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CIRCULATION :-

Mr.  
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Asst. U.S. of S.  
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Secretary of State.

**LEASE OF LAND IN JUBALAND TO MESSRS GABRIEL AND NESBITT.**

States that title is a grant under the Registration of Titles Ordinance, 1919, and is subject to the Crown Lands Ordinance, 1902.

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The object is that the same letter  
from the C<sup>o</sup> concerning the same  
all we have from Sir J. Scott, who  
wishes now to be allowed to have the  
word with the next letter

My personal opinion is that the  
provision of special correspondence  
is very small

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the C<sup>o</sup> provisions in the 1950s

we were given in a report, which

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20 EGERTON TERRACE  
S.W.3.

12th June 1923.

My dear Mr. Jones

East African Plantations Ltd.  
J. M. Land Estates.

I enclose a letter <sup>to you</sup> ~~which~~ which I promised my constituent to hand to you personally. I looked for you each time in the lobby last night but somehow missed you. Mr. J. of S. has already been into the matter at my instance already, and I enclose copy of a letter which I have sent to him this morning. Do not trouble to reply till I communicate with you again. Perhaps you would arrange with the Duke so that I should not trouble both of you.

Yours sincerely,

Leah L. L.

12th June 1923.

East African Plantations Ltd.  
Jubaland Estates.  
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Many thanks for your letter of the 7th, with the memorandum you kindly enclosed. The Department make what seems to be a quite unanswerable case, and I have sent on the memorandum to my constituent, with a request for his consideration and comments. He saw me the other day in the House and told me that he had been in communication with Ormsby Gere, in consequence of a speech which the latter made at Manchester, and has since sent me a letter to Ormsby Gere, with a request that I should deliver it with an explanatory word. I held it up for a day or two in order to make sure whether it was the same company as the one about which I had written to you, and now find that it is. Under the circumstances I think the best thing is for

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# EAST AFRICAN PLANTATIONS (KENIA COLONY) LTD.,

Directors  
J. L. BROWNE  
FRANK DRAKEFORD  
H. C. MYERS  
Secretary W. F. MACHIN

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Wednesday, June 6th, 1927.

M.P./H.H.

Mr. W. Ormsby Gore M.P.,  
Under Secretary for the Colonies,  
Colonial Office,  
London.

Dear Sir,

We have read with interest your speech at the Meeting held in  
Manchester, and would like to put before you the following facts:-

We and others are largely interested in the East African  
Plantations (Kenia Colony) Ltd., where we are growing Sisal and  
Cotton, but are concentrating on Cotton, and understand that the land  
on which this Company is situated namely Malwa and Nowata is  
likely to be transferred in the near future to Italy.

We and others have paid a considerable amount of money into this  
Plantation, between £120,000 to £150,000 on the faith of a British  
lease.

We have leases of 99 years from the Government of the Colony  
for the two plantations.

We consider that our position would be greatly damaged if the  
territory in question is ceded to the Italian Government, for the  
following reasons:-

1. We could not expect anything like the same help from the  
Italian Government, that we could get from the British.

2. Further capital which was to be put in the concern will not be  
put up, if it is transferred, indeed the mere rumour has prevented  
our getting it.



Wednesday, June 6th. 1923.

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Past experience has shown to us that the Italians have never been able to control the Somali and Abyssinian raiders, who used to raid the River Juba, till held back by the British.

The more we make our settlement at Towata a success, the more they will raid.

The Natives there would funk and bolt.

It will be practically impossible for us to get labour from British Territories.

Previous experience in this region and others is that the present local labour will migrate to British Territories and leave us high and dry.

It is more than likely that various tariffs will be put on to our disadvantage, more or less forcing us to buy all our Machinery etc. from Italy, and also to offer our produce to Italy.

We have some three to four thousand natives on our up river estate, to whom we have given Cotton Seed, and have had one of our managers up there, instructing them how to cultivate.

This we know would be wasted labour once the district passed to British hands.

There is no precedent in Colonial history in which a British Government has ceded the future of a British Company to a Foreigner.

We trust that this Government will not sell the commercial interests of British Settlers to a Foreign Power.

We therefore feel that we have a very just claim on the Government for compensation, should the cession take place.

We feel sure that after reading your speech, we shall get fair and just treatment, to which we think we are entitled.

Yours truly,

W. ORMSBY GORE

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Yours sincerely  
Lester Scott

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79, Coleman Street,  
London, E.C.2.

12th August, 1925

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We are much obliged for your letter of yesterday's date con-  
tents of which we note.

Yours faithfully,

*Kennedy Lindo & Co*  
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The State Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
S. W. 1.

*60 PA*

*[Handwritten signatures and notes]*  
*W. H. ...*  
*W. H. ...*  
*13th Aug 1925*

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA.

27th June, 1925.

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Sir,

*C.A. 1957/75*  
With reference to your despatch No.440 of 8th May last regarding the lease of certain land in Jubaland to Messrs. Gabriel & Nesbitt, I have the honour to inform you that the title herein is a grant under the Registration of Titles Ordinance 1919 and is subject to the Crown Lands Ordinance 1902.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

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

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- Strachey.
- J. Shuckburgh.
- C. Davis.
- J. Grindle.
- J. Masterton Smith.
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- Amery.

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RAFT.

Sir,  
Gentlemen

Monday, 10th Aug 1925.  
[79 Coleman St.  
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With reference to the letter from this Dept. of the 8th May, No 19575/25, on the subject of the lease of certain property in Inbaland to Messrs CS17 Gabriel and G J Neohall in 1923, I am etc. to inform you

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W/S

That the Acting Governor of  
Kenya has now reported that  
the title in that lease is a  
<sup>East Africa (Moderate)</sup>  
grant under the Registration  
of Titles Ordinance, 1919, and  
is subject to the Crown Lands  
Ordinance, 1962.

(Signed) W. O. BOTCHER