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Kenya

No. 16114

SUBJECT

CO 533/398

closer settlement scheme

Previous

15576/29

Subsequent

See 16078/30. K.

17068/31.

1. Overseas Settlement Department. 31st March 30.

Concurs in the amendments to the draft agreement proposed by the Govt. of Kenya, subject to certain obsons. Requests that Kenya be asked to indicate what action they propose to take for recruiting settlers. Submits obsons. on land settlement schemes and suggests they be communicated to Kenya for their info.

2. Gov. Conf. 43. 15th March 30.

Submits proposals and comments on the question of expenditure and the limitation of the number of Overseas and Local allottees under Schemes "A" and "B". Requests telegraphic reply.

Memorandum to the

Mr Allen

24/4/30

A. C. Hollander

Mr Allen has done this very thoroughly, but it is not possible to be quite sure on all the details.

The local Govt. is very anxious to make progress with its land settlement; and there is certainly less objection to the disposal of land to local applicants, who know the country & need their risks than to new men recruited from here. In principle, the Govt. will be prepared to let the local Govt. go ahead on the lines now proposed, when I agree that we send telegraph as proposed by Mr Allen - + regard the last sentence of your report as important. But it is not good saying this if

local

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The S.P. should feel that
land alienation should be suspended
for some period of inquiry as
to possible native
requirements. There is
I gather, a good deal of
suspicion among the members of
the Labor Party as to any
alienation of land to Europeans
now in Uvira - if the
recent questions about the
Lakipira matter, which
was however approved by
the S.P. after some
time local sentiment
cannot be altogether
ignored, & it is a
great difficulty in the
Caldwell. If it were ruled
that all land alienation,
even within the 4 corners
of the Bottomley-Martin
agreement, must be suspended
for an indefinite period
in connection with an
enquiry into possible
native requirements in the
territory.

All Parkman
26.6.30.

I agree both that even this
fancy enquiry draft should
be deferred on there being no
insuperable objection on the
ground of policy and that, if there

which, if all land alienation should
be closed proposed along the same
line - is satisfactory.

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The Kiamba ("Tilgong" development)
area may require special considera-
-tion. We learn from the report on
Kilimanjaro land tenure that
(a) the Kiamba European area
formerly was, like the land
over which native customary
rights existed &
(b) it adjoins the most densely
populated
& best of the Kilimanjaro country.

Also it
projects into
the Western
Kenya

The area is, therefore,
bound to be an especially suitable
one to reserve for future native
requirements (compensation or
other), but its area (only some
900 acres) relatively would
reduce its reservation to a
mere gesture - the area is
insignificant for future needs
from expanding habitation of
all colors. I suppose - proposed
type

28.6.30.

Sec of State

(through P. Skibo)

I think that if all land alienation is ruled out for the moment it will create a difficult situation for the local government. In the circumstances I would approve generally of the restricted scheme now put forward, and telegraph for further information as in brief

J. H. G.

29.4.30

I would prefer that further land alienation to Europeans should be held up until we get the various conflicting issues at present before us cleared up. If it is thought wise to go on at all, it will be very important to see that no risk is run of allotting doubtful areas which will plunge us into more controversy. I am glad that the Dept. evidently recognises the importance of this. We cannot be too careful. The telegram does not appear to commit us and we could still keep the question open until we have the reply. D.S. 2.5.30

3 Tel. to Gov. Kya no. 33 was - 19/5/30 - 3 May 1930
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4. To Mr. Lwing. s/o. 12th. May 30.

5. Gov. Grigg. Tel. 168. 9th. May 30.

States as to Schemes B and C and as to position of grantees -

Ba
might be

I attach an explanatory note. It now appears that the surmise that the Governor's scheme was limited to farms and reserved for local applicants is not correct. He proposes to alienate (a) 30 (or 31) Scheme B farms in Transvaal which were originally reserved for applicants from home, (b) 30(?) Scheme B farms in the Ndabagane and Thomson's Falls area which were reserved for local applicants and (c) 8 small holdings and 10 residential plots Nyari under Scheme C (i.e. that for retired officials).

The Governor gives an assurance that the Nyari Scheme C areas ^{also} ~~will~~ ^{will be} the Bottomley-Martini Agreement; and that the farms will only be alienated to persons with sufficient capital to run them, independent of the proposed Agricultural Bank.

It is not proposed to take an alienation in Fighni (Illopon Township) to which Sir C. Bottomley specially referred in his report of the 23rd April, nor under Scheme A (small holdings) nor under Scheme C, apart from the Nyari plots in question.

The main question, therefore, is whether the S. of S., who, up to the present has merely agreed to a total of twelve settlers, is prepared to agree, and, if so, to what extent, to the Governor's present proposals.

In general, the alienations contemplated