

1953

Kenya

No. 3231

SUBJECT

CO 533/437

Development of resources of the Tana River Basin.

Previous

See 15656/29

Subsequent

Sub file I. Agriculture

23104/34

Submit for conson. an application for the grant of £9,000 for the investigation & development of the latent resources of the Tanakvor Basin.

Authenticate sent  
to E.D.A.C.

All of the  
C.D.F. sent  
to the  
1/1/52

As would when applying for C.D.F. assistance, Kenya has failed to comply with instructions. Sh. Reine. to me.

Approved  
24/6/33

44/42 sent  
to Secy. C.D.A.C. 2  
3/6

20 OAG tele 140 - 1 amed - com - 26.6.33

Mr. Flood

This is, prima facie, a promising scheme, the general idea of which is already within the cognizance of the Chairman of the C.D.F.

Before the departmental memorandum is undertaken, it would be very helpful to have any comments from

- 1. Dr. Skilton, particularly as regards para 4.(B) & (d) of the report and sections 3-10 of Dr. Paterson's discussion Notes
- 2. Mr. Stubbins, on the agricultural possibilities (see especially Mr. Oates' & Mr. Buckley's Reports - last two enclosures)

(3) Sir John Campbell, who may be able to advise on the possibility of obtaining the desired experts from India, at the rate of remuneration suggested (p. 2 of Ganthamoni - first enclosure to the despatch). Alternatively we could approach I.O. officials on this point).

*[Signature]*  
29/6

It is somewhat difficult to see the wood for the trees in this long despatch and discursive enclosures.

The proposal is that the Colonial Development Fund be asked to supply a grant of £2,000 in order to enable the services of two experts from India to advise on the possible development of the Tana River. It appears from the enclosures that the Tana River flows through a potentially fertile soil, but that the people are very few in number and very backward, partly owing to neglect and partly owing to their physical condition, and it is hoped that with the development of the area the people's conditions will be improved both materially and morally, and that it may be possible to settle other natives in the region.

The title appears promising and certainly some intensification of the revenue system called for. Development in the report says that there was urgent need in the Tana River area

for the improvement of the health of natives, and he further emphasized the Tana region as an example of the neglect of the backward areas in Kenya which had been a feature of the administration, at any rate in recent years.

There is one interesting point in paragraph of Mr. Gates' memo, which is not mentioned in the other parts of it, and that is that in the lower portion of the area the river is above the level of the surrounding country. As far as I know this situation always leads to difficulty and trouble from the point of view of irrigation works, and one of the things to be guarded against is the risk of the lands becoming with considerable ~~irrigation~~ <sup>irrigation</sup> it appears that in places that the area round the river is under water for stretches ranging from 10 miles to 20 miles wide, which must militate against any kind of extensive agricultural development and it might well be that the expense of controlling the river will prove to be such as to put any development out of the question. That, however, is a question which remains to be seen, and it is in order to settle it that the assistance of the C.D. Fund is required. The application should be in of the 15th of it is to be before the Committee at its meeting of the 20th of July, so I fear I must ask for it to be treated as somewhat urgent.

*J. S. A. Flood*  
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St. Paternoster report is quite interesting though, as is usual with him, much too long. I agree with the Governor's summary of it in paragraphs 4 (b) and (d) of the despatch.

*H. J. 30*

The one essential point which Mr. Gates has omitted, and to which Mr. Flood directs attention, has reference to the inundations over the river banks. There is not reference to the depths of these inundations, and knowledge on this point is essential when considering agricultural development. Information on this point will, however, be secured by the irrigation engineer if it is proposed to secure. I am also not particularly happy in regard to the information contained in the memorandum of the Agricultural Chemist. Many difficulties have been experienced in irrigation schemes in India on account of alkaline soils, or by the accumulation of alkaline salts. In Sind, much trouble has been and is being experienced, whilst many of the difficulties now being experienced by the Sudan Plantations Syndicate are in some degree associated with an alkaline salt layer at varying depths below the surface soil.

It therefore appears to me that it is of

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far greater importance to have the area in the first instance properly surveyed and investigated by an experienced agricultural officer in association with the irrigation engineer rather than by an officer with settlement experience. It has to be decided whether the area is likely to be more suited for development by large scale capitalistic enterprise or by small peasant settlements, and it is very necessary that the agricultural possibilities should be examined in the fullest detail by an experienced agriculturist. Otherwise, we may have an enthusiastic report similar to that produced by Mr. Keating in British Guiana, whereas it has subsequently been established that the general fertility of the soil was so low that development on the lines he hoped for cannot be anticipated, or we may experience disappointments similar to those of the Sudan. There have been so many disappointments over irrigation schemes in areas with soils inclined towards alkalinity that the utmost caution is necessary. The association of an agriculturist with Indian, Egyptian, or Australian experience would, therefore, be most desirable, and if it is still thought necessary to provide for an Administrative Officer with settlement experience, I would suggest the addition of an experienced agriculturist to the Commission, and the provision of an additional £1,000 to the total grant sought from the C.D.A.C.

*F. R. Stoddale*

6th July, 1933.

*He was of British India agricultural officer and at D'Arca - who has experience of Sind through Malabar - H. J. Simpson who knows sugarcane, cotton & rice cultivation well, this figure might be reduced to £750.*



The prospects of an appn: to the C D A C seem distinctly favourable; this is the kind of scheme they like--developmental, striking out a new line, and with reasonable prospects.

The risk they would not mind, I think.

2. In this case, the best plan would I think be to approach the I O as regards experts. The conditions are peculiar; and they do not correspond to anything in Northern India--where I know the men, and could recommend with confidence.

It looks as if something on the lines of the Sindh and Bombay inundation canals would be required. I have no experience of that class of irrigation; and I don't know the men who are--or have been--working it,.

3. I'm afraid that any permanent scheme would probably entail large capital expenditure--probably very large. This is a big river, with two floods a year; and its raised bed must complicate matters, from some points of view. On the other hand, if the stream could be kept to its bed, it would probably facilitate things materially, reducing capital costs--apart from the measure to keep the stream in its bed--to a minimum. But all that is for the expert engineer.

4. I doubt if it is worth while to send out an Indian settlement expert at this stage. It seems to me he could be of little or no use, at any rate until we know, more or less, what land would be available. Then, and only then, would he come in. Further, an Indian expert would have no knowledge of the basic conditions:--the habits of the people, their potentialities, their cultivating methods over a reasonable period, their readiness to settle down in strange surround-

ings, their adaptability, and so on almost indefinitely. All that--settlement--is for a still distant future. And, even when the need for a settlement scheme did arise, if it ever does, I doubt if an Indian expert could help very much. He could assist in laying down sound general lines, but I don't think he could do much more.

I suppose I am one of the "experts" on settlement--we settled something like three-quarters of a million people in Greece--and it all comes back, essentially, to the character of the people, and to the maintenance of a sound general policy, against repeated efforts to break through such a policy. With much more recent <sup>experience</sup>, I think, than anyone else of "settlement", I'd be very sorry indeed to have to "advise" in this case!)

5. I'd, therefore, cut out the settlement expert, and send instead the agricultural officer that Mr. Stockdale suggests.

6. If retired men are chosen--and they are usually men with a much wider experience than acting men who could be got without heavy expenditure--the cost estimates ought easily to be worked to, I think. Probably something like £200 a month would be enough, plus trav. expenses and subsistence. £150 might prove sufficient. The 6-7-33.

Mr. Flood

We have discussed, and you agreed, I think, (a) that we shd. let. as in d. l. (b) that the submission to the C.D.A.C.

suppl  
4/7/33

could well be deferred until their September meeting; the intent being used to sound I.O. provisionally on the question of personnel

R. Austin  
6/7

11. P. Austin

I fully agree with Sir J. Campbell & Mr. Stockdale that a settlement officer is not required at present. There is more land than there are people so there is no settlement problem.

I don't expect much to come of it, i.e. the result of investigation will probably be to rule out the development of the Tana area except at a huge expense

Telegraph in draft

110. R.D. 77.

see  
7.7.33  
done

3. To Sir J. Campbell  
5th July

11. P. Austin 11th July 33  
State that an administrative settlement officer to supervise irrigation work was suggested by Sir J. Stockdale. Express what additional knowledge of agricultural conditions is required & state if it is considered that an agricultural officer with irrigation experience is necessary & suggest questions should be considered along with I.O. & T. & B. before a final decision is made.

R. Austin

5. To Sir J. Byrnes (I.O. & T. & B. exp) 21st June 33

6. To Sir J. Byrnes 1102  
Trans. 10 additional copies of No. 1. 30 June 33

Amint reply 5

R. Austin  
21st June

(110)

4. Sir J. Byrnes 21st July 33

State in outline agreement with views of Sir J. Campbell & Mr. Stockdale regarding the sending out of a special agricultural expert.

R. Austin

Approved

Mr. How

Perhaps Mr. Joffin will write to I.O.

as in 24.

R. Austin

21.10.

1/8

I have discussed this with Mr. Austin & Mr. Stockdale & have looked up some of our lists of irrigation officers. I understand that the problem is quite different from anything met with elsewhere in the Colonies, and that

no one in the Col Service has  
the requisite qualifications

J. Jeffries  
2/8/33.

8 To P. Smith (I.O.) Com. no 11/5/33

9. J.W. H. Smith (I.O.) 5<sup>th</sup> Aug '33.  
Considers that an irrigation expert & an agricultural  
officer could be obtained on the terms stated, but is doubtful  
whether Govt. of India would lend their serving officers &  
suggests retired officers would be equally satisfactory.

This is a point.  
It must be a point

Provided that they are medically fit to withstand  
the nature of the work in Transvaal, I see no  
reason why retired officers of 55-60 should not  
be just as suitable as younger men; and Mr.  
Jeffries might so reply, adding that we should  
not, however, be in a position to pursue the  
matter further until we have made sure  
that the necessary funds will be available.

Then write to Dept. for preparation of  
memo. for C.D.A.

Done  
J.J.

Yes: Kanga may think it will be easier to get  
serving people direct from India as I should like to  
send Mr. Moore a copy of 8, 9, & 10 simply. Please let  
me have the file for this end.

12.2.33  
10.8.

(N.E.: I took the opportunity today of mentioning to  
Sir David Blakely the proposed substitution  
of an agricultural officer for the settlement officer.  
He raised no objection, but expressed the  
view that a visit by a settlement officer would  
be an essential preliminary before anything  
is undertaken on - Kanga's case).

19.1.33

10. To J.W. H. Smith, I.O. 15/8/33

Sends names of certain irrigation  
& agricultural officers recently  
retired from the service of the Govt. of  
India

I submit a revised draft to  
the Smith. A copy of the 10<sup>th</sup> draft  
might be enclosed in the letter to  
the Moore.

C.D.A. Moore  
16/8/33

11 To P. Smith (I.O.) (9510 amnd.) no 18/8/33

12 Memorandum to  
(with 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 amnd. & 11) 18/8/33

The Government's draft memo. for C.D.A., sent  
in duplicate, was kept for my action from  
C.D.A. 1/9

1. Sir J. Campbell

This should be ready for the letter by next Wednesday (13 Sept.). This isn't ready must to say as

- a) The sum asked for is small.
- b) The idea is not to do anything at present but to investigate to see whether anything can be done.

J.E.C. 20  
7.9.33

13. aft. C.O. memo.

14. C.D.A.C. 1330 — 2/10  
8.9.33

(M) C.D.A.C. agreed, at today's meeting.  
Await their letter.  
J.E.C.  
27/9 str

15. Mr. Wm. Moore (S.O.) to Mr. Treasurer of 12.8.33 enclosing 400 aerial photographs of the Tana R.

16. C.D.A.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 33  
Recom. for grant from C.D.F. of £2,000 & agree to proposed modification to Governor's proposals.

17. To Treasury }  
18. To Comptroller (ref 1330) S.O. } 7 OCT 1933

Mr. F.W.H. Smith (India Office) telephoned a few days ago to say that Mr. D.G. Harris (see Ho. 10) had now been asked to return immediately to India to undertake a piece of work which would, however, be completed in time for him to reach Kenya, (if selected for the Kenya Enquiry) by the date desired (end of February). Mr. Harris subsequently came to see me.

At the C.D.A.C. meeting I had mentioned that Mr. Harris had been recommended to us by the India Office, and both Sir Basil Blackett and Sir John Campbell seem to think that we cannot look for a better man. After speaking to Sir Cecil Bottonley and Mr. Jeffries I told Mr. Harris that as soon as we received Treasury approval for the grant we should in all probability write to him offering him the job.

Mr. Harris is very keen to undertake it, and has no doubt of being able to finish his work in India in time. He will be sailing for India about the beginning of November, and it will be mutually convenient if we can fix up the Kenya arrangements before he goes.

One point about the terms of the appointment calls for consideration. The Kenya Government, contemplating that the officers selected would be on the active list in India, provided in their estimate only £51 each for their passages, i.e. from Bombay to Mombasa and return. If Mr. Harris had sailed direct from England to Mombasa we should have had to increase this amount by about £100. On the other hand, if he had been returning to England after completing his forthcoming mission in India, the Indian Govt. would have had to pay his

His passages both ways. I have discussed with Mr. Smith, of the India Office, who is prepared to accept as reasonable the suggestion which I have embodied in para. 3 of the attached draft, of which a copy should go to the India Office LF. under cover to Mr. Smith.

G.A. Director  
12/10.

19. D.G. Harris (s.o.) \_\_\_\_\_ 12 Oct. 33

I have altered the original draft to Mr. Harris with Mr. Hood's approval, & added an s.o. reply to Mr. Harris.

G.A. Director  
13/10.

20. To Harris (separate as part of log) cons. 13 OCT 1933  
*via Houston*

21. To Harris s.o. 13 OCT 1933

22. D.G. Harris (s.o.) \_\_\_\_\_ 15 October 33

Replies No 21 & states is replying to No 20 accepting the invitation & asking for slight modification of terms.

23. D.G. Harris \_\_\_\_\_ 15 October 33

Accepts invitation to undertake investigation, but suggests that he should be regarded as in the employ of the Govt. of Kenya from date of departure from Bombay & remuneration during voyage met from Kenya funds.

24. Treasury \_\_\_\_\_ 14 October 33

Sanction free grant of £2,000 from C.O.F. in accordance with C.A.F.C. records

This means (if we give way) that Kenya will have to find an extra £66 for Mr. Harris (the voyage Bombay-Nairobi occupies 9-10 days).

But we don't want to spend the ship etc. and the indications are that in any case we shall have to go to the C.D.C. ultimately for a supplementary grant. They are not likely to withhold it.

? Ask 23. & say that - the civil S. of S. is prepared to agree to his cover the calculation of his remuneration as from the day following that on which he sails from Bombay up to and including the day on which he lands in the U.K.

Say that a copy of the corresp. is being sent to the O.S.C. of Kenya, with whom he should in due course communicate direct regarding the provision of his passage etc. from Bombay to Nairobi & a contract is being made for ship.

See sub-file (1)  
as to the apt. of  
an agriculturalist

LF to  
30.

to Kenya (when it is drafted we may be able to add something about the Agricultural Dept.)

Copy 20 (w-o end.) 23 & above reply shd. go to I.O. LF under cover to Mr. Smith.

*J.A. Smith*  
16/10.

Sir C. Bottomley

You may like to see this.

? as proposed & ask the Treas<sup>r</sup> letter & tell them Mr. Harris has been retained to do the original irrigation part & it is hoped to secure an suitable agricultural expert. (Mr. Sampson of Ken is the bird in view)

J.A.S. 17/10

W.C.S.  
17.10.33  
at once

25 To Harris (23 amnd.)  
26 " Treasury. (24 amnd.) } 21/10/33

To F.W.H. Smith (I.O.) 18/10 - 25/10/33  
(w/o 20, 21 amnd., 23 & 25)

D.S. Harris 24 Oct. 33

States that his arrangements to go to India have been cancelled & he will proceed to Kenya direct from England in February.

From our point of view, this is satisfactory except for as regards expense.

Mr. Harris: 1<sup>st</sup> class return fare from

(B's note)

Employed to Position shd. be put at £1211 14  
Substitution on voyage, 56 days @ £1000  
Fee for five months @ £200  
£1115

The Kenya calculation, on which the CDF application was based, allowed only

£ 972

Leaving a shortfall of £ 143

If we succeed in obtaining Mr. Sampson, there will probably be a similar debit balance, & we shall have to ask CDF for an extra £300.

? Act. 28; note the change of plan; say that for the terms suggested in previous correspondence the full shd. now be substituted; on hearing of his acceptance of the terms, S.F.S. will enter into the necessary communication with the Govt. and for a reviv. for def. to Govt.

*J.A. Smith*  
26/10

Yes: we can do this

ff to S.O.V. (allow)

ref. to Kenya Dept.

Copy sent to go to D.S. Harris

Priority to note

to be done







H2 To Kenya 936 (w/ schedule & mull) <sup>class</sup> 12 DEC 1933

By air mail 43 - Hammers - 010 - 12/12/33  
(with 42 & 43)

Thos. Stan, Harris & Sampson had their talk in the C.O. today. As a result, Mr. Sampson is going to write in a letter covering various points for comment, which I said we would send out to Kenya by next week's airmail.

I suggested that they might wish for an advance of pay, & they indicated the suggestion.

Ask C.A. to give to R. Harris & Sampson

sum of £200 / £175, as an advance on a/c of the remuneration wh. they are to receive from the Kenya govt. in respect of their mission.

We can take up in the def. wh. is to go up at 4/2/34

*[Signature]*  
17/12/33

444  
18/12/33  
On the Director's letter I have enclosed the draft proposed in memo on 4/3  
*[Signature]*  
19/12/33

To C.A. 14 DEC 1933

46. Treasury 13<sup>th</sup> December 33  
Sanction free grant not exceeding £150 from C.O. & F.

47. A. B. Harris (S.O.) 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 33  
Confirms No 44 that advance of pay is not required.

48. H. C. Sampson 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 33  
Furnishes suggestions for arrangements to be made for equipment, transport etc.

No 46 Copy shd. be included in the def. written to go to Kenya (No 42).

No 47 - 8. D.H.

*[Signature]*  
15/12/33

49. To R. Harris - 010 - 15/12/33  
(47 amend.)  
50. To H. C. Sampson (48 amend.) 19/12/33

158 air mail 17/12/33 To Kenya 953 (w/ en. 42, 40, mull) 19 DEC 1933  
+ 46

Copy of No 42 sent to R. B. Stone 20 Dec. '33  
to Mrs. R. S. Smith for C.D.A. records 23 Dec. 33  
Gives details of references in connection with consultation.  
To C.A.

Sum of money sent to me (Harris) 1/12/33

Proceeds for staff of 20, 21 & 22/12/33

54 Extract from Times 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. '33.

55 A. S. Harris \_\_\_\_\_ 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. '33.

Requests that certain surveying instruments  
may be provided by Govt. of Kenya.

Copy 55 to go in chat dup ref. 51  
by next airmail

Make 55, saying that this is being done.

*A. S. Harris*  
28/12/33

by air mail  
24/1/34

56 To Kenya, 973 (4/1/35) 20 DEC 1933

57 To Dq. Harris (55 ams) 2/1/34

Ken. I'm glad Mr Harris is  
young. He is quite exceptionally  
good. (He is short, and is  
highly confident himself, & will  
achieve great things, but one the  
other day that Harris was  
at least one of the best had  
ever seen in T. Higham.)

*A. S. Harris*  
4/1/34

59 A. C. Sanborn 5/0 \_\_\_\_\_ 26 Dec 33 13

returns photographs encls. to Nos 1715.

? Pub by James \_\_\_\_\_ on  
9/1

*A. S. Harris*  
10/1/34

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60 To G.A.

19/1/34

58 To Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ 5 January '34.

18 January 4

3251/33.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to convey to you covering authority for the purchase of various small stores, at a cost not exceeding £10, required by Mr. H. G. Sampson C.I.X., in connection with his forthcoming visit of investigation to the Tana River Valley in Kenya. This expenditure, which will ultimately be met from a grant from the Colonial Development Fund, should be charged to the funds of the Government of Kenya.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

W. FLOOD

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

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Mr. Friction 15/1/38.

Mr.

Mr. D. D. D. D. D.

Sir C. Bottomley.

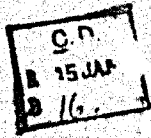
Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

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Secretary of State.



19 JAN 1938

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(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD



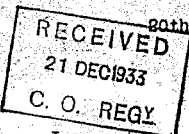
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, <sup>16</sup>  
KEW, SURREY

All communications should be addressed to

THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number:—

20th December, 1933.



Dear Freeston

I am returning with this a collection of photographs which you lent to Harris and which he handed on to me.

The aerial photographs of the Tana River are particularly interesting.

Yours sincerely,

*Alb. Sampson*

L. B. Freeston, Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.

587

5 January 4

3231/33.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Mr.H.C. Sampson, C.I.E., Economic Botanist at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, is proceeding to Kenya on the 25th January to undertake an enquiry, on behalf of the Kenya Government into the agricultural possibilities of the Tana River Valley. It is anticipated that the enquiry will be concluded by the middle of June, and that Mr.Sampson will then return to England.

2. I am to enclose Mr.Sampson's passport (expired), and the necessary declaration and photographs for a new passport. The Secretary of State will be obliged if, in the absence of any objection, a new passport may be issued gratis to Mr.Sampson, and forwarded to him at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

I am, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

(signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

THE CHIEF PASSPORT OFFICER,  
PASSPORT OFFICE.



C. O.

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Mr. *Foster* 4/1/33

*Kenya*  
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Mr.

Ms

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Permt. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

*no M*  
C.D.  
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5 JAN 1933

Sir

I am so. to inform you

DRAFT.

Chief Passport Officer  
Passport Office

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Gardens, Kew.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

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- 2 JAN 1934

3231/33.

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Omliffe-Lister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of December, regarding certain surveying instruments which will be required in connection with the enquiry into the possibility of developing the Tana River Valley.

2. A copy of your letter is being communicated by air mail to the Governor of Kenya.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

D.G. HARRIS, ESQ.

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C. O.

- Mr. Richards 29/12
- Mr. Vennart 29/12
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. Parkinson
- Mr. Tomlinson
- Sir C. B. Cowley
- Sir J. Shackleton
- Friend U.S. of S.
- Paris U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State

2 JAN 1934

*[Handwritten initials]*

Sir,

DRAFT.

D. G. Harris Esq

(55)

I am able to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of December, regarding certain surveying instruments which will be required in connection with the enquiry into the possibility of developing the Tana lower valley.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Richard J. E. W. FLOOD

FURTHER ACTION

*[Handwritten mark]*

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KENYA.

DOTTING STREET,

NO. 473

3 11 1953

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 953 of the 19th of December, I have the honour to transmit to you, a copy of a letter from Mr. B. G. Harris regarding certain surveying instruments required by the officers engaged to undertake an enquiry into the possibility of developing the Tana River valley.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient  
 humble servant,

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GOVERNOR

BRIGADIER GENERAL

SIR JOSEPH A. STONE, K.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., C.B.,

etc., etc., etc.

C. O.

By Air Mail

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30 DEC 1938

Mr. Nicholls

Mr. Vennings

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson

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Sir J. Shuckburgh

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Secretary of State

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Sir,

I did refer to my

despatch no. 953 of the 19th of December, I have etc. to transmit

to you, ~~for your information~~

a copy of a letter from Mr

D. G. Harris regarding

certain surveying instruments

required by the officers

engaged to undertake an

enquiry into the possibility

of developing the Tana River

valley.

I am etc.

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER

DRAFT.

Kenya

no 473

Governor

~~Mr. D. G. Harris 26.12.38 (55)~~

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*Entered*

Hayes Barton  
Shanklin  
December 26<sup>th</sup> 1933

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London S.W. 1

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Ans (57)

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence which has taken place regarding the visit which Mr. Sampson and I are to pay to Kenya for the purpose of reporting on the possibilities of agricultural development in the Tana River area.

The distance to be covered is so large that it will clearly be impossible, in the time available, to undertake any systematic survey work. On the other hand questions are likely to arise for the elucidation of which surveying instruments will be essential — such are, for example the determination of land slopes, the taking of cross sections of the river, etc. I would therefore suggest that the Government of Kenya be asked kindly to

copy to Kenya (sic)



furnish the following instruments which should be sent to Mombasa with the remainder of the camp equipment.

One level

One pair of levelling staves

One 100 feet chain

One prismatic compass.

As no extreme precision will be required the smaller and more portable the instruments the better. The staves should also be the lightest available.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant  
D. G. Harris

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Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 14th December (3231/33), & as directed by Secretary Sir Phillip Cunliffe-Lister to inform you that Mr. M. O. Stone, Inja Provincial Commissioner, Kenya has attended at the Colonial Office, by request, for purposes of consultation in connection with the Tana River Inquiry.

I am to request you to pay to Mr. Stone, from Kenya funds, the following expenses incurred in connection with his visit to the Colonial Office.

3rd Class return railway fare, Westminster	
Readington.....	K1.1.9.
One night detention in London.....	K1.10.3.

Mr. Stone's address is:-  
Clare Priory,  
Westminster,  
Sherborne,  
Wessex.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your most obedient servant

THE CROWN AGENTS  
FOR THE COLONIES.

(Signed) J. W. FLOOD

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R.G. Stace Kenya



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- Mr. Parkinson.
- Mr. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
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- Secretary of State.

Gentlemen

W. refers to the letter from this Office of the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec (3231/33) I am re. to inform you that Mr. R. G. Stace, late Provincial Commissioner, Kenya, has attended at the Colonial Office, by request, for purpose of consultation in connexion with the Tana River Enquiry.

I am to request you

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Copy to Govt Kenya  
 LF ref. the appropriate  
 leaf.

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the following expenses incurred in connexion  
with his visit to the C.O.:-

3<sup>4</sup> Class return railway fare, Yatimata -  
Paddington

£ 1. 1. 9.

One night's detention in London

8. 6.

£ 1. 10. 3

Mr. Stone's address is:-

Clare Priory

Yatimata

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(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

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CLEVE PRIORS,  
YETMINSTER,  
SHERBORNE,  
DORSET.

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Dear Funtón

You mentioned to me that my railway  
fare to Town might be refunded.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Class return fare from here to  
Teddington is 21/9. I do not know if  
the C.O. generosity will extend to paying  
one night at my Club - 8/6.

Yours sincerely

Ashted

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KENYA  
NO. 953

Downing Street,  
19 December, 1933.

Sir,

19th December.  
Mr. Sampson.  
19th December.

With reference to my despatch No. 986 of the 12th of December (of which a copy, without enclosures, is appended for convenience of reference) I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration a copy of a letter from Mr. H.O. Sampson, one of the officers engaged to undertake the Tana River enquiry, putting forward certain suggestions arising from a discussion between himself, Mr. D.G. Harris, and Mr. H.G. Stone, late Provincial Commissioner, Northern Frontier Province.

I take this opportunity of informing you that I have requested the Crown Agents for the Colonies to issue to Mr. Sampson the sum of £175 as an advance from Kenya funds on account of the remuneration which he is to receive in respect of his mission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Sgd.) P CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

GENERAL,  
BRIGADIER GENERAL.

SIR JOSEPH A. BYRNE, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B.

etc., etc., etc.,



C. O.

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Mr. Freeston 15/12/33. 10p

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Sir C. Baskinley

Sir J. Shackburgh

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Secretary of State

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Air Mail  
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19 December, 1933.

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Sir,

DRAFT. RESPATCH.

With reference to my

(No.42) despatch No.936 of the 12th of

KENYA.

NO. 453

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GOVERNOR.

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convenience of reference) I have

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Mr. R.G. Stone, late Provincial

Commissioner, Northern Frontier

Province.

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~~(No.48)~~

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2. I take this opportunity of informing you  
that I have requested the Crown Agents for the  
Colonies to issue to Mr. Sampson the sum of  
£175 as an advance <sup>from New Zealand</sup> on account of the remuneration  
which he is to receive in respect of his mission.

I have, etc.,

(Sd) P. CONLIFFE-LISTER.

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3231/53.

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th December, and to inform you that a copy is being sent by the air mail of December the 20th to the Governor of Kenya, who is being invited to consider the various suggestions put forward as the result of your discussion with Mr. R.G. Stone.

I am to take this opportunity to inform you that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been requested to issue to you the sum of £175 as an advance on account of the remuneration which you will receive from the Kenya Government in respect of your mission.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Signed: J. F. W. STODD

H. G. HAMPSON, ESQ., C.I.E.

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Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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**DRAFT.**

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in respect of your mission.

I am, etc.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

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you will receive from the Kenya Government  
in respect of your mission.

I am, etc.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

14/12/31  
COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWLING STREET,

15th December, 1931

Dear Harris,

Your telegram arrived in time for me to cancel the instructions to the Crown Agents about an advance of salary.

We have to-day received Sampson's promised letter containing Stone's suggestions, and a copy is going to Kenya by next week's air mail.

Yours sincerely,

*H. G. Rawls*

H. G. RAWLS, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

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All communications should be addressed to—

THE DIRECTOR

RECEIVED  
14th December, 1933.  
C. R. H.

Sir,

With reference to the meeting which was arranged at the Colonial Office between Mr. R. G. Stone, Mr. D. G. Harris and myself, concerning the Tana River Irrigation Project, the following points have arisen on which it appears desirable that early action should be taken. Mr. Harris and I have discussed these and he has asked me to write to you on the subject.

Ans (49)

Mr. Stone stressed the advisability of making as early a start as possible after Mr. Harris and I arrive in Kenya. From his experience of the coastal districts and of the lower reaches of the Tana river, heavy rainfall may be experienced considerably earlier than elsewhere in the Colony and for that reason travelling and inspection in that area become a matter of difficulty. It seems desirable, therefore, that necessary action should be taken to have tents and camp equipment at Mombasa prior to our arrival in the Colony, and that the D.C. Kapini should be given previous notice of the approximate date of our arrival there, so that arrangements can be made in advance for our conveyance up the river as far as this is navigable. As regards travelling in the upper reaches of the river, Mr. Stone suggests that motor lorry from about the neighbourhood of Masabubu, where the road from Lamu joins the river, would be the most expeditious means of travelling. He states that the motor road follows approximately the course of the river and access to this at any point is always feasible. It is not known whether lorry transport is available in this area or whether provision will have to be made at Lamu, before the road from there to Masabubu becomes impassable.

copy to Kenya (1)

We understand from what Mr. Stone told us that there are considerable areas of alluvial soil along the upper reaches of the river above what might be termed the saltic region, the possibilities of which should be investigated and we venture to suggest that the Senior Administrative Officer, who is to accompany Mr. Harris and myself, should have a thorough acquaintance with this region. We understand that the D.C. Harries is shortly proceeding on leave and venture to suggest that if it is at all feasible, his leave might be deferred for two or three months so that he could be selected for this duty. In any case we suggest that whoever this officer is, he should be placed on special duty for at least a fortnight before our arrival, so that all preliminary arrangements for this tour can be completed before that time.

The "MANGINNY MASRE" is due to arrive at Mombasa on February 19th and on Mr. Stone's advice we propose to proceed to Nairobi by the train on the following day. This will afford us an opportunity of ordering personal equipment which we understand can be made there more satisfactorily than can be purchased in this country.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
S.W.1.

Mr./



Mr. Stone is of the opinion that the best account of the Tana River area is to be found in Mr. Sutcliffe's annual administration report of about 1929 or 1930. If a copy is not available for our use at the Colonial Office, we would request that a copy of this may be posted to the Union Castle agents at Aden so that we can have an opportunity of studying this before we reach Nairobi.

He also suggests that Mr. V. G. Glenday O.B.E., the Provincial Commissioner of the N. Frontier Province, should be given a summary of our proposed itinerary so that, if it is at all feasible, we can arrange a meeting up the river.

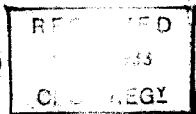
I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Sturgeson*

ECONOMIC BOTANIST.



HAYES BARTON.

SHARLETTON

FEB 1933

December 14<sup>th</sup> 1934

*Answer (1934)*  
Dear Freeston,

*NOTE*  
This is to confirm the telegram which I sent you this morning saying that I did not want to draw any advance of pay before proceeding to Africa. I hope that it reached you before any action had been taken and that my changing my mind caused you no inconvenience.

venience. You mentioned yesterday that it was often now advantageous, from the income tax point of view, to draw one's pay in the Colony, and after a conversation with my bank this morning I find that this consideration applies to my case also.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Harris

Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—  
THE SECRETARY,

TREASURY,

WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1.

and the following number quoted:

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TREASURY CHAMBERS.

13 December, 1933.



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C. O. REGY

Sir,

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I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Flood's letter of the 7th December 1933 (5231/33) signifying Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister's concurrence in the recommendation of the Colonial Development Advisory Committee, conveyed in the Secretary's letter of the 5th instant that a further free grant not exceeding £450 should be made from the Colonial Development Fund to the Government of Kenya for purposes connected with the investigation of the Tana River Basin.

I am now to request you to inform the Secretary of State that My Lords sanction a free grant not exceeding £450 from the Colonial Development Fund in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Secretary of the Colonial Development Advisory Committee.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*R. V. N. Stephenson*

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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copy to Kenya (C.O.)

14 December 3

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Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 12th of December, I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cwaliffe-Lister to inform you that he approves of your paying to Mr. H.O. Sampson, C.I.E., the sum of one hundred and seventy five pounds, as an advance on account of the remuneration which he is to receive from the Kenya Government in respect of his mission in connection with the possibility of developing the Tana River valley by means of irrigation.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

THE SECRETARY  
FOR THE COLONIES.

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C. O.

14 December 1933

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Mr. Keenle

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Mr. Parkison

Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. B. B. B.

Sir J. Shackburgh

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Secretary of State

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At the expense of the letter

from the Dept of the 12th of 1933

I am able to inform you that

approval of your paying to

~~the sum of~~ 116

London, 1933, the sum of

one hundred and seventy five pounds

and seventy five pence

as an advance on account of the

remuneration which <sup>he is to</sup> receive

from the Foreign Government

in respect of <sup>his</sup> services

connected with the possibility of

developing the Vera River valley

by means of irrigation

I am etc

DRAFT.

The British Agents  
for the Colonies

~~£ 175~~  
£ 175

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view of further ill. used.

(On Mr. Keenle's  
instructions)

W. H.

FURTHER ACTION

*By Airmail*

COLONIAL OFFICE,  
DOWNING STREET,  
12th December, 1933.

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Dear Moore,

I enclose an advance copy of a despatch which will follow by this week's ordinary mail, about the Tana River scheme. (The enclosures, as you may judge from the schedule annexed, are rather too bulky for the air mail). Harris and Sampson are both anxious to acquire as much relevant information as possible in advance of their arrival; hence the last paragraph of the despatch. We have found practically nothing to give them except your despatch No.337 of the 1st of June supplemented by the photographs enclosed in your letter to me of August 13th. I am hoping to arrange for them to have a talk with R.G. Stone before they sail, but this means fetching him up from Dorsetshire.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) L. B. FREESTON

H.M.H. MOORE, ESQ., C.M.G.

\* P.S. We have been that there is to be no ordinary mail this week.

*Handwritten signature/initials*

DUNNING STREET.

12 December, 1933.

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No. 936

Mr.

With reference to your despatch No. 537 of the 1st inst. and subsequent correspondence regarding the proposed enquiry into the potentialities of the Tana River Valley, I have the honour to transmit, for your information, copies of the documents noted in the attached schedule.

2. You will observe that His Majesty's Government have now authorised a free grant from the Colonial Development Fund of the net cost of the enquiry, subject to an overriding maximum of £2,450; and that the investigations have been entrusted to Mr. D.C. Harris, C.S.I., C.R.F., late Consulting Engineer to the Government of India, and Mr. H.O. Sampson, C.I.C., late Director of Agriculture, Madras, and now Economic Botanist, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

3. Arrangements are being made for Mr. Harris and Mr. Sampson to proceed to Kenya by the s.s. Liangibby Castle leaving England on the 25th of January.

4. You will so far as possible consider whether there is any documentary material other than that contained in your despatch under reference which could, with advantage, be transmitted to Messrs. Harris and Sampson before their

their

OVERSEER

BRIGADIER GENERAL

SIR JOSEPH A. BERRY, K.C.M.G., C.S.I., C.B.E., C.B.

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their departure from this country.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(SGJ.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTE

C. O.

3231/33-Kenya

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Mr. Freeston

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Secretary of State.

*5/12/53*

~~W.A.A.~~

32 December, 1953

*To go by ordinary mail  
of Dec. 15th*

Sir,

**DRAFT.**

MEMO

No. 936

Governor

With reference to your

(1) despatch No.337 of the 1st June and subsequent correspondence regarding the proposed enquiry into the potentialities of the Tana River Valley, I have etc. to transmit, for your information, copies of the documents noted in the attached schedule.

2. You will observe that H.M.G. have now authorised a free grant from the Colonial Development Fund of the actual cost of the enquiry, subject to an overriding maximum of £2,450.;

and

*copy to meml to Kenya (57)*  
*copy to schedule to H.M.G.*

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**FURTHER ACTION**

*Copy of despatch and schedule sent to go in to Mr. H. M. G. (Required) by Air Mail of 13 Dec.*

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proceed to Rangoon by <sup>the S.S. "Highly Castle"</sup> ~~the S.S. "Highly Castle"~~  
<sup>on the 25th of January</sup> ~~on the 25th of January~~  
England ~~via Rangoon~~ <sup>via Rangoon</sup>

date of their departure will be notified to you by telegram as soon as the passages have been booked.

4. You will no doubt consider

whether there is any documentary material other than that contained in your despatch under reference which could, with advantage, be transmitted to Messrs. Harris and Simpson before their departure from this country.

Schedule

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8<sup>th</sup> Sept.

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Schedule to Sampson (42)

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3231/33.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to inform you that approval has been received for the grant, from the Colonial Development Fund, of a sum not exceeding £2450 to the Government of Kenya for the purpose of carrying out a preliminary enquiry into the possibility of developing the Tana River Valley by means of irrigation.

2. The scheme entails the despatch to the Colony for a period of four or five months of an officer qualified in irrigational engineering, and of an agricultural officer. The gentlemen selected for this mission are -

D.G. Harris, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.  
Rayas Barton,  
Shanlin, I.O.S.

and

H.C. Sampson, Esq., C.I.E.  
Royal Botanic Gardens,  
Lew.

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THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

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In accordance with the semi-official communication already made to you, I am to state that these officers will sail from this country for Mombasa by the "Llangibby Castle" on January 25th, and to request you to provide them with return passages at B.3. rates, from Kenya Government funds.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

C. O.

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Mr. Freeston 8/12/33.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

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**DRAFT.**

THE CROWN AGENTS  
FOR THE COLONIES.

**FURTHER ACTION.**

197 this mission are -

D. G. Harris, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.

Hayes Barton,

Shanklin, I.W.

and

H. C. Sampson, Esq., C.I.E.

Royal Botanic Gardens,

Kew.

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provide them with return passages at B.S. rates.  
from Kenya Government funds.

I am, etc.,

Wm. E. W. FLOOD



Dr. Willis  
 (2977)

Pl. enter on Time Recd pp.

I have written 5-0 to Russ

Stone, Harris & Sampson

suggesting 3-0 pm. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.

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COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET,

8th December, 1933.

*Answered by Nason*

Dear Mr. Stone,

You may remember that when you visited the Colonial Office at the end of September, I referred in conversation to the Kenya Government's proposals for an enquiry into the possibility of irrigating and developing the Tana River valley.

We have now got the money for the investigation from the Colonial Development Fund, and two first-rate men have been selected to undertake it. One is D. G. Harris, late Consulting Engineer to the Government of India, and the other, H.C. Sampson, who, since retiring from the post of Director of Agriculture, Madras, has undertaken agricultural enquiries on behalf of Government in several parts of the Empire. Harris and Sampson are sailing for Kenya early in

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R. O. STONE, ESQ.

the new year. They are both naturally anxious to obtain as much first-hand information as possible before sailing, and we are doing what we can in the way of providing them with documentary material. They have both told me, however, that they would appreciate an opportunity of personal discussion with someone who knows the country and its inhabitants, and can give them some idea of the prevailing conditions, means of communication, equipment required, and so forth.

You were good enough to tell us when you called that you would be prepared to come up to town, if asked, for any discussion on Northern Frontier Province affairs. We are now taking you at your word, and I should be very grateful if you could let me know whether you can manage a visit to the Colonial Office on any day between December 13th and Christmas. On hearing from you I will tell Simpson and Harris, who will, I am sure, be most grateful for the help and information which you alone in England can give them.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. Under present regulations I am afraid we cannot promise you more than Third Class railway fare

COLONIAL OFFICE,  
DOWNING STREET,  
8th December, 1933.

Dear Harris,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th of December. I have heard this morning from Sampson, and have accordingly booked your passage on the "Hlangibby Castle", sailing on January 25th. I have also written to Stone suggesting that he should come up to town on any day between December 13th and Christmas, and I will write to you again when he replies.

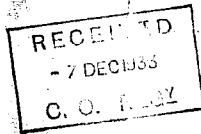
Yours sincerely,  
*CB*

P.O. I find we have on record a vast amount of meteorological data from Kenya, some of which appears to relate to various spots in the Tana River Valley. I am not sure whether there is any information in it relating to rainfall, etc., which would be of any use to you, but I will have the papers handy against the time when you call at the Office.

D. G. HARRIS, ESQ., C.B.I., C.I.E.

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Hayes Barton 54  
Shanklin  
December 5th 1933



Dear Freeston,

No 34 Thank you very much for your letter which I received this morning.

I have just got details of the various sailings. The only two which are at all suitable seem to be :-

Line	S.S.	Leave London	Arr. Mombasa
B. I.	Madura	Feb'y 9th	March 9th
Union Castle	Stangibby Castle	Jan'y 25th	Feb'y 18th

The Kenya Govt. apparently want us to be there by Feb'y. 28th, this allowing of our visiting Nairobi for preliminary conversations, getting back to the coast and reaching the highest point of the river before the floods begin. As the meteorological conditions seem to be a governing factor it will probably be preferable to arrive ten days early rather than nine days late, so the Stangibby Castle seems to be the more suitable sailing.

Answerd. 8. Dec. 33



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Downing Street,  
4th December, 1933.

Dear Harris,

Your letter of yesterday arrived at an opportune moment. Last week I had a long talk with your colleague in the Tana River Enquiry - H.C. Sampson, one time Director of Agriculture, Madras, and now Economic Botanist at Kew Gardens. We arranged that Sampson should write to you (possibly by now you have heard from him) with a view to agreeing upon a date which would be convenient to both of you for sailing. We had in mind something at the beginning of February, and possibly the British India boat of February 9th will do.

As soon as you have agreed on the date we in this Office will book your passages through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, who will correspond with you about any necessary details.

I suggested to Sampson that it might be

useful

D.S. HARRIS, ESQ., C.S.I., C.I.E.

I have not yet heard from Sampson;  
~~if~~ I will write to him at Flew and  
 see what he thinks, <sup>asking him to let</sup> ~~letting~~ you know  
 the result.

I should like to meet Stone very  
 much indeed; a conversation with  
 him would be most useful. I can  
 easily run up to London for the pur-  
 pose at any time which suits him;  
 a date after the 12th inst. would be  
 most convenient for me but I can  
 manage an earlier one if really  
 necessary.

Yours sincerely  
 D. G. Harris

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useful to both of you to meet a man called R.G. Stone, who was until quite recently Provincial Commissioner of the Northern Frontier Province in Kenya, and probably knows more about the Tana River than anyone else in England. It was arranged that I should write to Stone and suggest his coming up to London for a joint talk with you and Sarason.

We shall quite shortly be writing to the Kenya Government telling them of the arrangements made and we proposed to suggest that any further directions or material relevant to your enquiry should be sent home at the earliest date possible.

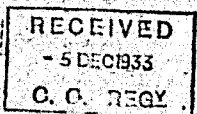
Yours sincerely,

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Hayes Barton

Shanklin

December 3rd 1933



Dear Freeston,

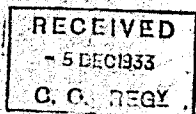
With reference to my visit to East Africa next February, it would be a great convenience if I could be informed of the date on which I shall be required to sail. I shall be very grateful for your advice on the following points:-

- (a) Is it the intention that I should fix the date in direct communication with the Kenya Govt? If so, I think I had better telegraph. Perhaps you can supply me with the necessary telegraphic address ~~and attend to it~~.
- (b) Am I expected to book my own passage and recover the cost subsequently or will it be booked by the Colonial Office or Crown Agents?

I have written to the P. & O. and Union Castle lines for details of sailings. A P. & O. sailing is advertised on Feb'y 9th from London which would probably be suitable.

Hayes Barton  
Shanklin

December 3rd 1933



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Answered 4th Dec. 33

I wonder if you could give me the name and address of some officer in Kenya to whom I could write for information as to what kit to take with me. I don't want to take out a lot of stuff and then find that I don't require it.

With apologies for troubling you

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Harris

E. B. Freeston Esq.,  
Colonial Office

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7 December

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Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to refer to the letter from the Colonial Development Advisory Committee of the 5th of December (C.D.A.C. 1385) conveying the Committee's recommendation that a further free grant not exceeding £450 should be made from the Colonial Development Fund to the Government of Kenya for purposes connected with the investigation of the Tana River Basin.

2. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister will be glad to learn at an early date that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury approve this further grant.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

THE SECRETARY,  
TREASURY.

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Mr. Freeston

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Mr.

Mr. Parkinson

Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. Ballantyne

Sir J. Shackleton

Perd. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State

Approved by No. 16

7 December 1933

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THE SECRETARY  
TREASURY

Sir,

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*Colonial Development*  
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Committee of the 5th December  
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**FURTHER ACTION.**

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY.

Telephone: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
Whi:9191



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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 62

COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET,

S.W.1.

5th December, 1933.

C. D. A. C. 1385.

Sir,

I am directed by the Colonial Development Advisory Committee to request you to inform Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister that at their 63rd meeting on the 29th November, they had before them a Colonial Office memorandum applying on behalf of the Government of Kenya for a further free grant of £450 in connection with the proposed investigation of the Tana River Basin. (C. D. A. C. 1388).

2. The additional sum applied for was required because the two experts to whom it was proposed to entrust the investigation would have to sail from England instead of from India, as was contemplated when the scheme originally came before the Committee.

3. The Committee were satisfied as to the suitability of the two experts whom the Secretary of State proposed to select, and recommend a further free grant not exceeding £450 for the purposes of the investigation.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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Kenya (42)

4. A similar letter is being sent to the Treasury.

I am,

Sir,

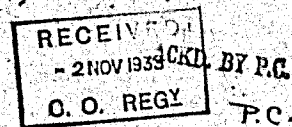
Your obedient servant,

*J. B. Williams*

Secretary to the Committee.

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Hayes Barton  
Shanklin  
November 1st 1933

To the Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London



Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter No 3231/33 dated the 31st October  
and, in reply, to inform you that I accept  
the mission to East Africa on the terms  
detailed in that letter.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
D. G. Harris.

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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

With reference to C.D.A.C.1330, I circulate for consideration a Colonial Office memorandum applying on behalf of the Government of Kenya for a further free grant of £450 to be spent on the investigation of the Tana River Basin.

This sum is required in addition to the free grant of £2,000 already approved because the two experts selected for the investigation will have to proceed to Kenya from England instead of from India as was previously anticipated.

J.B.Williams.

Secretary to the Committee.

Colonial Office.

17th November, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM.

TANA RIVER ENQUIRY.

At their meeting on the 27th of September the Committee recommended a grant of £2,000 to the Government of Kenya to cover the cost of a preliminary enquiry into the possibility of developing the Tana River valley.

In drawing up the estimate of cost the Government of Kenya contemplated that the two experts required to conduct the enquiry would be engaged from India, and provision was made for return passages between Bombay and Mombasa.

After consultation with the India Office, the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and other authorities the Secretary of State is satisfied that the mission can best be entrusted to two officers retired from the service of the Government of India who are now resident in England. They are:-

Mr. D. O. Harris, C.I.E., late Consulting Engineer to the Government of India, and

Mr. H. C. Sampson, C.I.E., late Director of Agriculture, Madras and now Economic Botanist on the staff of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Both officers have been sounded and have expressed their readiness to undertake the enquiry.

It is estimated that the additional cost involved by the selection of officers from England instead of from India will amount to about £421. Details of the anticipated excess are attached, and the Secretary of State now invites the Committee to recommend a further grant (not exceeding £450) from the Fund to meet the expenditure actually incurred.

Kenya Estimate.

Salaries for four months	£1,500
Subsistence allowances (£1 per day on land)	180.
Passages, Bombay to Mombasa	102
Passages, Indian servants	62
Contingencies	156
	<u>£2,000</u>

Revised Estimate.

Salaries for five months	£1,875
Subsistence allowances (5/- per day on sea £1 per day on land)	208
Passages, London to Mombasa	182
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Contingencies	156
	<u>£2,421</u>

C. O.

Mr. Freeston. 1/1

Mr. Flood 1/1

Mr. J. Campbell (as)

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir G. Bottomley. 3.11.33 *etc*

*W. J. Williams*

Sir J. Hutchburgh.

Perms. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

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*Perms. for C.O.*

*SP2 W. Kanga (42)*

FURTHER ACTION.

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meet the expenditure actually incurred.

Mr.

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Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Passages, Indian Servants £62	-
Contingencies £156	Contingencies £156
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FURTHER ACTION.

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Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th of October, from which he notes that it is no longer your intention to pay a visit to India before proceeding to Kenya.

2. For the terms attached to your East African Mission which have been agreed in previous correspondence the following should now be substituted:

- (a) Remuneration at the rate of £200 a month, calculated from the day of your embarkation from this country to the day prior to the date of your arrival in England on return; subject to the understanding that the period allowed for the voyage in each direction does not exceed 28 days.
- (b) Return fare at D3 (Union Castle) or P (British India) rates, between England and Mombasa.
- (c) Subsistence allowance at the rate of 5/- per diem on ~~land~~, and 1/- per diem in the Colony

(d)



(d) Free transport (by rail, road or river) when travelling on duty in Kenya.

8. On learning of your readiness to accept the mission on the foregoing terms, the Secretary of State will enter into the necessary communications with the Governor of Kenya and the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

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Mr. *Frederick*

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Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

Kenya.

Answered by No 33

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D.G. Hasse Esq. CSI. CIE.

I am re. to ad. the

re. of yr. letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> of October from which he notes that it is no longer your intention to pay a visit to India before proceeding to Kenya.

attached to you E. Africa minister

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copy to I.O. (30)

~~Copy of this to I.O. (ref. 27)~~  
Make copies also for you  
CA.

in England on return; subject to the understanding that the period allowed for the voyage in each direction does not exceed 28 days.

(b) First class Return fare, £ at B3 (Yanton Castle) or P (British India) rates, between England and Mombasa.

(c) Subsistence allowance at the rate of 5/- per day <sup>diem</sup> on shipboard, and £1-/- per diem in the Colony

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(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

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Hayes Barton  
Shanklin 12

October 24th 1933

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25 OCT 1933  
C. O. REGD

To the Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office  
London S.W. 1

ACKD. BY P.C.  
*[Signature]*

Ans (29)  
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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 3231/33 dated the 21st inst.

No 25

I regret that it will be necessary to make some slight alterations in the arrangements provisionally accepted. On receipt of the enquiry from India as to whether I was prepared to undertake certain work there I cabled in reply stating that I had <sup>been</sup> asked to go to Kenya and enquiring whether the work in India would be completed in time for me to reach Kenya by the end of February. I have now received a cable from India stating that no assurance can be given that the work will be com-