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Boys John Application for land in Laikipia

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Scale of 1 inch = 1 mile
Kenya

Colonial Office - June 1928

Copy of letter addressed by Major Denton to Mr. Boyes explaining that a scheme is afoot for alienating of vacant farms in Laikipia and that he will have an equal opportunity with others of acquiring land in this area.

Mr. Boyes called on Friday the 1st June at a meeting. I said that he had secured him a hearing & that I did not see what more he could do. I expressed his claim of unjust treatment, pointing out that many others had been disappointed at the original distribution.

He said that he would get M.P.'s to take up his case & I said that of course he was free to take such action he chose.

? Party
13.6.27

His name was [unclear]

Mr. [unclear] comes with Mr. Boyes attached.

2. Extract from Proceedings of Executive Council held at Nairobi on the 22nd. Sept. 1928. as directed on 15327/28.

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See memo no. 844 in 15823/24 as to exchange of land with Mr. Boyes

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EXTRACT FROM PROCEEDINGS OF

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held at Government House Nairobi, on the
22nd. September 1928.

Minute . No. 419.

Laikipia Land
Extension scheme
- Mr. John Beyer.

Council advised approval of the grant of the suggested extension to Mr. John Beyer subject to it being in the pastoral area and to the grant not being prejudicial to the development of adjacent Crown Land.

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H.E. CONCURRED AND ORDERED ACCORDINGLY.

Mr. Allen 25 6.27.

Mr.
Mr.

Mr. E. J. Harding.

Sir C. Strachey.

Sir J. Shackburgh.

Sir G. Grindal.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir S. Wilson.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Earl of Clarendon.

Mr. Amery.

DRAFT.

In my signature

J. BOYSE, ESQ.

Downing Street,

29th June, 1927.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Ormsby-Gore has received your letter of the 21st June and has looked into the matter of your application for further land in Kenya. He finds that the decision conveyed to you in the letter from Major Dutton, the Governor's Private Secretary, of the 9th June was only taken after the fullest consideration, and as you were informed in the official letter from the Colonial Office of the 18th June last, the Secretary of State regards the matter as primarily one for the discretion of

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the local Government.

In these circumstances

Mr. Ormsby-Core regrets that he cannot feel that any intervention on his part would be justified, and he can only leave you to take such advantage as you may think fit of ^{the opportunity} securing the ~~part of~~ land which Major Dutton mentions in his letter of the 9th June.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Anthony Bevir.

Private Secretary.

the Government.

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NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,
LONDON, W.C.2

21st June, 1927,

PRIVATE.

The Hon. W.G.A. Ormsby-Gore,
5, Mansfield Street,
Cavendish Square,
W. 1.

Dear Mr. Ormsby-Gore,

With reference to our conversation last evening on the subject of my claim for a grant of land in the Laikipia District of Kenya Colony, in connexion with the Soldiers Settlement Extension Scheme, and in recognition of my War services, I would be very much obliged if you would kindly look into the matter personally with a view to seeing whether some arrangement could be come to whereby a grant could be made, having regard to the special circumstances of my case.

I understand that after a long delay, and my having been assured that my case would be specially and separately considered, it is now being taken in with a multitude of other cases en masse. Mr. Martin, the Commissioner of Lands, assured me that he, personally, was in favour of making me the Grant, and Sir Edward Grigg, the Governor, said he would abide by Mr. Martin's recommendation; but I understand that the Acting Commissioner in Kenya has closed the matter and the Governor

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has agreed to this.

I think I am right in saying that my case has special circumstances which justify special consideration.

Yours faithfully,

John Boyle

From Mrs. Denton 9.6.27

"I enclose a copy of a letter which I have addressed
to the Minister for the Colonies from Kenya 9

"Following for Grigg begins. 4th June. Your telegram dated 5th May Boyce very undesirable to reopen question of Laikipia Land Extension Scheme. I do not consider that Boyce case merits special consideration. Commissioner of Lands is submitting scheme for alienation of vacant farms in Laikipia on special terms and Boyce will have equal opportunity with others of acquiring land in this area if he so desires and will be informed of the position ends.

ACTING GOVERNOR".

Sir Edward Grigg has now received a telegram from the Acting Governor in Nairobi on the subject of the claim for land in the Laikipia district to which you refer in your letter of the 7th June. The Acting Governor (Sir Edward Denham) has pointed out the undesirability of reopening the question of the Laikipia Land Extension Scheme. The Acting Governor further stated that the Commissioner of Lands is submitting a scheme for the alienation of vacant farms in Laikipia on special terms and that you would have an equal opportunity with others of acquiring land in this area if you so desire.

Sir Edward Grigg has considered these recommendations and has accepted them.

Yours faithfully,

(M) E. A. T. DUTTON.

MAJOR.
PRIVATE SECRETARY.

John Boyce, Esq.
c/o The Royal Colonial Institute,
Northumberland Avenue,
E.C. 4.

From Sir Evelyn 9.6.27

"I enclose a copy of a letter which I have addressed
to Mr. Boyes. The Minister, from the Colonial Office,
and acting in accordance with the decision conveyed in it."

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Copy attached

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