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Mr. Richard Pares

Request for access to Kenya Records at C.O. from 1890

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1. Prof. Coupland. -- Mr. Pares  
Aspires whether he can have access to Kenya records  
back to 1890 for historical survey

c.i. Title.  
Nominal.

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*M. Pares*

SIR CECIL BOTTOMLEY

MR. VERNON

You will see that in the attached letter, Professor Coupland asks whether Mr. Richard Pares, who is a son of Sir Bernard Pares and a Fellow of All Souls, may be given access to all Colonial Office records concerning Kenya from 1890 to the present time. Professor Coupland himself will accept full responsibility and will submit to the Colonial Office the proofs of the work which will be compiled as a result of the study of the Kenya documents.

The Secretary of State wishes, so far as may be possible, to comply with Professor Coupland's request. In particular, he would like Mr. Pares to be given access to the papers dealing with Sir Charles Eliot's regime and <sup>Sir Charles</sup> the encouragement of white settle-  
ment.

Will you please advise how far we can go in this matter and up to what year we can allow Mr. Pares access to Colonial records with regard to Kenya?

*Mr. Vernon*

*M. Bowe*

9.10.36.

*Will you please deal with the general aspect of this first?*

*Ans. 9.10  
(It was decided not to give special facilities to Lord Hailey's research people.)*

The correspondence up to the end  
of 1885 is open to the public - access  
to later correspondence is a matter  
of public discretion of the State. It is  
usually presumed that the access  
of the information is a matter of public  
policy. (See my minutes of 14/19/33.  
in 70004/855. Case unfortunatly X 2609 3/3/33  
cannot be found.) Hence the permission  
should be given to the Kenya Survey  
to examine the records in the  
files of the Kenya Survey. For the  
purpose of any exchange of information  
this is the only means to be adopted  
that will be published together with the  
rest of the records of the Kenya Survey.

The files about the Kenya Survey which  
people are attached to the records  
now under the name of the C. P. M. Survey  
number of 14/19/33 in 4-204/33 again  
in these files it was decided to  
let it down. It was assumed to be  
the to publish it and have considered  
it under the name of the Kenya Survey  
where copies be furnished in the  
case.

(These views are to be taken to  
regard Kenya & Survey  
under by the Records Dept.)

*W. Vernon*

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Mr. Vernon.

Records prior to 1885 are in the custody  
of the Public Record Office and are open to  
public inspection. The question of examination  
by member of the public of unpublished records  
subsequent to that date is a matter for the  
discretion of the Secretary of State; and the  
guiding principle appears to be that such  
permission should be given only if it would serve  
a definite public object. Where permission is  
given it is clear that any writings consequent  
on the examination should be submitted in proof  
to this Office and any directions we may give  
complied with. Professor Coupland is prepared  
to do this. I think also, however, that not only  
should proofs be submitted but any extracts of  
examined correspondence should also be submitted  
before they are taken away from the Office.

W. Vernon  
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The question whether the historical  
section of the Kenya Survey which is being  
conducted under the auspices of the Oxford  
University Social Studies Research Committee  
is a public object which would justify permission  
to examine records here seems to be a matter on  
which the Kenya Department rather than the  
General Department should advise. In the case  
of the African Research Survey conducted by  
Sir Malcolm Hailey under the auspices of the  
Institute of International Affairs and with the  
aid of a grant by the Carnegie Corporation, the  
Secretary of the Survey, Miss Matheson,  
apparently

Yes  
W. Vernon  
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