generally look
after my interests & secure what
chance for me they could. At that
time the Colonial office could not
inform me what they were going
to do with regard to the Soldier
Settlement Scheme.

As soon as I heard that
there was a lottery in two places I
called to find out what had
happened & have just recd the
reply which I immediately
reported.

I leave the honour to
be

Sir

Your obedt servant

Geo. S. Baker.

Mr. Bottonley

Capt. J. S. Baker called this afternoon saying that he had just heard from his solicitor at Nairobi that he has been allotted farm 720 B locally. He does not want the farm, as it is quite unsuited to his purpose (flax growing). It is strange that he should have been admitted to the local allotment, as in other similar cases applicants have been informed that they must apply to London, and their local application has been ignored, in accordance with the arrangement suggested by the Gov.

Capt. Baker has since been selected by the Board here for inclusion in the London lottery.

My own suggestion is that he should be allowed to pick a good flax farm row out of the London allotment in place of 720, but I am afraid this would not be fair to other London applicants.

Saying this there are two alternatives - (a) His London application should be recalled, and he should be told that he must try

to arrange an exchange locally before the 1st

July 1921

He should be told that he may surrender his right to a farm from the local allotment and should take his chance in the London lottery with others.

I think (b) is the most we could do for him, and I think it would be fair, but apparently his instructions to his solicitor were

~~not~~ given when it was thought that all the farms would be allotted locally, and he did not intend to put in two applications.

I do not think, however, that he should be included in the London lottery unless

definitely cancels his local application first.

Proceed as at (b).

Mr. Jeffries

1/1 25/7/14

I agree to (b) if the Board see no objection. I have asked the Board, but they have not yet decided. I have written to the Board on 25.7.14.

to the conditions of his employment) was militating against his usefulness in the public service. When the war broke out he offered himself for military service, in spite of his infirmity, and I observe from a letter of the 2nd of January 1915 from Brigadier-General Tigue to the G.O.C., E.A., that he was specially thanked for his services in the Carrier Corps. After being invalided from military service in E.A. he received a Commission in the Royal West Surrey Regt. and served in this country for the remainder of the war.

3. There is clearly some ground for his view that his services, civil and military, give him a claim on the Govt. of the E.A.P. which is of a different kind from that of other applicants under the Land Settlement Scheme, and at the time of Capt. Baker's first application I considered that if he were not successful in the lottery there would be grounds for representing the case to you for such special treatment as it might be in your power to give after the Settlement Scheme was closed.

4. The position is changed through his having been successful in the Nairobi lottery, and by his

having, through his solicitors, been allotted a farm under the Scheme. This farm, as you will observe, is unsuitable for his requirements, and he fears that, in view of the nature of the land (with which he is personally acquainted) he will find it impossible to exchange it for a more suitable area. Capt. Baker has recently represented his case orally at this Office, and although he will make every endeavour to effect an exchange in the ordinary course, he asks that, if he finds this impossible, he may receive a special grant of land suitable for flax growing.

5. He has been informed that no promise of the kind can be given, but that the case would be put to you. He expects to leave this country in the latter part of September and will raise the question on his arrival in E.A.

6. While it is clearly impossible to under the Settlement Scheme to recognise

the existence of hard cases, it must be
expected that a number of cases presenting
special features will require consideration
after the senate is closed, and I should be glad if
you will give to Capt. Baker's application as
favourable consideration as is possible in connec-
~~tion with any special measures which may be required~~
~~for dealing with exceptional cases.~~

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12th August 1819

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William G.S. Baker

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- Mr. Pakenham 7/18/19
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. Gortale
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Boscawen
- Sir G. Fildes
- Col. Amery
- Lord Minto

With ref. to the letter
 from the Dept. of
 the 31st of July and
 to your interview with
 Col. Amery on the 5th
 of August, I am to
 inf. you that he has
 communicated with
 the Governor of the
 S.A.P. regarding your
 application for special
 treatment, in view of
 your past service
 under the Protectorate
 Govt., should you
 find yourself unable

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to exchange for a farm
more suited to our
purpose the farm
no. 720/B which has
been
have received as a
request of the Nairobi
allotment under the
Settlement Scheme for
G. Garcia was.

2. It is understood that
you are taking immediate
steps ~~with a view~~ to
effect an exchange of
homestead, that you
expect to leave for
G. Garcia in about my
baby and that on your
arrival of

3. I am to say
You are aware that it
is not possible to give
exceptional treatment to
particular cases under the
Settlement Scheme, and
the Executive Director, after that
Scheme is closed, you application
can be referred to the
Council must be left to

The Governor's
Signature

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