

Messrs. A. M. JEEVANJEE & CO.

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File No.....

THE SWIFT PRESS, NAIROBI.

SUBJECT.

REFERENCE TO
PREVIOUS
correspondence.

*Correspondence referred to in Report
on Town Hall Ho.*

THIS INDENTURE made this day of
 1904 BETWEEN Messrs A. M. Jeevanjee & Co., Contractors
 of Mombasa and Nairobi, in the East Africa Protectorate,
 (hereinafter called the Lessors which expression shall
 include their heirs and assigns, of the one part and
 the Nairobi Municipal Committee (hereinafter called the
 Lessees) of the other part. WITNESSETH that in the
 consideration of the rent, covenants and conditions here-
 inafter reserved and contained and on the part of the
 Lessees to be paid, performed and observe the Lessors
 DO HEREBY demise unto the Lessee all that message and
 premises situate in the Township of Nairobi known as
 the Municipal Hall and Offices.

TO HOLD the same unto the Lessees from the first
 day of January 1904 for the term of ten years yielding
 the paying therefor the yearly rent of Rs.1,000 payable
 quarterly in advance on the first day of January, the
 first day of April, the first day of July, and the 1st
 day of October, in each year.

And the Lessees do hereby covenant with the Lessors
 to pay the said rent hereinbefore reserved on the days
 and in the manner aforesaid and will maintain the paint
 and glazing on or in the said premises in good condition
 and repair. And will permit the Lessors and their
 Agents Surveyors, and workmen at all reasonable times
 during the said term to enter upon the said premises to
 inspect the same.

AND the Lessors DO HEREBY COVENANT with the Lessees
 that they the Lessors will keep the said premises in
 good condition and complete repair save and except
 the aforesaid painting and glazing thereon.

AND THAT the Lessees so long as they shall pay
 the rent hereby reserve and perform the covenants on
 their parts herein contained may to hold and quietly
 enjoy the said premises during the said term without

any interruption by the Lessors or any persons claiming under or through them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Memo of Agreement entered into this first day of January 1904 between Messrs A. M. Jeevanjee of the one part and herein described as the first party and H. M's Sub-Commissioner as Chairman of the Municipal Council of the other part and herein described as the second party.

WHEREBY the first party agrees to build a Corrugated Iron Sheet Building on masonry pillars in Nairobi on Government land such building to be used as Town Hall.

The total cost of the building not to exceed Rs.14,775 only and the first party agrees to let the building at a yearly rental based on a calculation of 10 per cent of this sum i.e. annual rental of the building will be Rupees Fourteen Hundred and eighty only, but the second party at any time to have the option of purchasing the building for the capital sum.

The Contractors bind themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators to let for a period of ten years (to commence after the building has been completed and handed to the Government).

The second party shall be charged for the site on which the buildings are to be erected for the first ten years of the lease, after which a ground rent of Rs. per mensem payable by the Contractors every six months in advance will be charged by the Government, for a period of ninety nine years.

The Contractors shall be entitled to a lease of site in accordance with the terms contained therein.

Should the second party not have exercised an option to purchase within years from the date hereof, the first party shall take a lease of the land upon which the said building stands or is surrounded by not exceeding in the whole square yard for a term of ninety nine years at a rental of Rupees per annum

and subject to a covenant for the payment of the rent and to the covenant to repair similar to that contained in the above agreement to a condition of re-entry in the event of the first party making any breach of any covenant by him to be observed and performed by and to proviso enabling the second party to purchasing a building similar to that contained in this agreement.

Should the premises continue to be rented then the first party shall take out a certificate for the land and any rent paid by them for the land shall be added to the annual rent and paid by the second party.

Nairobi Municipality,
Nairobi, 29th December, 1904.

Messrs A. M. Jeevanjee & Co.,
Mombasa.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 29th instant in continuation of my letter M.637, I have to inform you on behalf of the Municipality that from the correspondence in this office the facts with regard to the Town Hall, are as follows:-

Two draft agreements were drawn up on the early part of 1904, the one by the Crown Advocate and the other by your Solicitors. The first is on the basis of a ten years' lease at a rent of Rs.1,000 per annum. The second is on the basis of a ten years' lease at a rent of 10 per cent of the capital outlay of Rs.14,475. Neither of these agreements were signed. You objected to the first, and the Municipality would not accept the second.

Attached to these drafts is a memo written by Mr. Hempstead, Collector, my predecessor in this Office, and is worded as follows:-

"Mr. Jeevanjee agrees to accept Rs.1,200 per annum for the Town Hall and agree to give a ten years' lease for the same" (5th July 1904).

In the Municipal Budget published in the "Official Gazette" of January 15th 1904, the rent of the Town Hall is put down at Rs.1,000 per annum.

In the Municipal records there is no minute specifying any agreement regarding the rent of the Town Hall, but on the 15th August 1904 the rent is quoted as Rs.1,200.

On December 5th, 1904, a minute was recorded which was embodied in my letter to you of December

8th. Your statement therefore of December 26th, that the Municipality agreed to your conditions and to the rent of Rs.1,480 per annum and is now proposing something at variance with their previous agreement with you, is not borne out by the facts as recorded in this Office.

I consider that my proposal of December 8th is a fair one, and I trust that the matter will be settled as quickly as possible for your own sake as well as that of the Municipality.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) E. L. Sanderson,
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I am aware that the Municipality contended that the site ought to be reserved to them for a Town Hall site, but under the circumstances, viz, that the building on the site belongs to A. M. Jeevanjee & Co., and that they are willing to rent the building to the Municipality for as long as they require it. I see no reason why the request made by Messrs A.M.Jeevanjee & Co should not be complied with.

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Public departments and bodies, such as the Land Office and the Municipality, should be most careful. having allowed and procured an individual to act to his prejudice as in this case, that no advantage whatever is taken of him in consequence.

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Mr. Jeevanjee asks for a lease for 99 years, the first ten years rent free and therefore at a rent of Rs.2 per month, unless and until the building is purchased by the Municipality at its original value.

We understand that the Crown Advocate will arrive here tomorrow and we suggest that a meeting should be arranged at which yourself, the Land Officer, the Crown Advocate, the Town Clerk and ourselves would attend in order to go into and settle this matter and also that of the Jeevanjee Market.

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Nairobi, 2nd February, 1915.

Dear Sirs,

TOWN HALL, NAIROBI.

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 26th ultimo, and to inform you that I put a clerk on to search for the copies of the letters you require. The search occupied a considerable amount of time, but he was not able to find any letter relating to the Town Hall beyond that of the 20th September 1905, a copy of which you already have.

If you could give me a reference to any actual letter or date, I would have a further search made, but my personal belief is that the letter of the 20th September 1905 is the only one written by me.

I shall be glad if you will let me have my search fee, Rs.5.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) B. G. Allen.

Messrs Tonks, Daly & Figgis,

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Nairobi.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Contract entered into this 3rd day of January 1901 between Her Majesty's Sub-Commissioner at Nairobi on the one part and Messrs Jeevanjee & Co. Contractors on the other part.

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His Excellency. -- "To Municipal Committee for their views."

Remarks.-- "Colonel Montgomery's note correctly sets forth the facts. I append the recommendations of the Municipal Council."

No. 57/16.

Nairobi, 18th March 1915.

Sir,

RE: TOWN HALL - A. M. JEEVANJEE & CO.

In pursuance of our interview this morning I send list of the documents which I referred to. If you have no copies of any of these documents we shall be pleased to supply these:-

- Two draft Leases (not approved), 1904.
- Copy not signed J.A. 7th July, 1904.
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Kindly let me have a reply at your earliest convenience, stating whether you consider the documents in question after the conclusion arrived at by the Government in any way.

Yours faithfully,

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Tonks, Daly & Figgis.

The Honourable

Mr. R. Barton Wright,

(Urgent).

No. 57/16.

Nairobi, 18th March 1915.

Sir,

RE: TOWN HALL - A. M. JEEVANJEE & CO.

In pursuance of our interview this morning I send list of the documents which I referred to. If you have no copies of any of these documents we shall be pleased to supply these:-

Two draft Leases (not approved), 1904.
 Copy not signed J.A. 7th July, 1904.
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No. 7168/A.F.

Land Department,
Nairobi, British East Africa
20th March 1915.

Sir,

A. M. JEEVANJEE & CO. TOWN HALL, NAIROBI.

With reference to our interview of the 18th instant and your letter No.57/16 of the same date, I beg to say that copies appear on my file of the note signed by Mr. Ainsworth, dated the 7th July 1904, also of the 5th August 1905, and of a letter from Mr. A. M. Jeevanjee to the Town Clerk, dated 11th January 1905.

A letter also appears on my file showing that a lease was sent by the Town Clerk to the Land Officer on the 14th August 1905, but was returned by the Land Officer to the Town Clerk immediately afterwards. No copy appears to have been retained, and I am at a loss to know which lease of the two mentioned by you was sent. I should be therefore be glad to have copies of the follow:-

The two draft leases, not approved, of 1904
Draft lease signed by Mr. Jeevanjee and witnessed by
the Town Clerk and Mr. Hargreaves.
Letter from Town Clerk to Mr. Jeevanjee of the 8th
December 1904.
" " " " " 29th December 1904
" " " " " 13th January 1905.

With reference to your penultimate paragraph I can find no copy of the original draft lease returned to the Town Clerk in response to his letter of the 13th January 1905, and would suggest that you apply to the present Town Clerk for the same.

Until all these documents are in my possession I am unable to deal with the last paragraph of your letter under reply.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) R. B. Wright, Land Officer.

No. 115/16.

Nairobi, 25th March, 1915.

Dear Sir,

RE: PRODUCE MARKETS - THE TOWN HALL.

In a letter written by the Town Clerk to A. M. Jeevanjee, dated the 13th January 1905, there is a request to return the original draft with our client's remarks to your office. In our correspondence with the Honourable the Land Officer we have called for this document and he states he is not aware of its existence, neither can he find a copy of same and has referred it to you.

We would be obliged if you would let us have a copy of this document, including any remarks added by our client.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) Tonks, Daly & Figgis.

The Town Clerk,

Nairobi.

No. 559/3.

Municipal Offices,
Nairobi, March 25th, 1916.

Messrs Tenks, Daly & Figgis,
Nairobi.

Dear Sirs,

TOWN HALL PRODUCE MARKET.

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant it would appear that both the documents asked for are required for the purpose of making out a case against the Municipal Committee. In these circumstances I cannot produce the documents without their express authority.

Their decision will be communicated to you on the 30th instant.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) J. A. Watson,
TOWN CLERK.

No. 122/16.

Nairobi, 26th March, 1916.

Dear Sir,

RE TOWN HALL PRODUCE MARKET.

As representing my firm in Nairobi I must take the strongest exception to the terms of your letter of the 25th instant. Your suggestion that we require the documents for the purpose of making out a case is both unfounded and most discourteous.

It is not my custom to "make out cases" against anybody, I am justified in asking for a copy of documents which throw light upon the relationship between my client and other parties. The fact that you are the salaried Secretary of your Committee does not appear in any way to justify the terms of your letter.

Yours faithfully

(Sgd.) E. K. Figgis,

for Tenks, Daly & Figgis.

The Town Clerk,

Nairobi.

No. 574/3.

Municipal Offices,
Nairobi, March 30th, 1915.

E. K. Figgis Esq.,
C/o Messrs Tenks, Daly & Figgis.

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, I am surprised that you consider my letter of 26th instant discourteous. No reflection upon your firm is conveyed in the words used; and it was not suggested that there was anything improper in your attempting to make out a case against the Municipality as you are doing according to your own letters in the case of the Town Hall.

It is, however, unusual when parties are on the brink of litigation for one to request the other to lend him documents, the production of which will assist him in making out his case.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) J. A. Watson,
Town Clerk.

No. 584/3.

Municipal Offices,
Nairobi, March 31st, 1915.

Messrs Tenks, Daly & Figgis,
Nairobi .

Dear Sirs,

Produce Market, Town Hall.

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With/reference to your letter of the 25th
instant, having submitted the correspondence to the
Municipal Committee, I am now directed to inform you
that they regret that they cannot see their way to lend
you a copy of the Produce Market agreement or to supply
with copies of papers in their possession relating to
the lease of the Town Hall.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) J. A. Watson,
Town Clerk.

Nairobi, 17th May, 1915.

Sir,

A. M. Jeevanjee - Re Town Hall.

Some time ago we wrote the Honourable the Land Officer in pursuance of your suggestion in reference to certain further documents which has come to our notice.

We have not yet received a reply to our last letter to him, but understand that the reason is that the Municipality through the Town Clerk have refused to furnish him with copies of certain important documents.

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We were surprised to find that he has not a copy of this document, but he advised us to supply him to the Town Clerk.

This we did and were met by a blank refusal to supply a copy of the document.

Having regard to all the facts of the case there surely should not be any desire on the part of any department to withhold any document from the inspection of those whom the contents might affect in deciding on their course of action.

The document in question is an original draft lease which appears to have been returned by our clients to the Municipality with certain amendments marked on it.

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To The Honourable

The Chief Secretary,

Nairobi.

No. 428/17.

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Nairobi, 29th June, 1915.

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