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DATE  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 1924

Communication:

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Asst. Dir. of S.

Hon. Mwata's Commission.

Per U.S. of S.  
Part U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State.

Submits proposal regarding provision of water supply and asks that Gov may be consulted by tel.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

I and Mr. [unclear] have  
worked with me. The matter

~~was~~  
was fully discussed between  
Moses Goldman, Mr. Humberg  
Mr. Baker and I said that  
we must consult the Gov. and  
then obtain a decision here.  
Personally, if the Gov. does  
not object I see no reason why  
the proposals should not be  
allowed.

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\* Tel. Gov. Commission. 7 Oct. 1924  
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Subsequent Paper

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SALESBY HOUSE  
LONDON WALL 102

3rd October 1924.

The Under Secretary of State,  
The Colonial Office,  
London, S.W.

Sir, Voi-Mwatati Concession.

With reference to your letters of the 9th August, No. 34913/1924, and the 25th September, No. 40732/24, and the interview which Mr. Hausburg and I had with Mr. Bottemley yesterday, and which was attended by Mr. A.G. Baker, Director of Survey, Kenya Colony, the two following questions were raised with a view to reaching a final settlement:-

1) Water: As you have disallowed the recommendation of Sir Charles Bowring, the Acting Governor of Kenya Colony, to give us another area in the event of water not being found in sufficient quantity to develop the Voi Concession, it is of the greatest necessity to us, and would appear to be of vital importance to the successful opening up of the Voi extension areas, that adequate water be made available for the purpose of adequately exploiting our concession, and that all possible provision should be made for the necessary supply of water.

Three sources are available; the Voi and Mwatati Rivers and the swamp which is situated in the triangular area just over and beyond the north-western boundary of our concession. The Voi and Mwatati Rivers are said to run dry at the essential time when water is required for sisal production, but the swamp is said to contain water all the year round. The swamp lies within the triangular area that has been recommended by the Land Office to be included in the Native Reserve. This area, we understand, has not been yet definitely allocated for the purpose. We would, therefore, request that the right of way be given to us to the swamp, and that we be given the right to take water from the swamp after the requirements of the local natives have been satisfied. We understand that there are very few natives round the swamp, and that most of them are settled in the hills above, where there are local streams from which they draw their requirements.

As regards the Voi and Mwatati Rivers, Mr. Hausburg when in Nairobi discussed with Mr. Baker and the Land Office the allocation of the concession with a view to the western boundary being drawn beyond the Mwatati River, which would include the right bank of the Mwatati River. The Land Office, I understand, saw no objection to this course.

With a view to settling this boundary question to enable Mr. Jordan to proceed immediately with the survey of the concession, it is suggested that we give up part of our frontage on the Voi River, and that a line be drawn from the point where the railway line crosses the Voi and is taken down to the proposed southern boundary of the concession, and that an equivalent area be allocated to us on the western side of the concession to include the right bank of the Mwatati River. To this proposal I understand Mr. Baker sees no objection.

As I explained I have been in communication with Mr. Jordan who writes that it is important that he should proceed in the dry season with the testing of the water supply by means of bore holes etc. on the swamp to ascertain whether there is any ground leakage or whether a hard pan bed exists with a view to the construction of a storage dam. It is his desire to proceed at once with his survey of the concession, and our desire to forthwith start as soon as possible with plantation work.

I would feel extremely obliged if you would kindly cable to His Excellency, the Governor, on the subject, as you very kindly agreed you would, and ask for his reply by cable.

I note from your letter of the 9th August that the Kenya Masters and Servants Ordinance of 1924 has been disallowed, but I presume that the natives on our concession would be subject to such Squatters Ordinances as are in existence or may be promulgated.

May I trouble you to let me know the cost of the cable so that I might refund same.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*R. G. G. G.*  
*G. G. G. G.*

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*W. G. G. G.*

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*J*

Should be glad to receive

Governor  
Nairobi

*Answer  
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early reply to my tel. of  
7 October Goldman

MINUTE.

Mr. *McCarthy*  
Mr. *27*  
Mr. *...*

Sir C. Davis.

Sir G. Grindell.

Sir H. Bond.

Sir J. Macdonald Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

C. D.  
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G. Henry  
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7<sup>th</sup> October

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My dear etc of 12 August

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Governor

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Armstrong
- Mr. P. D. ...
- Mr. ...
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir J. Masterton Smith.
- Lord Arnold.
- Mr. Thomas.

copy to G.S. Gold...

886 water Gold man  
 states swamp water  
 essential because river  
 supplies use permanent  
 he asks for access to swamp  
 and permission to use water  
 subject to requirements of  
 local natives. Also  
 suggests following allocation  
 of area said to have been  
 claimed by Hallsburg and  
 Land Office namely they  
 give up area to east of line  
 from point where rails of crosses  
 Uoi River to southern boundary of

estate and they receive  
equivalent area west of  
Mvatala River.

Myself am now ~~acting~~  
as soon as possible as  
my decision necessary in  
order to expedite survey work.

Notes has been consulted  
and see no objection.

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From Gret, L MDate 10 Oct 1924Subject Native education

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