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LAND COMMISSION REPORT

CLAIMS OF JURUMA NATIVES TO LAND IN MYVACHI VALLEY

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1. 1937 Kenya _____ 766 _____ 22/10/33
Propose Transference to Duruma Reserve of part of Mwachhi Forest Reserve in exchange for an equal area in the Duruma Reserve and requests approval at early date.

2. 1937 Kenya _____ 767 _____ 22/10/33
(4 in 1937 file numbers) Reports that previously recorded decision will be revoked and the land made available for Duruma occupation.

* They don't accept the arguments, but are prepared to comply with the S. G. S. wishes.

H.P.

No 2 Not only are the arguments of (4) in 1937 file accepted and the decision agreed to that all the available land in the Mwachhi valley shall be made part of the Nature Reserve, but also a further small 'contaminant' is added (in para 2) ~~of the~~ in the form of L.R. No 1271 (one of the Russian plots - see map under draft of (2) in - 3)) being included in the description of the Reserve and the rest of it being given to the local Native Council.

No 1 Proposes a swap between Nature Reserve and Forest Reserve in order ~~to~~ ^{with} including the site of a native village from the Nature Reserve. The map is regular on all sides, and seems, from the map enclosed in the despatch, to be far enough so far as areas are concerned. (The map in this despatch overlaps the map in the 1937 file referred to above: the other map referred to in p 2 of the despatch is not ~~very~~ helpful.) The purpose of his proposal appears to be not desirable, and there would seem to be no objections ~~to it, from~~ ^{to it, from} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~authorities~~ ^{authorities} or objectors to it. Approve. (C. G. S. S. S. S. S.)

I see no reason to object to the exchange proposed in No 1. I think the S. G. S. can safely approve; at the same time I wd. express

appreciation at the decision reported
in No. 2.

J.P. Mason
5/1

A. J. Mawle
5.1

Mr. Purdy

There need be no difficulty in
accepting no. 1.

I stand on no. 2 so that you may
see the successful result of
our efforts. The work of the
advisers are not criticized.

As before?

W.P.B.
5.1.38

* Anyway the applicant
about the Darnum
claims is satisfactory.

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W.P.B.

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Mr. C. M. White 7/1

Mr. P. J. M. ...
Mr. ...

- Sir H. Moore.
- Sir G. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Parly. U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

13 January 1938

Sir,

I have etc to ack the
 (1) receipt of your dep. No 766 of
 the 22nd + December ¹⁹³⁷ on the
 subject of the proposed exchange
 of land between the Mwachia
 Forest Reserve and the Duruma
 Native Reserve, and to inform
 you that I approve the
 revised proposals set out in
 your dep. ~~namely~~
 2. To take the opportunity
 to ack the receipt of your
 (2) dep. No 767 of the 22nd of
 December and to express
 my appreciation of the
 decision recorded therein
 that all the land in the
 Mwachia valley which can
 be made available shall

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FURTHER ACTION.

be added to the ^{Prussia} native reserve
without any idea of subsequent
reversion to the Crown.

I have etc.

(to Lord W. ORMSBY GORE)

KENYA

No. 767



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

22 December, 1957.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 976 of the 10th November, 1957, on the subject of the Duruma claims in the Mwachi Valley.

2. The subject has again been considered by my Executive Council in the light of the views expressed in your despatch under reference. Since no further evidence can be advanced it has been decided that the previously recorded decision be revoked and that all the land in the Mwachi Valley which can be made available immediately for occupation by the Duruma Tribe shall be made so available without any idea of subsequent reversion to the Crown and that the farms not now available shall be added to Class "A" Native Reserve so soon as they can be acquired on reasonable terms, with the exception of L.R. Nos. 1001 and 1051/1 which shall be regarded as a set off against compensation already made.

For the preservation of a convenient boundary, No. 1271 will be included in the description of the Native Reserve, subject to the existing lease, and the rents derived therefrom will in future be paid to the Local Native Council. No objection can be raised by the lessees as the plot is leased for Mission purposes only.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Brooke-Popham

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL,
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,
W.G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, P.C., M.P.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON...S.W.1.

KENYA
No. 766



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

22 December, 1937:

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to sections 1210 to 1215 of the Kenya Land Commission Report in which reference is made to a proposed exchange of land between to Duruma Native Reserve and the Mwachi Forest Reserve.

2. On closer investigation of the proposed exchange it has come to light that an important and extensive Duruma village exists within the area south of the Duruma River which was to remain Forest Reserve. Revised proposals have now been made with the entire approval of the natives concerned, the Provincial Commissioner and the Conservator of Forests for the transference to the Native Reserve of that portion of the existing Mwachi Forest Reserve lying to the west and north of the Mwachi River, comprising about 4,260 acres, in exchange for an equal area of good forest land in the Native Reserve lying to the south of the area marked "C" on the plan opposite page 516 of the Report.

Mr. Hemsted and Captain F.O'B. Wilson, the locally resident Members of the Commission, have expressed their agreement with the proposal which has also been approved by my Executive Council subject to your confirmation.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,
W.G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, P.C., M.P.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON....S.W.1.

A plan indicating the proposal is attached and I should be glad to have your formal approval as soon as possible in order that a final description of the Native Reserve boundaries may be completed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

R. Brocklebank

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL,
GOVERNOR.

PROPOSED MWACHIL FOREST EXCHANGE

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