

1951

*Kenya*

No. 17196

SUBJECT

CO 533/412

*Alienation of Land.*

Previous

*16078/30.*

Subsequent

*P. Q. Files.*

*18093/32.*

Parliamentary Question by Mr. Harabin for  
oral reply Wednesday 10 June 1931  
(No. 1 on P.Q. file)

413  
To Govt (P.Q. A-1 on P.Q. file) (Cons) 7 JUN 1931

UNDER STATUTE

Parliamentary Question by Mr. Harabin  
for oral reply Friday 21 July 1931  
(No. 2 on P.Q. file)

No. 546 (P.Q. A. No. 2 on P.Q. file) 8 AUG 1931

UNDER STATUTE

We may as well send  
15 to Mr. Harabin re: (2)  
the details at  
though the detailed nature  
of the S<sup>n</sup> and really  
office.

W.P.P.  
7.11.31  
alms

Letter with  
Gammal  
10.8

Mr. Harabin

11 AUG 1931

P.T.O.

H. 100 pages 4/31 29 July  
state no statistics are kept which would  
enable information asked for to be  
readily supplied and necessary staff  
is not available to make search which  
would be required.

see Mr. Horabin's question on the  
P.O. file below. (No. 1)  
? so letter from Mr. Shields to him  
sizing the gist of para 2 & 3 of the despatch.

St. Hamilton 2/18  
left column  
Hamilton  
ref. etc.

Dear Sir,  
Sir R. Hamilton,  
I have on this draft. But  
I would advise that Mr. Shields, in  
his reply in the H. of Commons on  
the 10th June did not promise to  
communicate further with Mr. Horabin.  
He merely said that the statistics  
were not available at the C.O. but  
that the Governor would be asked  
whether they could be supplied. I

shall be very much disposed to take  
no action unless and until Mr. Horabin  
returns to the charge.

W.S.  
1/29. 10/9/31  
Mutt  
25.9.31  
at once

5. Dep. Govern. - 574. 28 September 1931  
Enclose map showing the locality  
of the land (referred to in No. 2) in its  
relation to the Native Reserve together  
with a schedule giving details of  
the years in which each of the farms  
was alienated & the names of the  
original grantees. No. 3  
See no. 2 on P.O. file & ~~copy~~ on this file.  
Clearly Mr. Horabin was misinformed.  
Sir R. Hamilton will send him a copy  
of the schedule & the original of the  
plan for return.

Send word  
23.9.31  
A. Acott  
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Following the precedent of No. 4 above  
it would not seem necessary to say  
anything more to Mr. Horabin unless  
he exhibits <sup>any</sup> further interest. If

anything is said. I think it should  
be limited to within the Federal  
works act) merely adding that  
it will be that <sup>all</sup> amount in  
funds in Eastern wire demands  
before 1906.

W. Allen

27/10/31

I could send it - as 5 others  
from no. 4 is being refused,  
and the idea that these  
other letters are recent will  
be dropped. I am rather  
surprised that there are any  
as late as 1906.

Wed. 29.10.31

[Mr. Houston will not have  
the opportunity of recommending in the  
House.]

Dear R. Hamilton

I would send the further  
information to Mr. Hamilton, even  
though he is no longer in the House.

W. Allen  
31.10.31

Noted Received  
W. Allen

I agree. Send as proposed by Mr. Allen

W. Allen  
10.11.31  
at mee

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Mr. Houston  
(as reference to no. 5)

27/10/31

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Mr. Eastwood 19

For Sir R. Hamilton's signature.

Downing Street,

20 November 1931

*Handwritten:* Mr. Eastwood  
Mr. Eastwood  
Sir T. Shackleton  
Sir G. Grindle  
Panel U.S. of S.  
Panel U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State

**DRAFT**

J.F. HERRABIN, ESQ

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Secretary of State

Sir J. Shackleton

Sir G. Grubb

Parliamentary Secretary

Foreign Office

Secretary of State

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*Handwritten signature and scribbles*

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1906.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R. W. HAMILTON.

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(Signed) H. W. HAMILTON.





GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA.

KENYA-

No. 574

28<sup>th</sup> September 1931

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COL OFFICE

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Lord Pasarfield's despatch no. 546 of the 6th August, 1931, regarding the alleged alienation of native land in the Kiambu District.

I enclose herewith a map which shows the locality of the land in question in its relation to the native reserve and a schedule is also attached giving details of the years in which each of the farms was alienated together with the names of the original grantees. It will be observed that Mr. Morrabin has been wrongly informed if he thinks that these lands have recently been alienated. The lands have never been included within the boundaries of the native reserve.

2. I do not, therefore, propose to take any action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. T. Martin

Governor's Deputy.

THE RT. HONOURABLE J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWLING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Copy sent to Mr. Morrison 20/11/31

No

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			<u>Original</u> <u>Lessee.</u>	<u>Alienated.</u>
Map. No. 55A. (Farm 55A)-L.R. 188,	Fort Smith.	149.3 acres.	Mrs. M. Bent.	Berore 1903.
L.R. No. 228.	Fort Smith.	71.80 "	H. E. H. Caine.	" 1904.
L.R. No. 190.	Fort Smith.	177.03 "	Mrs. M. Bent.	" 1903.
L.R. No. 169.	Limuru.	688. "	J. Sharpe.	" 1904.
L.R. No. 2950.	Limuru. 1189.41	) Orig. No. 167) " No. 168)	Viscount L. de Kergerien.	1905.
			A. G. Pirie.	
L.R. No. 166.	Limuru.	814.8.	J. Kerr.	" 1906.
L.R. No. 159.	Limuru.	480.12.	R. C. Langmore.	" 1904.
L.R. No. 165.	Karung River.	682.13.	W. Hall.	" 1906.
(L.R. No. 4885 (Orig. No. 175).	Limuru.	619.	W. Fawcus.	" 1906.

Enclosures of

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from fr. ken n.

# COLONY & PROTECTORATE OF KENYA

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SURROUNDING PLOTS

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G.I.a.

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KIambu NATIVE RESERVE

RODOLPH ESCARPMENT FOREST RESERVE

KIambu NATIVE RESERVE

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Surveyed 15.8.12

KIambu NATIVE RESERVE



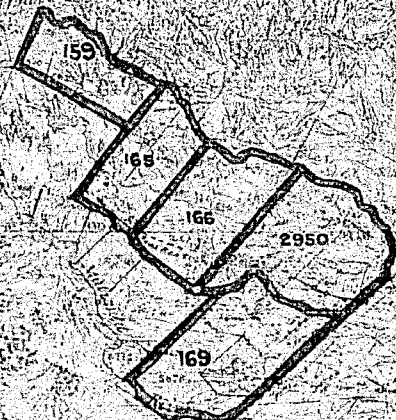
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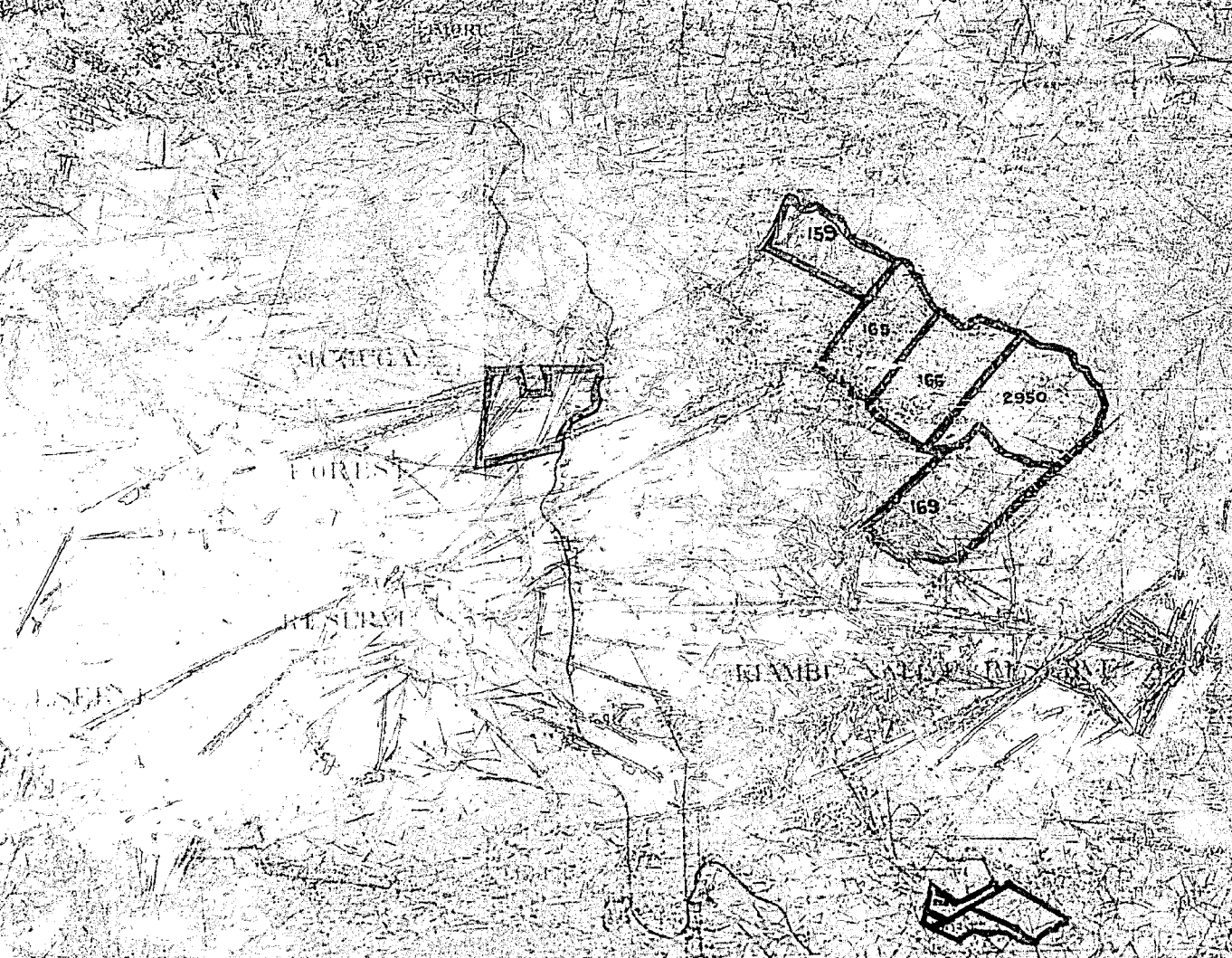
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NAIROBI,  
KENYA.

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21 AUG 1931  
COL. OFFICE

29<sup>th</sup> July, 1931.

My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to Your Lordship's Despatch No. 415 of the 17th June, 1931, regarding the number of holdings of alienated land of various areas in Kenya.

2. No statistics are kept which would enable the required information to be readily supplied. I am advised that in order to obtain this information, a search through every registered title, of which there are many thousands, would have to be made, and the necessary staff to do the work is not available.

5. As Your Lordship is doubtless aware, subdivisions of farm lands are constantly being effected and statistics supplied at the present time would be incorrect within a few weeks of their compilation.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble  
servant,

BRIGADIER-GENERAL,  
G O V E R N O R.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S. W. 1.

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DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.



17196/31.

Downing Street,  
11th August 1931.

My dear Martin,

I write with reference to the Secretary of State's despatch No. 546 of the 6th August, to say that Mr. Morabin has now sent to Dr. Shiple the following map details regarding the areas referred to in his question in the House of Commons on the 31st July:—

Fort Smith, 145 acres, map Number 55.A; Limuru 1,141 acres, map Numbers L.O. 228, 190, 169, 9960; N.W. Nairobi Township, 849 acres, map Numbers L.O. 166 and 159; S.E. Limuru, 1201 acres, map Numbers L.O. 165 and 4885.

Yours sincerely,

Signed, G. O. PARKINSON

H. T. MARTIN, ESQ., O.B.E.

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Thirty-first  
July  
1931

Dr. Drummond Shiels, M.P.,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street, S.W. 1.

Dear Shiels:

Following on my question re land  
alienation about which you promised to make  
enquiries, I append the following map details  
of the areas referred to.

Fort Smith 145 acres Map No. 55A;  
Limuru 1,141 acres, Map Nos. L.O. 228, 190, 169,  
2950; N.W. Nairobi Township 849 acres Map Nos.  
L.O. 166 and 159; S.E. Limuru 1,201 acres Map Nos.  
L.O. 165 and 4885.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Mollath

P.S. You promised to let me have back the letter  
from Mr. Rampley which I sent on to you a few days  
ago. I am awfully anxious to have it as I have  
no note of Rampley's address.