

1933.

Kenya

No. 3245.

SUBJECT

C0533/437

Voi-Mwatati Concession.

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Previous

15544/29.

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Subsequent

23262/34.

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Called again, & had - long talk with  
Sir C. Bodenky.

Send him, for present & return,  
a copy of the Crown Lands Ord. (Cap. 140)  
and any amendments, 3 prn. (Address:-  
Salisbury House, London Wall.) This set up  
tomorrow (Sat.)

*A. Bowring*  
23/1/53

Section 145 of Cap. 140 has been repealed  
by 35/29 and Part VI (as amended by 22/26)  
repealed by 9/30

*A. Bowring*  
Library (Legal)

24/6

Kya.

✓ To Major Goldsmith (with Cap. 140, Gdes. 22/26,  
Gdes 5/29, 35/29, 9/30) 3 prn

4/6/1953

J. Major Goldsmith \_\_\_\_\_ 4 July 53  
Ack. No. 9, return enclosure.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

*Path. C. Bowring*  
7/7/53  
at once

Sir Morris Carter called: he said he had seen Mr. Hauseburg who was anxious to know how the Report would affect the Teita Concession. Sir Morris left us a piece of his report from which the relevant extract is attached.

Mr. Hauseburg called on 3 August and we told him what was in it but in the absence of the map could not be clear as to which land is being affected. He said he would go and look at his maps & see if they helped. Hence this letter. It is still not clear.

5. I have made a tracing of the map - the clearest one. Apparently (para 1261) the Teita are cultivating along the Voi river for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south (area dotted blue) and what is suggested is

a) To turn them out of this. This is not stated but it is a fair inference. The syndicate must get at the river and if it were proposed to leave the Teita there, there would be no need to give them more.

b) To give them 3 sq. miles round about the S.E. corner (shaded black)

That may be what is meant, I think it is. But it may equally well mean to turn the Teita up at the Voi, may not be all over the river and it may be intended to leave them alone & the 3 sq. miles may be to compensate the Teita for the other areas in the concession which are or were in their occupation.

The Kaisig looks easy. They are in the area shaded blue & it is apparently proposed to give them 7000 acres probably where I have marked the plain blue area of the concession.

All wrong: see later.

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But, we can't be sure without the maps as the Syndicate is anxious about its future etc but this seems to be to write 5/0 as per Drayle himself.

J.L.W. Fleet  
J. 8. 8. 33

6. To G.A. Hauseburg 5/0  
(4 arod + maps need)  
H. M. M. Moore (etc 6) 0/0 Cons. } 9/10  
By air mail } 8/8/33

8. H. M. M. Moore 5/0 (Air Mail) 3.2 August 33

Enclosed a copy of extract from the Land Commissioners Report, together with a plan & covering note by Mr. Farren & states that if Commissioners' records are accepted there is no doubt that there will be a proportionate reduction of the annual rental & that would bear out the survey of land concerned.

Sir C. Bottomley

The typing error is unfortunate in this case. It now appears that it is the area which I marked with blue dots in the sketch (i.e. that along the Voi river) that is to be handed over to the native reserve. The map makes it all too clear & there is no need to trouble Sir M. Carter.

That means that the concession holders will not be able to get at the river unless they can arrange a sort of way leave for water and I very much doubt their being able to do that. This in turn means that the concession will be useless to them.

Of course this assumes that the recommendation will be accepted & that there will be no provision for access to the river by a corridor or something. A site for a pump & enough ground for pipes would do but there is no suggestion of that in the report. It would be fair & reasonable but I doubt its being done.

The only fair thing I think is to tell Mr.

Hamburg what is recommended in fact & to say there is no doubt that if the recommendations are accepted the rent will be reduced if the Co. surrender the 14 sq. miles.

X This will certainly not set him at rest as he will at once ask about access to the Vol river but it's all we can do.

J.S.W. Hand  
8/9/33.

\* It seems ~~absolutely~~ ridiculous that he should do so. I don't know what we can do with objections to the Carter recommendations, but they are not objections.

W.C.B.  
8/9/33  
at once

7 To Campbell & Hamburg of Cons. 14/9/33  
(signed as per.)

10 C.B. Hamburg % 18 Sept. 33.

Aks. No. 9 enquires whether there is any special reference in the letter regarding a small area on the map almost directly above of Mt. St. Helens hatched in the same way as two hatches under cover. Station mark is being obtained through Opp. Gildemeier's office.

I have examined the map in the Report. There is a bit hatched above the station but the scale is so small that it is hard to say whether it covers the swamp or not. Probably it does, & probably it is meant to give the ~~reserves~~ <sup>reserves</sup> some access to the swamp but the point is not mentioned in the text of the report. Anyhow it comes in in connection with

+ see para 1268

the Kasigao's "corridor" & I expect it will be varied on the spot.

? You will want to say that the swamp is not mentioned. Draft letter will

J.S.W. Hand  
21.9.33

L.C.B.  
21.9.33  
at once

11 To Campbell & Hamburg (10 a.m.) 20 23/9/33

M.H.

12 H. Dorch % 21 Sept. 33.  
~~DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE~~  
Krause map enclosed to No. 9.

Pkt by  
T. Davies 25 Jan.

13 C.B. Hamburg % 15 October 33.

Enquires whether he may send copies of maps to Berlin & to Tangal & whether they should be treated as confidential.

Sir C. Bottomley

The whole thing will be published for all the world in the Morris Carter report so I can't see any objection to his letting his associates have all the stuff now with the proviso that they should not disclose it except to interested parties until the report is published

J.S.W. Hand

I have replied as in 17.10

copy forwarded  
L.C.B. 18.10.

To Hamburg. S.O. - 18.10.33.

15. C.B. Hausburg (S.O.)

15 Nov. 33

Gives details of the position regarding the relinquishment of land & the refund of rent paid. Requests matter may receive careful consideration & suggests recommendations which might be made to Kenya.

We discussed this. It appears unfortunate that the local Directors did not proceed to communicate with the Colonial Secretary Nairobi, instead of urging Mr. Hausburg to come and worry the Colonial Office. However, as they have done so and as we are quite used to Mr. Hausburg and Major Goldman, it seems undesirable to tell them to put it up direct to the Colonial Secretary in Nairobi. It is, however, advisable to get the thing on to an official footing and I submit a draft letter to Mr. Hausburg for that purpose. When he replies we can ship his letter out to the Governor explaining that the matter has been discussed at this office and that the application is put in as a result of that discussion. It will also be expedient to send an S.O. letter to Mr. Moore asking him to see that the matter is given sympathetic and expeditious consideration. It is, however, somewhat doubtful whether anything much can be done until the Carter Commission's Report is published and then there is some risk of the thing being delayed in case the Kenya Government proceeds to comment on the Carter Commission's proposals one after the other, unless they are very well made. However, I think that can be got over in the special circumstances of this case. Draft enclosed.

S.H.K.

As the draft indicates,  
I do not think that Major  
Goldman's report of an affair in all  
respects correct.  
We have been in touch

of correspondence about this  
concession for 24 years, offered  
on, and I expect of friendly  
by any other means.

W.C.S. 23 Nov. 33 am

16 To C.B. Hausburg (15 and) 24/11/33

14/12

17 C.B. Hausburg (S.O.)

31 Dec. 33

States as to Major Goldman's return, inquiries when you're  
to be kept as likely to be issued.

" Sir C. Bottomley has answered as this can't  
possibly be

settled 14.34 alone

(M)

Reply to No 16 has yet been received.

15.2.34  
Replies

No need to remind.

A. Bland  
16/2/34

18 To Dr. T. Byrne (S.O.) 8 May. 34

P.T.D.

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Major Goldman came yesterday  
on return from Kenya. Many  
things are moving, partly as well  
as a result of my letter last evening  
from a very favourable impression  
of the work by Sir J. Byrne

after personal inspection and a fresh study of  
the papers by all the Departments concerned.

The matter has been brought to a head by the  
refusal of Major Goldman's continental  
financiers to provide any more money (or even  
the £20,000 which they are already under  
obligation to put up) unless the water promised  
long ago is secured to the Company.

It appears that both Major Wilson  
and Mr. Hemsted have repudiated the map facing  
page 324 of the Land Commission Report and  
have recognised that the recommendations in  
the report are based on an inadequate study of  
the question. Sir J. Byrne has convened a  
special meeting of the Native Land Trust Board  
in order to consider the position and it is  
anticipated that we shall have something by  
air mail very shortly.

It appears that the modification of  
the Commission's proposals is required in the  
interests of the Kasiago natives themselves  
as the land provided for them is dry and high  
and water would have to be carried by hand.

The whole subject is complex and we  
can only wait till we hear from the Governor;  
that it would be possible to obtain if necessary  
from Major Goldman the record of the detailed  
discussion held when he was in Kenya, and made

by Mr. Mortimer of the Land Office. Major Goldman  
will also be able to provide a good map illustrating  
the problem.

W.M.  
dated  
24/6  
25.7.34  
J.W.H.

*Copy*

R.297

M. & A. Ltd  
London

Dear Sirs  
8/5/34

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Downing Street,

8th May, 1934.

My dear Sirs

Major C.S. Coleman, with whose Mwatati concession you will be familiar, called last week to say that he was very shortly leaving for Kenya and he asked me to send you a line in the hope that it might simplify his discussions when he arrived.

He particularly wished me to mention the pineapple industry which his Company are taking over from Libby's, who, owing to arrangements for restriction entered into with other Hawaii growers, have had to drop out of Kenya. He knows that you have seen the pineapple plantations and that you were favourably impressed with them. He himself considers that there is a great future for them in this area, which seems in climate, soil and natural vegetation to be an exact counterpart of the best ground in Hawaii.

The main object of his visit is, of course, in connection with the landholding and he will have to speak for himself on those points. All I can ask

is

BIGADIER GENERAL SIR JOSEPH A. NIMMO, G.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B.

is that your advisers will give sympathetic consideration to his points: the difficulties of his group are nearly thirty years old and one of my few remaining ambitions is that they may be settled before I leave the Colonial Office.

His main request is, I think, that he may be allowed to give up part of the concession, choosing the part which is least likely to be useful to the Company. He knows that ordinarily there is no provision for surrendering a part of an estate as opposed to the whole but he points out that under the terms of the concession they were allowed to take up the land by instalments (choosing the most favourable areas) in consideration of development expenditure on the previous areas, so that his request is really one for the surrender by instalments of what was acquired by instalments. His desire to give up part of the land is, of course, financial. He wishes to spend as much money as is available on the development of the remaining area.

This is, of course, outside the other troubles such as the surrender of land recommended by Morris Carter which

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which is a serious matter for the Company because of  
water.

Yours sincerely,

*W. D. Morris*

Received Oct 23/12  
TELEPHONE HENFIELD 88.

FROM  
CAMPBELL B. HAUBURG,  
SHERMANBURY PLACE,  
HORSHAM,  
SUSSEX.

MEMO.

HENFIELD  
STATIONS - AND  
PARTRIDGE GREEN.

TO Sir Cecil Wooley,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.

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21<sup>st</sup> December, 1933.

(about)  
+ i.e.  
size of  
my dear Sir Cecil,  
you will remember that following the  
Conference at the Colonial Office on Friday,  
the 8<sup>th</sup>, I had a word with you about  
the Teita Concessions etc.

You then asked me if I had any  
news of Major Goldman's return.

Curiously enough I had a long letter  
from him on the following morning; though  
he did not give the actual date of sailing,  
he referred to a meeting we would hold  
in London in January.

I thought you might like to know

this in view of the correspondence which has lately passed between us.

X Do you know when the Morris Carter Report is likely to be issued?

With best wishes to you & yours for a very happy Christmas & New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Campbell S. Hauburg.

X ans? - Expected to be in print in Manitoba before the end of February - after that things moved more quickly but we cannot assign any date for publication.

**C. O.**

Mr. Flood, 23/1

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

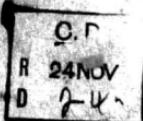
X Sir C. Bottomley, 23/16

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

Qto for Sir C. Bottomley's sig.

DOWNING STREET,

24 November, 1933.

Dear Mr. Hausburg,

I have your letter of the 15th

**DRAFT.**

CAMPBELL A. HAUSBURG, ESQ.

November concerning the relinquishment  
of land and the refund of rent in  
regard to your concession at Mwatati.

Unfortunately, I have not got any  
record of my interview with Major  
Goldman of last June, but I see no reason  
to quarrel with his recollection of it  
except that I do not quite understand  
the passage which says that I took the  
view that "it was either a payment of

2/- an acre free of rent, or no premium  
and ordinary rent.  
*And the bond  
also remained.*

The best way for you to go about  
matters would, of course, be to approach  
the Kenya Government, either the  
Commissioner of Lands or the Colonial

**FURTHER ACTION.**

Secretary

Secretary, but as there has been  
~~semi-official~~  
so much talk and S.O. correspondence

in London, I think it will

probably save time in the end if

we take it up from here. May

I therefore ask you to send in

an official letter addressed to the Under

Secretary of State for the Colonies

and setting out exactly what it is

that you wish done and what

concessions you think Government

would be justified in making to

you. This will then be passed to

the Governor with an official

~~letter~~ despatch and it will be accompanied

by a ~~semi-official~~ letter asking

the Kenya authorities to use all

possible expedition.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. G. BOTTOMLEY

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SHERMANBURY PLACE,  
HORSHAM,  
SUSSEX.

15th November 1933.

Sir Cecil Bottomley,  
Colonial Office,  
London, S.W.1.

NOV 1933  
C. O. REGY

*Anand NC*  
My dear Sir Cecil, The Teita Concessions Ltd.

18th October, the contents of which I asked Major Goldman's office to communicate at once to Berlin and Tanga.

Relinquishment of land and refund of rent paid. In the Minutes of the Board Meeting held at Mwatati on the 24th September last, after my departure, is the following item:-

"Refund: In view of Major Goldman's letter to the D.O.A.G. dated the 29th of June 1933 it was resolved to write to Mr. Hausburg asking him to apply through the Colonial Office for a refund of the Stand Premium on the 10,000 acres Mwatati block and 750 acres extension Bura block in view of the fact that the Colonial Secretary, during his interview with Major Goldman, had expressed his willingness to pass on such an application to the local Government.

This refund involves the sum of 4 payments in respect of Mwatati and Bura extension total ling Shs. 800/- and Shs. 1500/- respectively. This includes the September 1933 payment."

This letter I understand refers to the one written after Major Goldman's interview with you on the 23rd June. In this letter he says:-

"I then discussed with him the question of compromising for rent on the basis of giving up land.

He saw great difficulties in getting relief of rent except only in respect of the acreage of land which we might forfeit.

As regards the point that Mr. Logan evidently made as to our right under the Concession to forfeit land indiscriminately he realised that there might be some difficulty, but he

(contd.)

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believed there was some clause in the Ordinance under which we might have the power to surrender land. As we could not find the reference in question, he agreed to send me the Ordinance, and to let me go through it myself. I have just received it and will look through it.

I then discussed the question of the 10,000 acres with him, which was given us in compensation for agreeing to allow the natives, who had come on to our land, to retain the right to the land they occupied.

I explained that we were being charged a premium of 2/- an acre for the 10,000 acres plus rent.

Sir Cecil took the view that in this we might be justified to raise the issue, he taking the view that it was either a payment of 2/- an acre free of rent, or no premium and ordinary rent. He certainly thinks we would be justified in taking up this matter more forcibly, and suggested that if I like to raise the question at this end, he would be pleased to pass it through to the Local Government."

You will remember the 10,000 acre block of land was granted "in compensation for" land occupied by the Wakasigau on the Company's Concession. But the position in a nutshell is this:-

a) The Company is paying rent, and stand premium on land given in compensation.

and b) The Company is paying and has paid rent from the very start on the land occupied by the Wakasigau.

Before leaving Mombasa, Major Layzell and I interviewed Mr. Fannin, the Coast District Surveyor, from whom we understood that a claim for a refund of the stand premium on the 10,000 acres Mwatati Extension and on the 750 acres Nambheti block, and a refund of rent paid for land in native occupation, was valid under the Crown Lands Ordinance.

I gather from a letter written by Major Layzell on the 11th October that no communication had been received

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from you by the Land Office, Nairobi, up to that date. I shall, therefore, be greatly obliged if you will kindly give the whole question your careful consideration, and if necessary I will come up to see you about it.

If I may suggest, and assuming that you would be prepared to make a recommendation from this side to the Land Office, Nairobi, the main points are these:-

- 1) That the question of rent and stand premium on the Mwatati Extension and Mwashoti block be revised with a view to the cancellation of the stand premium, and a refund of the amounts already paid.
- 2) That a refund of the rent paid for land occupied by the Wakasigau be made to the Company.

I have had no news of Major Goldman's return from British Columbia, but am dealing with this matter in the hope of expediting a settlement in anticipation of his return.

Yours sincerely,

Campbell S. Hauburg



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COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET.

18th October, 1938.

DEAR MR. HARRISON.

I have your letter of the 15th October, and  
write to say that I do not think that there could be  
any objection to your communicating, in confidence, to  
your colleagues in Berlin and Tangs the copies of the  
top and of our correspondence with regard to the Teita  
Concession including two short extracts which you  
will find you may have from the part of the Land  
Commission's report which deals with the subject.

I say "in confidence", because the report is  
not yet ready for publication. It will be a  
Parliamentary paper and nothing must be made public  
prematurely, but we gave you the material in order to  
be of assistance to you, and if we could be of more  
assistance

Yours very truly,  
SIR RICHARD COOPER.

as~~u~~<sup>u</sup>nce by allowing you to use the matter as you  
propose we can have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

*W. J. Stone*

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MEMO.

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16 OCT 1933  
C. O. REGY

HOSPITAL  
STATION & AND  
PARTRIDGE GREEN.

FROM  
CAMPBELL B. HAUSBURG  
MERRIBURNHURST PLACE  
HORSHAM,  
SUSSEX.

Sir Cecil Tottowley,  
Colonial Office.

S.W.1.

15<sup>th</sup> October, 1933.

My dear Sir Cecil,

The Taita Concessions, etc.

I have been considerably worried in my own mind lately about this matter, for reasons which I will try to explain.

When I saw you at the Colonial Office, you kindly gave me extracts from the Morris Carter Report dealing with this concession, though you did not actually say so, I gathered that what you told me you did not wish broadcasted.

Consequently, when sending the correspondence to Major Goldsmith's office with a request to send copies to Major Goldsmith & Major Layzell, I asked them to tell the latter to treat the correspondence as confidential; & I also told them not to send copies to Tanganyika, where the agent of the D.O.A.G. lives, or to Berlin for

the time being.

as Berlin finds the cash, they know  
travelled home with Sir William<sup>M.P.</sup>; they  
naturally want to know how the Reparations  
affects the Concession, what the recommendations  
are.

I have put them off as far as possible to  
date; but as you will readily understand,  
I do not wish them to feel we are keeping  
any information from them which they ought  
to have, which we have; nor do I wish to  
annoy them, - disturb the present good feeling.

So please let me know if they send  
copies of the map of the correspondence to  
Berlin & Tangra; if so whether this should  
be marked "Confidential" or not.

yours sincerely,  
Campbell S. Hamburg.

C. O.

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Mr. Head - 21/9

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

X Sir C. Bottomley. 21. 8 f

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

C.D.

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4/7

23 Sept 1953

Dear Mr. Hansburg

Thanks for your letter

DRAFT.

Campbell B. Hansburg Esq

of the 18<sup>th</sup>; I note that you are  
having the plan copied & that  
Major Goldsmith will return the  
original. There is no special  
reference to the Mwatali  
(relevant sections of the)  
Swamp in the Morris Carter  
one of  
Report but the paragraphs  
about the Kasigau recommends  
that "the Company should surrender  
the area of 11 square miles marked  
X on the map and goes on:-

"It includes the present houses of the  
Kasigas and provides two  
accesses to water and is joined to  
the main reserve by a corridor."

FURTHER ACTION.

whether the little piece  
hatched north of Mwatali station  
is meant as one of the accesses  
or not is the next part of the

condon I can't say and the map  
is too small to show with any  
clarity. It may be intended to  
<sup>Reserve</sup>  
let ~~them~~ have access to the swamp  
in that region, but <sup>I can't be sure about</sup> ~~the two extremes~~  
~~of the hotel area westward do provide~~  
~~too "access to water".~~

it and the point is nowhere taken.

The Commission recognize that some  
adjustment may be required.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY.

The original map has been  
returned today

(and) W.C.B.

TELEPHONE: HENFIELD 88.

FROM

CAMPBELL, B. HAUSBURG,  
SHERMANBURY PLACE,  
HORSHAM,  
SUSSEX.

MEMO.

HENFIELD  
STATION - AND  
PARTRIDGE GREEN.

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TO Sir Cecil Tottoway,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.

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1 SEP 1933

C. O. REGD

18<sup>th</sup> September, 1933.

My dear Sir Cecil,  
The Thika Concessions, etc.

No<sup>t</sup> Many thanks for your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>.  
including copy of the map relating to the above.

I note that you have now heard from the  
acting Governor of Kenya, that "South-East"  
should have read "North-East", which was  
what we expected.

I see on the map a small area almost  
directly above "Inyakati Station" is "hatched"  
in the same way as the other two portions  
under consideration.

As this is evidently part of the Inyakati  
Swamp, & consequently of very great importance  
relative to the Concession, I shall be very  
much obliged if you will kindly let me  
know if any special reference is made to this  
in the Report.

In this case

the area in question does not carry any  
distinguishing letters.

I am at the moment staying in Northumberland  
when your letter reached me this morning.  
I am going to Scotland tomorrow, but expect to be  
home again next Monday.

Meanwhile I am forwarding your letter to  
Major Goldmann's office, with a request to make  
a copy of the map to send to him together with  
a copy of your letter; to return the original  
map to you.

yours sincerely,

Campbell S. Hanbury

C. O.

3245/33. Re

Mr. Davies 12/9/33.

Mr. Freeman 12

Mr. Flood 12

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

X Sir C. Bottomley 13 f

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

S.O. for Sir Cecil Bottomley's signature..

14 September, 1933.

Answed by No 10912

Dear Mr. Hanbury,

In continuation of my

(6) letter of 16/8/33 to you, I

wish to let you know

I have now had a

letter from the Acting Governor

of Kenya, explaining the

obscurities regarding the Teita

Concession and Reserve which

perplexed us so much in studying

paragraph 1262 of Sir Morris

Carter's report. It appears

that, most unfortunately,

there was a mis-type in this

paragraph, and that "south-east"

was really a mistake for

"north-east". The passage in

question ought to run as

follows:-

"We recommend that

negotiations be opened with

DRAFT.

CAMPBELL B. HAUSBERG, ESQ.

(Not written No 8 - in progress)

FURTHER ACTION.

the Company for the surrender of  
an area of land approximately three  
square miles in extent on the north-east  
corner of the concession in the general  
position shown as Area W on the map which  
forms Appendix 20 to this report."

The Acting Governor has sent us  
a copy of the map referred to. I enclose it,  
but would you please return it when you have  
finished with it? It seems to make the  
~~Commission's~~ <sup>S</sup>  
~~committee's~~ recommendations quite clear.

I think I may safely assure you  
that if these recommendations are accepted  
and the Company surrender to the native reserve  
the two areas of three and eleven square miles  
respectively, the rent payable by the Company  
would be reduced proportionately, and the cost  
of the re-survey of the piece of land concerned  
would be borne by the Government.

~~YOURS SINCERELY~~

(Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY

BY AIR MAIL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

KENYA,

EAST AFRICA.

S<sup>to</sup>

Mombasa.

RECEIVED

22nd August, 1933.

Dear Sir Cecil,

No. 1  
With reference to your letter of the 8th August on the subject of Major Goldman's concession near Voi, I enclose a copy extract from the Land Commission's Report, together with a plan and covering note by Mr. Fazan. It is clear that the reference to the south eastern corner of the concession is a typographical error and should read "north eastern". Subject to Sir Morris Carter's concurrence that reading will finally appear in the Report.

You will not, of course, expect me to commit this Government to any definite view on matters of detail contained in the Commission's Report until we have had an opportunity of considering the Report as a whole. If the recommendation on this matter is ultimately accepted and Messrs. Teita Concessions, Limited, surrender to the native reserve the two areas of three and eleven square miles respectively, there is no doubt that there would be a proportionate.....

proportionate reduction of the annual rental payable by the Company and that Government would bear the cost of the re-survey of the pieces of land concerned. These assurances will doubtless set Mr. Hausberg's fears at rest.

Yours sincerely,

*Sir Cecil Bottomley*

SIR CECIL BOTTOMLEY, K.C.M.G., C.B., O.B.E.,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.  
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File by Mr. Fagan.

QUESTION RAISED BY MR. HANSBURG REGARDING  
SECTIONS 1259 - 1271 OF THE REPORT OF  
THE KENYA LAND COMMISSION.

Attachment 1 shows the conditions subject to which the report was signed on July 8th; they give discretion to the Secretary to correct typographical errors. In view of the high daily cost of the Commission, the Commissioners did not consider it necessary to continue their sessions until they had checked over the text of the Report in every detail.

2. The passage to which Mr. Hansburg has drawn the attention of the Secretary of State is Sections 1259 - 1271. In the form in which he read it, it contained a very typographical error: In the fifth line from the bottom of Section 1262 "south east" had been typed instead of "north east". Attachment No. 2 gives the whole passage under reference, as it ought to have read.

That the word "south" was actually a mistype for "north" is clearly shown in the map which forms Appendix 20 to the Report. I attach a copy (Attachment No. 3).

3. Seeing that the Chairman will have to examine the corrections made in the text of the Report and also the maps before the Report is fully authenticated, the present draft can only be considered as an advance copy till the Chairman has finally and unreservedly signed it. The Secretary has already called his attention by Air Mail to the particular passage under reference.

4. The fact that this passage has already been shown to Mr. Hansburg will perhaps render it necessary that he should be informed of the correction, but I suggest that Sir Morris Carter should first be asked to confirm it.

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CONSIDERATIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH THE REPORT IS SIGNED.

The Recommendations.

The recommendations are final and cannot be altered except

Exception: In Chapters II, III and VI of Part III of the report there are certain repetitions and cases where one recommendation qualifies another.

It is possible that inconsistencies of a minor kind may be revealed. Such inconsistencies may be reconciled if we all agree; but if we disagree the inconsistencies, if any, will have to remain.

The Text.

The secretary may correct typographical errors; check and, where necessary, correct section references, quotation references, statistical references, references to areas of land etc.

He is authorised, if Mr. Hemsted and Capt. Wilson agree in each case, to make occasional alterations of phrase for the sake of clearness or for other good reason, but not so as to affect the argument materially.

In Chapters III and VI of Part III (and possibly also in Chapter II of the same Part) there are certain repetitions which we think might be avoided. The Secretary is authorised to prepare an amended draft omitting redundancies but in no way materially affecting the argument. If we all agree to accept the amended draft it may be substituted for the original.

Appendices, Maps, Schedules etc.

These are to be completed by the Secretary (the maps being done by the Survey) and the whole are to be submitted to us for our approval.

7.7.55.

Sd. W. Morris Carter.

Sd. R.W.Hemsted.

Sd. F.O.B.Wilson.

EXTRACT TAKEN FROM PART II OF THE REPORT.

Claim to part of L.R. 3880 Teita Concessions. 1259. Archdeacon Maynard is more explicit in his evidence, and states:-

"To my knowledge considerable parts of it (Teita Concession Land) have been cultivated for the last 35 years.....The Mwata Valley has been cultivated for four miles south of the Railway for years."

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1262. That is not to say that the Teita never had more use of it than this, but we shall recommend an extension to the Reserve in another quarter which will be more than sufficient to compensate any claim in that respect, and we need consider at the moment only the claims of the Teita who are still in occupation. We recommend that negotiations be opened with the Company for the surrender of an area of land approximately three square miles in extent on the north east corner of the concession in the general position shown as area "W" on the map which forms Appendix 20 to this Report. This, as we believe, will include practically the whole of the land now in cultivation by the Teita on this Estate.

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1268. We consider that the best practicable settlement of the Kasigao claim at this date is that the Company should surrender the area of approximately 11 square miles shown on the map and marked "X". It includes the present houses of the Kasigao and provides two accesses to water and is joined

to the main reserve by a corridor. It is not practicable to recommend that the land between the hills and the Mwatate river should be given up to the Kasigao, because it is already fully developed under sisal, but we consider that the area which we recommend to be surrendered would satisfy their just claims.

1269. Since the original lease to the Company was conditioned by Section 86 of the Crown Lands Ordinance, it is clear that areas in occupation by the natives were deemed to be excluded from the lease, and there is therefore no injustice in requiring that they should be excised. But under Section 31 (5) of the 1902 Ordinance the Company would be justified in asking for a reduction of rent.

1270. The principal drawback of the solution recommended is that the Kasigao land will not be consolidated with the main Reserve, except by a corridor. But when this area has been gazetted as native reserve, they will have an asset which could, if they desire and the Land Trust Board and Government agree, be exchanged for other land of equal value, which could be taken from the Crown land contiguous either to the Dabida or Sagalla Reserves. But we consider that, as a Commission, we have discharged our duty if we recommend that they be given the area to which, in our opinion, they have a right. Any subsequent adjustments could more appropriately be conducted by Government without any special recommendation on our part.

1271. Since the above recommendations, together with the block additions which we shall recommend to be made to the Reserve in another quarter will completely satisfy all claims of right, we consider that no injustice will be caused to the natives if it is provided that on the completion of the

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surrender by the Company of the areas specified  
and with their addition to the Reserve all claims  
under Section 86 should be considered to be  
satisfied, and the remainder of the Estate should  
pass unencumbered into the hands of the lessees.

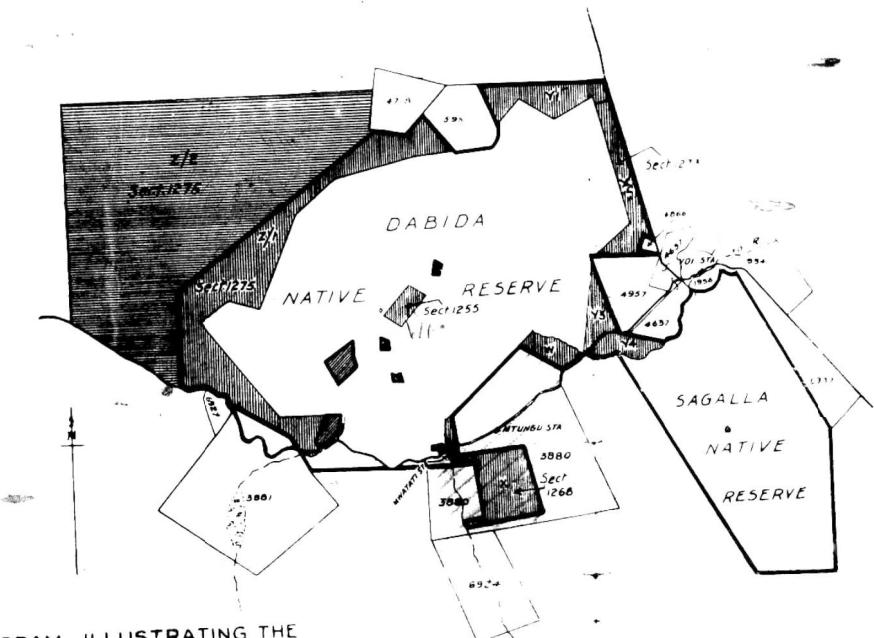
APPENDIX NO 20

DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
THE DABIDA NATIVE RESERVE

Scale:

Additions to Native Reserve under Class A shown thus



" " " " " B2 " "

Alienated Land within the Native Reserve " "

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3245/33 Kenya

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Secretary of State.

Answered by No 8

for Sir C. Bottomley and

By Air mail

Aug 1933

Dear Moore

There has been no ~~concern~~ about

Major Goldmans concession near Vol and

Sir E. Briggs's sheep. 770 733 of the 28<sup>th</sup> of

Nov. 1929. There is likely to be now.

In January, Goldman called here

& said he had heard that efforts were  
being made by the local Archdeacon  
to get the Morris Carter Commission  
to recommend that some land be taken  
away from the concession & added to  
the Trita reserve. Morris Carter called

in here as soon as he got back & said  
he had travelled home with Hausberg

& had discussed the thing with him.  
Hausberg came in here to know what

was happening and we told him  
what was in the report as follows:

The Commission is going to  
recommend that 3 square miles marked

and left us with the section  
of the report (Pages 1259 - 1271)  
which deals with the thing.

#### FURTHER ACTION.

4 August

(No 4)

"W" on a map (which we have not got)

at the S.E. corner of the concession, shall be added to the Reserve (Para 1262). This

they say "will include practically the whole of the land now in cultivation by the Tella on this estate". This would be

fairly clear but unfortunately para 1261

says "there is considerable cultivation by

the Tella at the north-western end of L.R. 3880

... extending for perhaps half a mile south of

the Voi river". But on the rest of the concession

this is practically no cultivation by the Tella"

Does this mean that the Tella are to ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> entitled

from their area S. of the Voi river, and compensated

by land at the S.E. corner, or can it mean that

the area at the S.E. corner somehow includes the

area S. of the Voi river at the N.E. corner? We

can't say unless we have a copy of the map.

The matter is unfortunately pressing

as the people who are finding the money are

getting disinclined to put up any more. If

they can be sure that ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> will have to pay out

less than 3 square miles retained in Para 1262 and

more than 11 square miles to be given to the

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better where they are.

Could you therefore have the thing looked  
into and if possible get us have a  
copy of the map with the various pieces  
marked on it? I enclose a copy of  
a letter from Hounslow to ~~Bottomley~~<sup>me</sup>

which shows that he can't quite make  
it out. We borrowed his maps to  
see if they would help, but they don't  
very much.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W.C. BOTTOMLEY.

## FURTHER ACTION.

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Campbell B. Hamburg Esq.

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For Sir C. Bottomley's sig'

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8 Aug 1933

W. C. Bottomley Hamburg

I am very much obliged for

your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> of August &  
which I return herewith  
for the maps. ~~for the memorandum~~

They made it clear that LR 3880  
is the Mwatali concession which  
is the one in point but they do not  
make it clear what areas are likely  
to be affected by the Morris Carter  
report, and in particular whether ~~the~~  
it proposes to leave the people who  
are south of the Voi alone where they  
are or to move them.

I am personally  
so ~~concerned~~ writing to the Acting

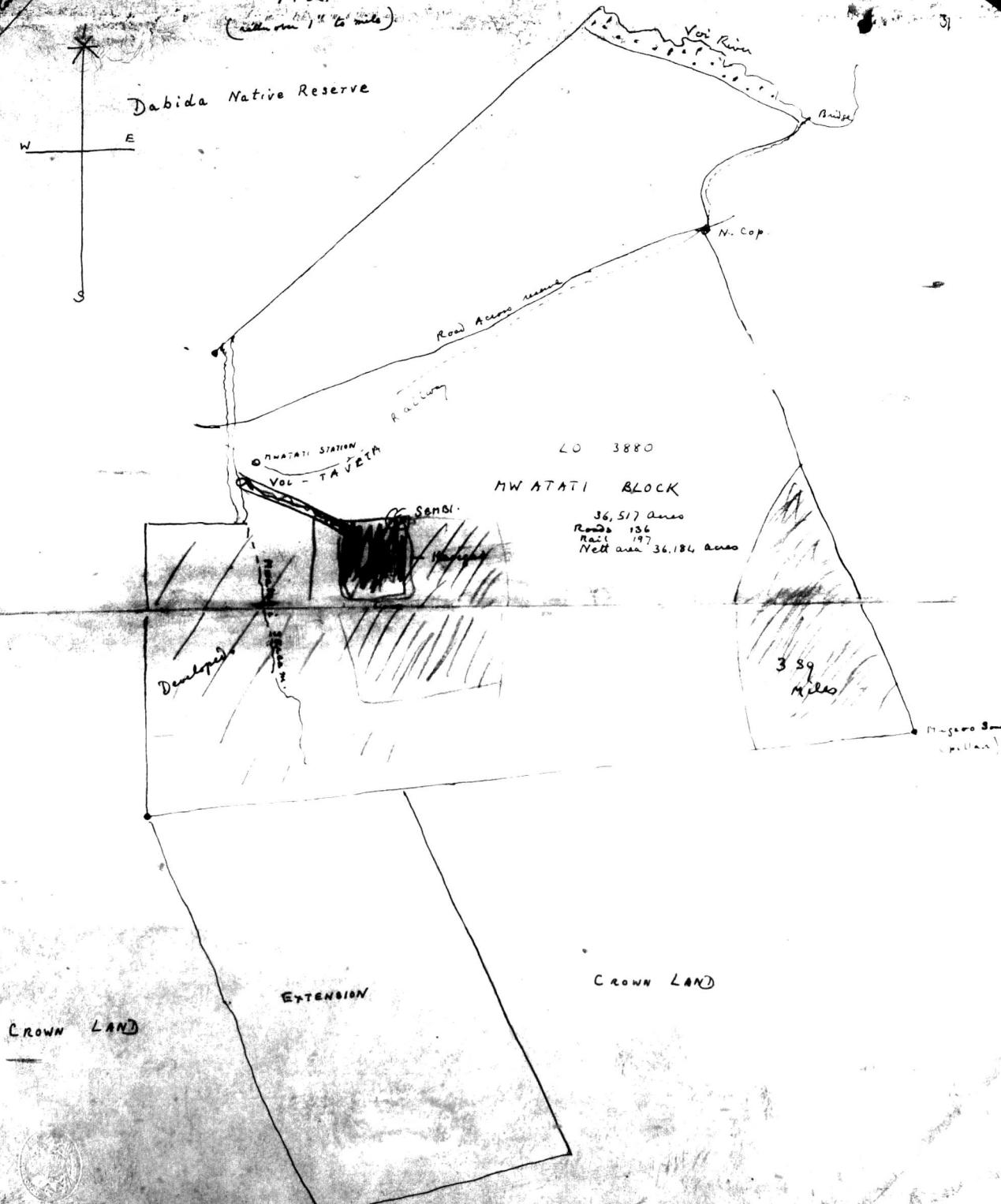
Governor by air mail to see if  
the matter can be finally cleared up.  
I will let you know the result.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY

map with H. Kent

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(allow 1" to miles)



Sir Cecil Bolenby,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.

Shenambury Place,  
Horsham.  
4<sup>th</sup> August, 1933.

My dear Sir Cecil,

(6) The Dika Concessions.

- With further reference to our conversation of  
yesterday I now enclose the following plans:-
1. Form no. 3 blue print showing the  
nwatali block. L.O. No. 3880 - 36,184 acres.  
and the Duna block L.O. No. 3881 - 24,081 acres.
  2. Sketch plan of nwatali block showing  
the approximate development in red; before  
which does not show the development done  
on the north side of the main road  
near Nratungu.
  3. A larger scale more up-to-date plan  
of cultivations, showing manager's house;  
offices; factory site; etc.

Please note that these are the only copies  
I have, & should like to have them back when  
you have done with them.

Now as regards Sir Maurice Carter's Report,  
the extracts you gave me from it yesterday:  
the extract "considerable cultivation at the  
north. East end of L.O. No. 3880 including  
for

for perhaps half a mile South of the Nai River" is perfectly clear; but to "acquire approximately three square miles on the South-East corner of the Concession", i.e. at Mungens, is not so, that is if it refers to the same piece of land.

I notice on Plan No. 2 "Wakanigan Camp & Cultivation" is marked in red ink.

Dear huts are now at the back of the manager's house, about a quarter of a mile up the hill to the North-West, & are about forty in number.

There is also a small settlement on the West side of Sembri.

I gather from what you told me yesterday that the proposals contained in the Daris Report are as follows:-

1. That this Company acquires three square miles say, approximately 1920 acres on the North East and/or (?) on the South-East of the Amatali Block L.O. No. 3880.
2. That this Company acquires about eleven square miles of land now occupied by the Wakanigan, say, about 7,040 acres, at the North-West corner of the Amatali block.

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I suppose, if these recommendations are carried out, that the Government of Kenya will (a) themselves bear the cost of the re-survey of the pieces of land concerned; and (b) delimitate the area occupied by the Wakasigan, & gazette it as a native area; and (c) that this Company will be relieved from paying rent for the pieces of land relinquished.

If it will be of any assistance, I shall be pleased to come & have a further discussion with you any day after Monday next.

I gather from what you told me that there is no prospect of the Report being published for some considerable time to come.

yours sincerely,  
Campbell S. Hauburg.

Extract from Chapter I - The Massai Province:

Some Observations on the Agreements of 1904

and 1911 and their effects.

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3 p.m.

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minutes)

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Answered by No 2  
The U.S. of S. for  
the Col. presents his  
compliments to Major Goldman  
and is directed to transmit,  
for perusal and return,  
copy of the Kenya  
Crimes Laws Ordinance  
(Chapter 140), with  
amendments.

X.S.

24 June, 1932