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Letter from the Commissioner of Lands attached; it is a pity that Mr. Martin said nothing about his views when on 12/2/50.

His proposal for economy is welcome and must be accepted.

The instruction is that

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(a) The Land Office work does not require senior men and the loss should be dispensed with.

(b) Survey work can largely be entrusted to private (licensed) surveyors, whose fees will be recoverable from the people for whom surveys are done. An examining department staff will be kept. This should ensure that the methods are sound, and as that the work is accurate, and the advantage of the present system of central survey staff up by the present Director of Land Survey.

The work of the Land Office of Check Titles (Arab) will be completed by Administrative Officer.

The Director, as in all such cases, is the disposal of redundant officers.

(a) The three Assistant Land Officers hold pensionable appointments and the Governor suggests that they should be transferred. The matter has been referred to the Promotions Department, but I do not suppose there is much chance, and we must face the prospect of pensions.

(b) Survey Staff. Last summer the Governor of Uganda and Kenya put forward proposals for increases in salaries and the number of pensionable posts. These have been with me for five months because

(1) I saw difficulty with regard to the increase in salaries both because of the need for economy and because they involve considerations of house and travelling allowances which have given such trouble in the past.

part; and

(11) Kenya's recommendations for pensionable appointments were too sweeping altogether, especially as the Director of Land Surveys a year before had told me that he saw no need for pensionable appts.; I did not believe when I saw the proposals that so many posts could be permanently required, and the result has justified my doubt if not my hesitation.

Of the Field Staff, 16 were to be pensionable, namely, the five now to be retrenched, Woodruff, O'Moloney, Ramsey, Marsengo and Bessler; and eleven others who are presumably to form part of the examining staff to be retained.

Thirteen Field surveyors were left unpensionable, and these must be presumed to include the "12 temporary surveyors" who are to be retrenched but "who may prefer transfer to local practice". Mr. Stephenson, in his minute annexed, sees little prospect for them. Their case presents no greater difficulty than is inseparable from the retrenchment of temporary staff.

The case of the five named above requires special consideration. They are not actually pensionable, and it is clear from Mr. Martin's letter that, if he had been in Kenya at the time when the proposals were sent home, he would have been unable to certify that these posts would be permanently required. Unless it is found that some sort of pledge was given to them locally, I consider that they must be treated in the same way as the other temporary officers,

One of them, however, Woodruff, is a subject for special sympathy, as he has been invalided for locomotor ataxy and we have to decide before the end of February what to do for him. In a separate telegram on this point the Governor has referred to last year's proposal to make him pensionable and has as an alternative agreed to a liberal extension of leave. I suppose that Mr. Woodruff may live for many years, but that the chance of his being able to earn anything are very slight. He has 15 years Kenya service and his pension would be about £250 a year. We could perhaps distinguish his case from the others

by reason of his inability to work, and tell the Governor that he may, if he wishes, propose to the Legislative Council a vote of a special pension provided that it is not made a precedent for similar treatment in the other cases.

(Mr. Woodruff had earlier Uganda service, but there was a break, and there is therefore no question of a pension from Uganda, with the consequent necessity for reference to the Treasury)

(c) The Recorder of Titles gives no difficulty. He is a seconded officer of the Administration, and if he is not wanted back he is eligible for pension by reason of length of service. In any case, the Governor is writing as to him)

W.C.S.
5.2.22

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

Dated 21st January

(Received Colonial Office 8.10 a.m. 24th Jan 1922).

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23 21st January Your despatch 7th October 1919 Confidential
Land Office My despatch 2nd July No. 925 Surveys.
Commissioner of Lands recommends retrenchment of about
30 officers in the combined Departments which has become
possible owing to re-organisation and completion of soldier
settlements other major surveys also abolition of
position of Recorder of Titles. Officers concerned include
Woodruffe, ¹¹⁹²Maloney, ⁴⁷⁹²Ramsay, ³²²⁹Marsengo, ¹⁸⁵⁹Bessler who were
recommended for pensionable status see my despatch 2nd
June. Marsengo, Bessler are being retired see my despatch
4th June. Alexander and Campbell Assistant Land Officers
Coast Surveyors. Sold land assistant Vickerstaffe clerk
hold pensionable posts Alexander already qualified for
pension Field's retirement approved already see my
despatch 4th June. Position regarding private surveyors
much improved since my despatch 14th January No. 62 last
year and retention of large permanent staff unjustifiable
complete examining staff is being retained. Work of
assistant land officers has been absorbed by junior
officers, recorders work by Coast Magistrates.
Suggest offer of transfer to Alexander Campbell Cotton
would be glad to know whether vacancies for about 12
temporary surveyors who may prefer transfer to local
practice. Annual saving £27,000 despatch follows but
desire you will sanction provisionally by telegram in
order to give notice to all concerned. Recommendations
as to "clean present Recorder will follow.

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F. W. SILWOOD,

Superintendent, London Stations.

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No. 62.

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Dear Batherbe

some time soon you will probably see what in first sight may appear somewhat alarmist proposals put forward by myself for the reduction of my own ^{to} vote: they are neither hastily conceived nor, I think, inopportune. During the past 2½ years, within which period I have been trying out the experiment of an amalgamated Dept (including the old Land Office + Surveys + Registration + the Records of Court Titles + Mines (!)), we have been faced with a real

mass of work extraordinary: Sildies Settlement
 the resurveying of the past 10 or 15 years
 allotments, & the putting into motion of the
 new Torrens Registration law throughout the
 the country. During that period, while it
 was not possible to make any considerable
 reduction of staff ^{and} expense (indeed
 the reverse as regards expense, which is
 however all recoverable) ^{there} has been
 within my ~~limited~~ ^{combinational} ~~power~~ ^{power} ~~the~~ ^{same}
 scheme for ultimate economy. Now that
 I have returned I find the Sildies settle-
 ment entirely complete this month, & other work
 well in hand: I also find a very considerable
 financial stringency. Now as regards the office

be retained: the particularly Land Office
 members Campbell, Alexander & Cotton have
 been too long in the Dept. & it would be
 the better for a change: their work has
 been distributed quite well amongst other
 members of the Staff. As regards the
 Surveyors we are keeping a sufficient for
 all reasonable needs, & for special needs
 of the public, the public must pay for
 the employment of private practitioners
 under our supervision. ~~As~~ As regards the
 Records of Land Titles, the Land Titles
 scheme has lingered on for 12 years at
 an annual dead loss of between £10-20,000

In my opinion, I can speak for personal
experience of justice and settlement with
Melancthon that the work should have
completed years ago of the appointment of able
the local District officers, who are unqualified
as recorded in that is the cause I prefer
to a ~~single~~ ^{very} difficult & important
cases will also go through the circuit of
first instance to the High Court, but the
enormous majority of such cases are not
of that nature.

I do hope the ~~matter~~ ^{matter} will
give me the chance I have been waiting for
ever since I took up this job, of putting
my house in something approaching decent order
All the wishes of the season to you
Yours sincerely H. M.

In Stephens

I have been thinking of you
 very much lately & wondering
 how you are getting on
 I hope you are well & happy
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 in the same place
 I have not much to do
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No. 3902/1922.

TELEGRAM: From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Kenya.

(Sent 11.10 a.m. 8th February 1922)

8th February.

Your telegram 21st January twenty-three Land Office proposals approved generally. Little prospect of transfer of Alexander Campbell Cotter or of twelve temporary surveyors. Subject to above proviso officers recommended for pensionable status your despatch 2nd July should be treated like other temporary officers subject to any provisos of permanent employment that may have been made in any individual case. Woodruff sees your telegram 30th January requires special consideration and you may if you wish Legislative Council vote of special pension on ground of prospective inability to earn living provided that it is not made precedent for similar treatment in the other cases. He will be granted extension of leave pending reply.

May 29 1903/02

Kenya

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