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Note on various Kenya matters which were discussed by Sir Edward Lytton with Sir Samuel Wilson

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Sir Edward Grigg discussed with Sir S. Wilson on the 22nd of June several questions which had been awaiting the opportunity. In some instances, there had been preliminary discussions between Sir E. Grigg and me, which were confirmed when we met Sir S. Wilson. The items mentioned were :-

- (1) Native Land Trust Bill.
- (2) Leave and Passage conditions.

These were held over because despatches expected on Monday had not yet arrived.

- (3) Nairobi Municipality.

This had been disposed of by office minutes except for ~~the~~ new points which Mr. ^{Logan} Martin had raised. It was not further discussed.

- (4) Nairobi Town Planning.

Sir E. Grigg was still ~~in~~ for a definite time and for the removal of points of difference between the Colony and the Railway.

- (5) Land Alienation and further settlement.

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Sir E. Grigg agreed that the approval of the Martin-Bottomley memorandum was all that he desired and recognised that it could not take effect until the Land Trust Bill was passed.

- (6) Government Assisted Settlement.

He reported that good progress had been made in discussions with the Oversea Settlement Department, and promised to put forward draft schemes which could be the basis of formal agreement by exchange of despatches.

- (7) General Loan question.

Agreement
It was agreed that Kenya's further borrowing of funds must be represented to the Treasury, and that

subject in writing.

- (12) Sir E. Denham's proposal that a special pension should be given to certain Administrative Officers.

~~As it has~~ been represented that the idea that these officers should be placed on the same position as their juniors who will reach the retiring qualification in, say, six years from now, was inconsistent with the fact that their predecessors in retirement of six years ago were very much worse off; ~~of the fact that a precedent created in the case of Administrative Officers could not fail to re-act on men in other branches of the Service; and of the hardship which the decision would involve~~ ^{that} in the case of thoroughly good men who had the bad luck to be invalided after 19 years' service, Sir E. Grieg decided that he could not support the Acting Governor's view. A careful draft report will be required on this subject, as it cannot be claimed that the matter was discussed at all fully with Sir E. Grieg.

- (13) The Inspector General's Report on the 3rd B.A.R.

Sir E. Grieg agreed that the O.C. Troops should be relieved from duty with the Legislative Council by the appointment of some other official in his place. He did not consider that the fact that the military cause would not be directly represented in the Council was important. On the question of the suggested reduction of the 3rd Battalion from six Companies to four, Sir E. Grieg referred to the various claims which had been made that the position in the Northern Province of Turkana required an increase rather than a reduction in the military strength. He was

On veterinary research, Sir E. Grigg hoped that it would be possible without waiting for closer union, to secure the services of Sir A. Theiler to advise on how the veterinary research in E.Africa should be organised. He hoped that a despatch may be sent to the four places Kenya, Uganda, Zanzibar, Tanganyika, telling them to co-operate in obtaining Sir A. Theiler's services, the cost being borne in equal shares.

On native welfare research, the report of the Sub-Committee of the Civil Research Committee was discussed. Sir E. Grigg pointed out that it did not touch the point which he had in mind when he suggested reference to the Civil Research Committee, namely that of Imperial assistance. He hoped that it would be possible to secure the services of Mr. Justice Feetham at an early date in a view to his advising and directing a general scheme on native welfare research. It was pointed out that on the basis of the Report of the Sub-Committee it was impossible to approach the Treasury for Imperial assistance, and that there was little hope of obtaining co-operation (in advance of federation) by other Governments concerned in view of the attitude which they had adopted on this question of native welfare research. Sir E. Grigg proposed to write in either before his departure, or by despatch as soon as possible after his arrival in Kenya.

~~Handwritten scribbles and notes at the top of the page, including the name 'Mr. Bally' and some illegible text.~~

Mr Bally.

I saw Mr. E. J. [illegible] this afternoon
and arranged with him to come
in on Wednesday morning. If
there is anything I should discuss
with him please say which and
you & I can see him together
first & then perhaps I can
thank him as to you

J.H.K.
at once

15.6.27

Mr S. Wilson

I think he will visit O. [illegible] all
the points with you except perhaps
5 & 10 (5 is [illegible])

As far as to 3 have you found
will you be [illegible]

Perhaps you will be over to [illegible]
we have an [illegible] on Tuesday for
[illegible]

G. [illegible]

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* [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

or Monday?

Am completely aware, & do
not expect your information
is subject to you he will be
willing to discuss details with me.

W. B. Cotton
16.5.37

Mr. Cotton.

If you are going to be in the
Office on Sat 18th I should
like to discuss, as I shall be
away on Monday & Tuesday, the
20th & 21st.

W. B. Cotton
16.5.37.

COCKSPUR STREET,
(ENTRANCE SPRING GARDENS)
LONDON, S. W. 1.

10th June 1927.

Dear Mr. Bottomley,

Up to the present the points, as far as I know them, which Sir Edward is anxious to discuss before he leaves for South Africa are:

- (1) Native Land Trust Bill. *to be held on June 20*
- (2) Leave and Passage conditions. *45*
- (3) Nairobi Municipality. *Send up to 1/20/27*
- (4) Nairobi Town Planning (including Bank sites). *64*
- (5) Land alienation and further settlement. *Handwritten note*
- (6) Government assisted settlement. *Handwritten note*
- (7) General Loan question. *Handwritten note*
- (8) The approval of the principle of the allocation of £750,000 from Loan funds for the Land Bank.
- (9) Delimitation of the Highlands. *Handwritten note*
- (10) The Lewis Water Report and the employment of Mr. Whiteley. *67*
- (11) The proposal to found an African Order. *68*

If you will add to this list any points you wish to discuss with him, I will then get down to the question of some formal programme for the week commencing the 20th June.

Of course, you have already had a certain amount of discussion with Mr. Martin on some of these points, but Sir Edward Grigg is most anxious to get a proportion of them definitely settled so that he can begin work on them as soon as he gets back to Kenya.

Yours sincerely,

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Downing Street.

E. A. J. Nathan

Add

Other

(12) Sir E. Denham's proposed total administrative
expenses (at say £810) should be paid
off as if no further work was to be done
reached in the amount of £710.

(13) I G's report on 3rd KAR. Not 2.07

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Downing Street.

14 June, 1967.

Dear Major Dutton,

I thank you for your letter of the 10th June with a list of points which Sir Edward wishes to discuss. The only two points which I think should be added are -

(12) Special pensions to Administrative Officers now being retired before reaching maximum salary.

(13) King's African Rifles -

- (1) the position of the Commandant as member of the Legislative Council, and
- (2) the suggested reduction of the 3rd Battalion from 6 Companies to 4.

As regards (13) Sir R. Donham's despatch anticipated that Sir R. Brigg would raise the question while he was here.

I would suggest that if Sir Edward has no objection your time-table should provide for discussions of these points (between him and me) as early next week as possible, so as to leave time for discussions

MAJOR R.A.F. DUTTON.

discussions with higher authority on points which we are not able to finish.

As regards (10), you may be able to let me have a preliminary note of points which Sir Edward proposes to raise; in particular we do not seem to have heard of Mr. Whiteley so far.

Yours sincerely,

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W. Allen
A. Have suggested this to the Loan Commission
B. Have suggested that they give letters of advice to Sir E. Sneyd
C. Have told Sir E. Sneyd that a formal note will be sent in April
Pl. have forwarded in terms of the fact that Sir E. Sneyd is leaving England
Dear Mr. Bottomley,

THE EASTERN AFRICAN TRADE & INFORMATION OFFICE

COCKSPUR STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1

22nd June 1927.

At the risk of seeming to bother you about the various points which were brought up this morning, I do trust that it will be possible for you to go a further stage in most of them before the Governor leaves for Kenya.

In particular, Sir Edward is anxious to have a formal note from Mr. Amery approving of the principle of the allocation of £750,000 from Loan Funds for the Land Bank.

Sir Edward would also very much like to be in a position to assure people in Kenya that the applications for assistance under the Empire Marketing Board are going forward.

Also, the question of payment of gratuities to porters' widows is sure to come up in the next Legislative Council.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. J. Button

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