

KENYA

X. 402  
12 JAN 1926

MR GRIGG  
SONS, 28th NOVEMBER 1925

Date

MEMORANDUM

DEVELOPMENT OF LAND BETWEEN SULTAN HAMUD & MAKINDU.

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*Mr. Grigg*  
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States that the land in question is only suitable for development as grazing land and requests approval to initiation of scheme for the same on lines previously proposed without any race distinctions.

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MINUTES

*AC 28435/25*  
*Further to Govt. let (2) 15 FEB 1926*  
*Mem. to Govt. let (2) 15 FEB 1926*  
*15 MAR 1926*  
*15 AUG 1926*

It is no doubt true that if this land is used for pastoral purposes we need not trouble about the effect on the labour market. But whether its pastoral use will justify anyone in boring for water is a different matter.

On both points (1) that the tenant must not be led to expect claims on the agricultural labour supply of the country and (2) that his expenditure will not make it possible for him to cultivate high value crops, I think that the offer of leases should definitely be on a non-agricultural basis.

This would lead us with the Game Reserve point, and I think it is essential that we should be able to assure the S.P.F.E. from the start that a satisfactory substituted

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will be available and that we should be able to tell them where it is.

In order that this matter may not drag on too long, I think we might telegraph approval of the scheme on the definite understanding that the land will be offered for grazing purposes only and ask for information where the substituted game reserve area will be found. We should promise an explanatory despatch and send it by an early mail.

Wednesday

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at once

Send on LF reminder of our despatch

of 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. East Kenya.

Wednesday

4.8.27

Remind Edshah

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W. Allen

Send no reply from Kenya

Probably awaiting S.F. [unclear] 12/12/27

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of 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. last paragraph.

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**KENYA**

DOWLING STREET,

**CONFIDENTIAL**

1st March, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your attention to the 3rd paragraph of my confidential despatch (2) of the 1st of February, 1926, and to my confidential despatch of the 12th of August, and to enquire whether you are yet in a position to inform me of the locality in which it is proposed that land should be set aside in substitution for that withdrawn from the Southern Game Reserves under the scheme of development of the area between Sultan Hamud and Rakindu.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

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R. 10-11-1927  
D/14/11

Mr. Whitehead 9/3/27

Mr. Sell 9/3/27

Mr. E. J. Harding

Mr. Stroschey

Sir J. Shackburgh

Sir G. Grenville

Sir G. Davis

Sir S. Wilson

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Earl of Clarendon

Mr. Amery

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Sir, <sup>10/26/27</sup> 11/11 March, 1927

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Reserve under the scheme  
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between  
area of Sultan Hamud &  
Makindia.

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(Signed) L. S. AMERY.

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(Signed) L. S. AMERY.



KENYA.  
No. 219  
CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA.  
28th November, 1925.

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Sir,

*MAC*  
*29/11/26*

With reference to your Confidential despatch of 16th July regarding the proposed development of the waterless land lying between Sultan Hamud and Makindu to the south of the Uganda Railway, I have the honour to inform you that I have considered with my Executive Council the general problem to which you referred in the second paragraph of your despatch.

I am advised that the land in question is likely to be taken up as grazing land rather than agricultural land and that the boring operations are unlikely to result in finding water in sufficient quantities for agricultural development. Stock raising makes no serious demand upon the labour market and obtains what labour it requires from those pastoral tribes which contribute very little to the labour supply for any other purpose.

The Acting Chief Native Commissioner was therefore satisfied that the alienation of these lands would not appreciably affect the labour problems of the Colony.

After considering this opinion Executive Council /

RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LT. COL. L.C.M.S. ALERY, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON. S.W.1



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Council advised that steps should be taken to open this land for development on the lines previously proposed without any race distinctions. With this advice I concur and would therefore be glad to receive your sanction to the initiation of the scheme.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

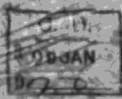
Your most obedient, humble servant.

Edmond G. G. G.

GOVERNOR.

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Jan 11:20 am 28/1/26

28 January 1926

28<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> Confidential 1/0

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Governor  
Kenya

I approve of the  
initiation of  
development scheme on  
the definite understanding  
that ~~the~~ land will be  
offered for grazing  
purposes only. O  
Request information

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Recd 28/1/26  
29/1/26

as to where the  
substituted game  
area will be found  
explanatory despatch  
follows

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TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
to the Governor of Kenya.

(Sent 11.20 a.m. 28th January, 1926).

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28th January your despatch 28th November  
Confidential No.219 I approve initiation of scheme  
on the definite understanding that land will be offered  
for grazing purposes only. Request information as to  
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Mr. E. J. Harding.  
Mr. Strachey.  
Sir J. Shuckburgh.  
Sir G. Grindle.  
Sir C. Davis.  
Sir S. Wilson.  
Mr. Ormsby-Gore.  
Earl of Clarendon.  
Mr. Amery.

1 February 1926

Sir,

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of  
Your letter of the 28th of the  
28th of Nov. and to inform you that  
the 28th of January, in which I  
informed you that I approved of  
the intention of the scheme of develop-  
ment of the Colchester land which  
you mentioned and to advise you  
the defects in the scheme that  
I had in that case will be  
offered for your consideration.  
2. It appeared to me that it  
is undesirable that any one should  
be led to take up land in  
the expectation that agricultural  
labour will be available in  
numbers sufficient for the  
cultivation of the higher  
crops which alone will justify  
the capital cost of extension

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water being, or that they  
should be led to believe that  
~~the~~ boring operations, however  
extensive, would ~~not~~ produce  
a water supply adequate for  
agricultural irrigation purposes. If  
the effect of law is applied to  
grazing purposes, the Govt will  
be free from any real blame for  
misleading its lessees and will  
avoid a drain on the available  
supply of labour for agricultural  
operations, the financial success of  
which must be open business.

3. In my letter I suggested a better  
policy in which land could be  
set aside in anticipation for that  
which, under this scheme, would be  
cut down from the Southern Game  
Reserve. Mr Deakin, in his letter  
of the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, left the point open for  
future discussion, but as soon as that  
became known that the area is being  
thrown open for development it would  
be supposed that the Govt. for its own sake  
of the fauna of the Reserve and other reasons the question

of the water supply

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

Downing Street.

~~CONFIDENTIAL.~~ (2)

February, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch No. 219 of the 28th of November and to confirm my telegram of the 28th of January, in which I informed you that I approved of the initiation of the scheme of development of the waterless land between Sultan Hamud and Takindu on the definite understanding that land in that area will be offered for grazing purposes only.

2. It appeared to me to be undesirable that anyone should be led to take up this land in the expectation that agricultural labour will be available in numbers sufficient for the cultivation of the high-value crops, which alone could justify the capital cost of extensive water boring, or that they should be led to believe that boring operations, however extensive, would produce a water-supply adequate for agricultural purposes. If the offer of land is expressly for grazing purposes, the Government will be free from any blame for misleading its licensees and will avoid a drain on the available supply of labour for agricultural operations the financial success of which must be open to serious doubt.

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GOVERNOR

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

SIR S. W. H. GRIGG, K.C.V.O., C.M.S., D.S.O.,

cc.

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3. In my telegram I enquired as to the locality in which land could be set aside in substitution for that which, under this scheme, must be withdrawn from the Southern Game Reserve. Mr. Denham, in his despatch of the 11th of May, left the point over for future discussion, but as soon as it becomes known that the area is being thrown open for development it must be supposed that the Society for the <sup>protection</sup> Prevention of the Fauna of the Empire will at once raise the question of the substituted area.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY



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FROM GOVERNOR GRIGG 1618

DATE 5th DECEMBER 1925

CIRCULATION:-

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Asst. U.S. of S.

*Mr. Stanley*

Perms. U.S. of S.

Part. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

EFFECT OF DROUGHT ON THE AGRICULTURAL CROPS

Submit report by the Director of Agriculture upon the incidence of the drought and an estimate of its probable effect upon the trade for the ensuing year. Observe as to the variations of conditions throughout the Colony and systems to the yield of crops in the various districts.

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MINUTES

*At all courts they do not  
interfere in any actual help in  
buying of land.*

*Conservation of water (ponds)  
subject is carefully watched.*

*This may be of interest to the  
Home Trade & Imp. Office.*

*? Duplicate to Home Office*

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office*

*13.1.26*

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