

settle them on the estate. Besides, even if I did, they wouldn't stay there. If the Syndicate dug wells in the first instance they might regard the matter more favourably.

3. Mr. Jones informs me ^{that} it would not pay to give wages more than 25 cents per lb. of wet rubber. At one time, when the price of rubber was high, the Malindi planters paid as much as 60 cents per lb. Natives do not realize the fluctuation of market prices - consequently 25 cents per lb. does not attract them. Malindi plantations pay, I believe, 30 cents per lb. They get good results from other natives but a very poor return from Wanyika.
4. The correspondence from London is dated in September. Less than a month after this Mr. Jones informed me no work was necessary until January next. He has however subsequently received orders to "start cleaning". With regard to cleaning and preventing the rubber from 'reverting into jungle' I should have thought that the 50 men p.m. which I guaranteed would have been sufficient - These would doubtless be supplemented by a few locally engaged Swahili who were unfit for the Carrier Corps. But for tapping on a large scale the Manager must look outside the Malindi district as the required supply is not there.

Sd/- Merwyn Beech.

13/12/15 District Commissioner.

P.S.

There were a certain number of Siriana refugees who were found on the Syndicate land and removed by my predecessor to the Reserve or rather to the area which it was proposed to grant to the Syndicate in exchange for their 5000 acres of bad land.

As there were settled beyond my temporary boundary I have not concerned myself with the matter.

Sd/- M. Beech