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LAND CLAIM OF THE WATCHAM FAMILY

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22nd June

Trs at request of their client, Mr S.W. Watcham,
papers as to delay in settling matters.

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Mr. Read.

Mr. Boston Swift has told me a
conversation that the Watcham are
blameless people; but always engaged
in litigation with their neighbors. They
rest with the Govt. as one of their
neighbors is both English. Their life
is not devoid of incident.

We state that they have waited
15 years for the question to be settled
because of that of justice. They
never say they waited 7 years so
that there was a question.

I believe that the S.W. Watcham
has been in the Govt. papers for some
years. The name of the
claim is...

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LONDON, W. 1.
SOLE AGENTS FOR THE
WEST INDIES, CARIBBEAN,
AND SOUTH AMERICA.

3, East India Avenue,
AND 6, LIME STREET,

London, June 27 1914



The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State
For the Colonies
Downing Street

Sir, We are requested by
our client Mr. S. S. Watcham
to send you the enclosed letter,
and copy letter from the
Attorney General of British
West Africa to Mr. Watcham's
solicitor.

We are ~~Sir~~

Your obedient servants

Thompson, Quarrell & Jones

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Nairobi, B.E. Africa

May 15th 1911

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To

The Right Hon'ble Lewis Harcourt
H.M.S Secretary of State for the Colonies
Downing Street London

Concerning the petition submitted by
S. D. Watcham and Miss May Watcham
on behalf of themselves and their two sons
& sisters to H.M.S Secretary of State for
the Colonies, on the 1st day of November, 1903.

The petitioners beg to inform the
Right Hon'ble Secretary of State for the
Colonies that it is now over seven months
since the above petition was submitted and
that up to date they have heard nothing with
regard to same.

That, owing to this delay, they are being put
to considerable pecuniary loss. First through
having no further land to cultivate, the small
area allowed them by the Government of
British East Africa, having all been taken
up and planted over or otherwise utilized,
and it not being sufficient to maintain &
support the number of occupants, being as
stated in the aforementioned petition,
not even two homesteads. Secondly, by
having to apply for further postponements
of the appeal case lodged by them in the local
Courts. In connection with this, a copy of a
letter from the Attorney General of British
East Africa, is enclosed.

The petitioners, who have united

waited

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fifteen years for this question to be settled, beg that a favourable reply be given to their petition

For which they will be ever grateful

S^d M. to L. am.

~~Copy of letter from the Attorney General~~
13th Africa to Mr. C. M. Dalal, Solicitors
for Messrs. W. & C. Cham

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Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have received a letter from the Asst. Attorney General in which he states the Governor desires the hearing of the Appeal filed by your client, Mr. W. & C. Cham, to be postponed until he receives orders from the Colonial Office

I gather that the representation to the Colonial Office must be with a view to a settlement, although I have no definite information on the point.

Will you kindly inform me if you agree to the proposed adjournment of the hearing? if so will you apply to the Court, you have my authority for saying that I consent

I am, Sir, etc.

J. W. Barthe

I remain

Yours faithfully
13th March 1881

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~~Mr.~~ Gentlemen,

Mrs Thompson,
Quarrell and Jones

I am directed by Mr. Secretary
Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 22nd of June
and to inform you that
his decision with
regard to the claim of
the Messrs and Messrs
Witcham has already

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- Mr. *Harcourt* 26/6/14
- Mr. *Bottomley* 26/6/14
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Mr. Bottomley

£ submitted as directed.
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been sent to the Gov.
of the Lab^r and has
no doubt already
been communicated to
your Minister

For the Secy