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MISS O. SMITH - COFFEE PLANT.

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You may like to have the enclosed
correspondence for record:

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1. Sir E. Grigg (50 to Sir E. Grigg). 29.11.37
Encl. of letter to Lady Grigg from Miss Smith requesting
intercession with regard to bank due on her estate.
2. To Sir E. Grigg 5/0 (4/1000 returned) 1 Recd. 30.11.37
3. Sir E. Grigg (10) 2.12.37
Clk (2) & requests action as proposed. Enclosed letter.
- To Sir E. Grigg (5/0) 2.12.37

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TELEPHONE
SLOANE 9419.

39, EATON SQUARE,
S.W. 1.

2nd December 1937.

My dear Moore,

Many thanks for your letter. I think, on the whole, the best course will be the first which you suggest, namely, to write to Wade, and I shall be very grateful if you will forward the enclosed letter to him, as I do not know his address.

Yr very sincerely
Edward Gigg.

Sir Henry Monck-Mason-Moore, K.C.M.G.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

30th November, 1957.

Dear Sir Edward,

Thank you for your letter with its enclosure from Miss Smith, which I now return. I cannot say that I remember her, though of course I remember Colonel Walter quite well. It seems to me that there is not very much that we can do at this end, and unless you prefer to write to the Governor direct, I am inclined to think the best course would be either to send the letter to Wade, who is now on leave in this country, and ask him to send it on to the appropriate officer in Kenya, or else for me to send a copy of the letter to Pilling who is acting Colonial Secretary during Wade's leave. Hutchison and Company to ^{whom} you refer are not, I think, a firm of lawyers, but the licensed auctioneers in Government Road, Nairobi, and they may possibly be acting as Miss Smith's agents. I am sure in the case

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Sir Edward Grigg, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C.

does not look too hopeful, but there is of course the Agricultural Advances Board and the Land Bank in Kenya that gives advances under certain conditions to deserving applicants who are in difficulties with mortgages, etc. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

(Sgt. Henry ...)

TELEPHONE
SLOANE 9419.

39, EATON SQUARE,
S.W. 1.

29th November 1937.



My dear Moore

I wonder if you can assist me in any way to help Miss Smith who writes my wife the enclosed note. She was a most public-spirited and efficient nursing sister who came to Kenya with Colonel Walter, an Army medical officer, who set up electric and therapeutic appliances of various kinds in Nairobi and did a great deal of useful work. I remember in particular that he had more success in curing me from the worst effects of amoebic dysentery than anybody else - I suppose because he had long Indian experience. I called in Walter amongst the doctors who looked after the Duke of Windsor when he had very bad malaria in my house, which shows that I had very great confidence in him.

Walter died some three or four years ago and seems to have left a little property in the Colony to this nursing sister, who was his right hand helper in everything. She also deserves well of the Colony, for I know that what she says is accurate, namely, that she treated all Government servants drawing £400 or less free during the many years she

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spent in Kenya. I can remember men who were extremely grateful to Walter and to her.

You will understand, therefore, that I should like to help her in this business. I can of course write to Hutchison & Co., who appear to be her lawyers, and ask what the trouble is, but they would probably only send me a highly legal reply, and the best way of helping her, I think, is to secure, if possible, that the Land Department in Kenya should give her some sort of special consideration in view of the services which she undoubtedly rendered free to public servants in the Colony. Can you help me in any way to secure this? I can of course write to the Governor, but in that case I should like your support. I expect that you remember Walter and Miss Smith yourself.

Yours ever,

Edward Gigg

I hope Lady Moore is well again. I hear she has had to have another operation - rotten lung.

Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, K.C.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

9/4, Middleton Row.

Calcutta.

15th November, 1937.

My dear Lady Grigg,

I am writing to you as I am in trouble, and am appealing to you to intercede with Sir Edward in my behalf. Under the will of the late Colonel Walter, I was left his coffee estate, Plot No.6755 at Kyambu. He paid off most of the dues in connection with rents, etc. and now the Land department are wanting to take the farm over as there is £769 due and I cannot pay it. Could Sir Edward help me in the matter. I know of people out there who were helped and given plots by Govt. Miss Lovibond, an ex-nurse was one. Whilst in Kenya I don't think I ever told you that the Government Servants drawing £400 and under were treated by me free. All the years I spent in Kenya. In these circumstances would Sir Edward consider my case. I am really very badly off. I draw Rs.200 a month, and it takes me all my time to keep myself and pay interest on £350 which I actually borrowed and sent for rents some 2 years ago. I have thought of writing to you about this many times, but felt rather unhappy about it. My future is so black, that I felt I must write, and beg of you to forgive me for taking this liberty. I hope you and the family are well. I am much stronger and would very much like to go to Kenya again when Colonel Vere-Hodge thinks my heart will stand the altitude. On the farm I could keep an eye on things and have a home where I could live quietly. The coffee is doing well now. Mr.Hutchison and Col of Govt. word has been

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dealing with my affairs and I do not know what has been
happening as he rather resents my asking questions.
You see he has been doing this gratuitously for me and I am
in an awkward position.

With my sincerest wishes to you both and apologies
for this request.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Olive Smith.