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Previous Paper

RESERVATION OF LAND IN LOWLANDS FOR INDIAN
AGRICULTURISTS.

Fwd tel from Govt of India intimating that it is not proposed to depute an officer to inspect the land. Consider no useful purpose would be served by pursuing matter further.

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Please see also for 25435 as to
the low land scheme.

At this point, the only question is whether we should definitely withdraw the 1923 offer, or say that Indians will be left free to apply on the same terms as other non-natives for land outside the big estates, or keep the matter open for a few months.

Dr. G. Griff thinks that
no Indian agriculturists can
naturally be available, &
we need not shut the door

Subsequent Paper

6 A.M. 10th July 28

It shall be here considered by me.

? send it by to Mr. Osgood

for his opinion.

Very truly yours,

John Quincy Adams

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July, 1922.

COPY OF TELEGRAM

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From Viceroy, Department of Education, Health and Lands, to Secretary of State for India.

Dated Simla, 24th June, 1925.

Received 24th June, 1925, 4 p.m.

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783-S. Education Department 352. With reference to your telegram No. 3354, dated 28th November last. Temporary reservation of areas in the lowlands in Kenya. We have carefully considered the proposal in consultation with Emigration Committee of the Legislature. Latter consider the land offered to be unlikely to attract any colonists since it is marshy in some parts, waterless in others, exposed to ravages of tsetse fly in others, and generally expensive to clear. Educated opinion in India would regard acceptance of the reservation, even on temporary footing, as iniquitous in the principle, the application of which in the uplands it has been consistently opposed, and therefore, as likely to give Indian claim to reversal. Our policy has lactions to this effect have been propounded by prominent public bodies such as the Indian National Congress and Indian National Liberal Federation, the Indian Buddhist Association and the Deccan Sabha, and the same is also strongly held by the majority of the unofficial members of the Emigration Committee of the Legislature. In the circumstances, we do not think it advisable to proceed with the idea of despatching an officer of Kenya to inspect the areas in question. Such a step would almost certainly antagonise the Assembly, reverse the situation in the country over the Kenya lease, which is happily now dormant and generate atmosphere wholly hostile to scheme, even if it were reported by officer to be feasible or attractive.

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