

with a view to finding out the prospects
of employment for those who were not able
to get a share of land. His point
of view is that anything of the kind is
to be done, it should be while the
country is still in the hands of the
Government. It is not an official
business of the Government to provide
transport for the people.

It is desirable to suggest that
there will be a large number of people
going out apart from the other two schemes
as soon as the shipping restrictions permit.
Whether it is the 1,000 or 200, when the
scheme will provide for the first 1000
to introduce into the country, also present
a new source of labour & transport difficulties.

It is a point that must be considered,
and it is from this point of view that
the report on the suggested commission
would be most valuable. If they find
that there are plenty of openings, so much
the better; if on the other hand they
find that the country must be allowed
to develop more before a large number of
immigrants are introduced, this view

Apart from A, as to which I think it
very doubtful whether the arrangements
already in view will not take us
too far, we are proposing more to
get rid of all the surplus land, &
do not suppose that there is any
material extent of land ^{suitable} ~~available~~
unoccupied. There is however
a certain amount of private land
in the market, but I am not
inclined to take any active part
in securing high prices for the same
by encouraging ex-cessive bidding.
Proposed action modified accordingly.

L.C.S. 7.5.19

My friend

It appeared to me from page 2 of this
letter that Capt. Jones was contemplating the
despatch of quite a large expeditionary force,
but Mr Holtmley assures me, like me he does
not think Mr Jones contemplates the sending
of more than a dozen men in all.

So that ~~consequently~~ I see no objection if we
will finance the travelling expenses - but I think
we should make it clear in writing to the
L.O. that the number contemplated is about
twelve & also that the country is not suitable

*The figure
quite arbitrary
throughout

for settlers with a capital of less than £500.

T.C.R. 10/6/19

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My feeling is that I Africa will have
enough to do to attract without disaster
the settlers under the first scheme and
that it would be bad policy to
encourage any measure that might lead
to a rush of settlers.

From the point of view it would be
best to discourage both schemes altogether.
But that may be thought objectionable
if it is held that one or other might be found
favourable to try out the land.

Y.S.

11.6.19

Col. Amery

As to your view on
proposed stage I had to consider if
any have any strong lead

to suggest that ...
a ...
ought to ...
from ...
Agree ... 11/6/19

Mr. Rottmley Mr. H. [unclear] Mr. J. Fiddle

129th St.

Please see attached letter from Mr. Jones. He evidently wants us to send him out, or yet W.O. to send him to Egypt as an official advisor on the question of settlement in East Africa, if his main scheme is not approved by W.O.

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5/1/19

I agree. It must be some time before we have much land to dispose of, and I hope that we shall be able to get it at full value. It may well be that the first lot will have to be sold at £500,000 for the value of the land service here, & that is nearly enough. If all the service is

by auction as soon as possible it
seems to follow that we should not
take any special steps to acquire 633
any particular class of man, as we
have been made on the very person
Sullivan

Oct 18 25

A. J. R.

10/19

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[Handwritten mark]

way & at present I am full
but otherwise will be disadvantaged
It is a chance for to get amongst
the military.

Would you kindly pass on the
enclosed letter to the officer dealing
with appointments in S.E.A
or D.E.A. Thank you for your past
help I am,

Yours truly
R. Dennis Jones

Attachments
The Secretary
Wing Station in Force

at Greenhall
Forest Row
Sussex.

July 29. 1919

Dear Mr. Jeffries

I have seen the War Office
again about the East African
affair, & while it has
remained sufficient from the
Military Section, (rather
favour it will be turned
down by the Financial
Section. That of course is

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Always the difficulty, though
when the War Office should
object to spending a few £00
in helping the officers' wives
in their future welfare, after
they have given all for their
Country. But so it is.

The Colonial office already has
its scheme going forward.
I suppose I would be of use
to you in any way.

I am not demobilized yet &
might be of use to you if
sent out to Egypt. You have
only to ask the Intelligence

Department for me & they
could lead me, but it
must be done soon or I shall
ask to be demobilized.
How could it do to send
me out to Egypt (if you
want help in that way)
& in least men & to clear
the air there. There is no

official or department to
meet the men there & they
are extremely keen about it.

But this is only a suggestion
which may not meet with

Your approval, as you

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copy

To: The Under Secretary
The Colonial Office
London W.C.

Imperial Club
Aldwych Mansions
Victoria Street S.W.

June 5th 1919
East African Land Settlement for Ex-soldiers

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Sir. I beg to put before you the following suggestions with regard to Land Settlement in East Africa. I may say, having spent 2 1/2 years in the Country with the Forces, that I am interested in the Scheme for Soldier Settlement & have even put forth a scheme to General Allenby for taking Officers from the Egyptian Expeditionary Force to see the land, to settle if possible, & to make a report for the use of ex-soldiers in the Forces.

~~Now~~ This scheme was acceptable to the Colonial Office, but no more has been done since, though I have made further inquiries through the War Office.

Considering the interest shown in the Scheme & the Land question in E. Africa, I would propose that some such scheme should be applied generally now.

There are many applications made at home
& inquiries are constant, both at home & abroad.
Egypt & other foreign centres are at a disadvantage
having no central office as in London to give
information so direct.

If an Army Commission were formed consisting of
an officer in charge, with powers from the War Office
and made up of other officers & men mobilized &
demobilized they might proceed at War Office
charges (as soldiers still) to Egypt & having
picked up the Egyptian contingent proceed
by the Nile to East Africa - with a view to
settlement & the relief of the country, drafting
a report for the use of soldiers who will be unable
to proceed for direct investigation.

The party in Egypt was made up when I was
there - G. H. C. & Schellars D.A.G. has the
names in file already. I would support the Nile

as helpful to men settling in such countries, showing
them the methods of travel & also disclosing
some of the disadvantages of long distances & it
might be productive of suggestions for the opening
up of the route for trade & commerce. 611

This Commission if given full powers & free passages
by the War Office could travel much easier than
any civilian can travel today & I feel it is the
duty of the War Office to assist the officers & men
in such a way towards their settlement in
private life, after their sacrifices that they have
made.

The great advantage of the scheme to me is that it would
give other men officers an unbiased opinion from
the soldiers point of view & would therefore prevent
much unnecessary correspondence & interviewing
at the other centres of application
with the full assistance of the War Office authorities
recognizing ^{that} demobilized men ^{require} indulgence & passages

much might be done to tide over the difficulties
of transport which at the time are so great.
Whereas at present individual efforts are being
made by officers & men to settle in the country
by this scheme, a more corporate system would
benefit the majority.

Such a scheme would I feel sure ^{gain} the approval
of the General as that in 1917 did of General
Allenby who was so anxious to see his men &
officers settled. Many of these men are now in
Egypt & Palestine still hoping for such an
opportunity which I trust will be granted them
with dispatch on their behalf.

Yours truly,

Your obedient servant

B. Dennis Jones
Capt. O.B.

P.S. It might be necessary
the same Commission might
concern itself with settlement in
S. Africa & other African lands.

The Commission of Enquiry is not done
I might be penalized &
then I should not be of much
use to you. You see besides
leaving the County funds well
& people there, I could
reconst. parties out easily
via the Nile as per. Allenby
suggested. The above address
will find me at 1. Canal Camp
down to Town if you wish
me. The train Saturday till
after lunch Tuesday & Wednesday
I shall be at 65 Ardwick Green
Manchester

The Rectory
Wincanton, Wiltshire
June 11. 1919.

Dear Mr. Jeffries
You may have seen the
letter I sent to the Under
Secretary regarding B. E. A.
& the Sudan. If there is any
chance of a scheme being
put forward I hope there
will be officers available
to assist in the work. I
am sure you will be able to
find the necessary information
for the Sudan.

shoes to get into under the
scheme - The War Office have
found we will answer yet to
my inquiries regarding your
letter transmitting the scheme -
If anything comes of it is it
likely to be done early
you let me know please as I am now under the
impression that I can be of any
use to you I think I can
be of great assistance if
you wish it, I could arrange
them with regard to the

Carrying on in the Army for
a bit. If not already done
could you not suggest now
that I should act as a
go between with you & the
Army. The War Office
could give me much to let
as I am now under the
impression that I can be of any
use to you I think I can
be of great assistance if
you wish it, I could arrange
them with regard to the

If you agree we to come
up I could easily join there
It might be as well to
come personally to see
the W.C. & the Colonial
Office - If you have no
Military officers to act as
intermediary I feel I could
visit greatly. But you
will know best though I

feel it is a matter of such
importance having moved
I am sure sufficient for

the past 4 1/2 years.

Circle of luminous beings
means that you will meet
him & believe.

I am very true

B. DeWitt Jones, ONE
with

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E. Africa

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June 1919

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The Sec.

W.O.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jeffries 27/6/19
- Mr. Parkinson 17/6/19
- Mr. Pottamley 18/6/19
- Mr. Grindle
- Sr. H. Lambert
- Sr. H. Read
- Sr. G. Folds
- Col. Amey
- Lord Milner

With ref. to your letter No. 0165/554 (A.G. 4f) of the 13th of March, I am now to transmit to you, to be laid before the C.C., the enc. copy of a letter from the Rev.

B. Dennis Jones, O.B.E., C.B., and another, for a scheme for the visit of a party of officers & men to the B.A.P.

with a view to ascertaining the

possibilities of the County

for settlement from the point

of view of the 10 soldiers.

It is now too late for a

Commissioner, such as is suggested by

his terms to be of service in advising

settlers who are allotted farms

under the E.A.C. Land Act.

25/6
 I see that the land
 of 1000 acres
 shall be
 we are
 considering
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 150 (see page 5)
 (24047)
 signed to [unclear]

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scheme for ex-service men, which is about to
be published, and Lord Milner is not
aware of any likelihood of further
extensive areas of unoccupied Crown land
in the tropics being available for settlement.
Land held already in private ownership
will probably command high prices in
future, and even increase in the
number of settlers must necessitate the
recourse to native labour, which is already
serious. His Lordship is aware, however,
of the interest which is being taken throughout
H.M.'s forces in the question of settlement
in the F.A. after the war, and he
considers that a visit to the country by
a Commissioner such as is suggested, ^{might}
be of great value in advising those ex-service
men who contemplate settling in the country,
but who will not be provided for by the
measurably limited settlement scheme, ^{to be published} ^{and} ^{to} ^{be} ^{published}
upon the advantages and disadvantages
of the tropics from the ex-service man's point
of view; but at the same time it should be made clear
to all concerned that the land is not considered suitable for
settlement by persons who do not possess a capital of at least

3. In these circumstances Lord Milner
is disposed to recommend the
proposed
suggestion to the favourable consideration

of the A.C.; & ^{he} would suggest
that, if they are prepared to
entertain it, they should
communicate with Mr. Jones
direct, with a view to the
necessary arrangements being
made. The total number of

the party should not, in Lord
Milner's opinion, exceed six
at most, and three or four
would no doubt be sufficient
for the purpose.

~~It is clear that all concerned~~

DRAFT.

MINUTE.

Mr.
Mr.
Mr.
Mr. Grindle.
Sir H. Lubbock.
Sir H. Ross.
Sir G. Pender.
Col. Ainery.
Lord Milner.

~~that the P.O. is not suitable for~~
~~settlement by persons who do not~~
~~possess a license of a certain~~
kind. The Govt. of the Prot. would
be doubtless afford all facilities for
the visit, subject to the conditions
stated in the letter from this Dept.
of the 2nd of April, in reply to
your letter referred to above.

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Lord Milner will be glad to
learn ^{in regard to} ~~what views~~ ^{of the A.C. take of}
the proposal, and what action, if
any, they propose to take in the
matter.

Yours
W. G. GRINDLE

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The Rev. B. Dennis Jones, S. L. C.

June 1919

to

have etc. to ask the receipt
of your letter of the 5th inst.
relating to
~~the subject of~~ land
settlement for ex-soldiers in
E. Africa, with a view to
that this is in connection
with the Dept. on the subject

12D 18/6/19

to B. Dennis Jones 18/6/19

for commission

25/6

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Wm. G. BRINDLE

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6th June 1919

B. D. Jones
O.B.S., C.F.

Sir,

With ref to your

suggestion that you might

be employed in connection

with ...

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2/8/19

Baltimore 2/8/19

of the ... of ...

the ... of ...

for the settlement of ...

the ... of ...

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the manner ...

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