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KENYA

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FORM
COLONIAL

DATE
September 1923

FOR CIRCULATION :-

Mr. *Boothley*
Mr.
Mr.
Asst. U.S. of S.

SUBJECT

INFORMATION FOR INTENDING SETTLERS

Copy of reply sent by O.S.O. at present together with draft revised note prepared by Mr Harrison.

Perm^t U.S. of S.
Part^r U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

at Mr. Parkinson's suggestion I discussed with Mr Harrison who has sent in a revised draft. I have thanked Mr Harrison & submitted a draft based mainly on his suggestions, with a covering note to Mr Brumwell

*to Mr Brumwell (O.S. Dept) 24 Sept. 23
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Capt. Hamilton A.C. 1 Oct. 23.*

MSA

C.H. 25.9.23

Left Harrison. There is nothing in the reference station which can come back to report.

65105 25.9.23 etc

London

1/10/23

Dear Mr. Parkman

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 have stated that "On the whole the
 water labour supply is good" will
 be most the word comparatively"
 in our good pleasure.

This occurs both in the
 circular letter on the 4th of the
 in Kenya.

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 make the statement safer

Yours faithfully

Parkman

sent to Legat
 Nairobi
 1/10/23

London

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Yours truly

J. Parkerson

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sent to left
Mansfield
all papers



OVERSEA SETTLEMENT OFFICE,

3-4, CLEMENT'S INN,

LONDON, W.C.2.

29 September 19-23

communications on this subject
to be addressed to—
THE SECRETARY,
and the following reference
quoted—

Dear Jeffries,

Bromwich has shown me your letter of the 26th September, enclosing a revised draft for our use in replying to enquirers about settlement in Kenya. We are very grateful to you for sending us this draft, and we propose to adopt it in the enclosed form. You will see that we have omitted two sentences. Before proceeding to use the draft we should be glad to know that you have no objection to these omissions.

*Yours sincerely
G. F. Plant*

Mr. Bottomley

*The amendments are
on the side of caution
I agree & note
what they are in the
original draft.*

G. J. Jeffries, Esq.,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

*These
D. J. 2/10/23
I agree*

29.10.23

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In reply to your letter. I am directed by the Oversea Settlement Committee to inform you that it is not proposed to alienate any further Crown lands in the Kenya Colony for some years, and persons proposing to settle there should be prepared to purchase land in the open market from existing holders.

At the present time the price of land in the Kenya Colony is high, and there are difficulties in regard to the supply of native labour. The settlement of those who were allotted land under the Government settlement scheme will absorb for some time the resources of the Colony in building material, agricultural implements etc.

In these circumstances, farming in the Kenya Colony should not be undertaken by persons without previous local experience, unless they have a capital of at least £5,000. Settlers with local experience should have a minimum capital of £1,000 to £1,500, in addition to the cost of all passage and incidental expenses and should also be prepared to rough it. Men without this amount of capital should not go out to British East Africa unless they have obtained definite local employment before sailing.

It should be stated that the Colony has been suffering from an extreme depression, and that a good many ex-service men and others have been in difficulties and have had to apply for assistance to the Town Council of Nairobi.

For further information you might write to The Advisory Land Settlement Committee, P.O. Box, 349, Nairobi.

I am to add that a Handbook on the Kenya Colony is published by this Office, and a copy will be sent to you if desired on receipt of 6d in stamps.

I remain,
Sincerely yours,

Sec. Secretary.

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Faithfully yours,

Sec. Secretary

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 In reply to your letter — I am directed by the Oversea Settlement Committee to inform you that it is not proposed to alienate any further Crown lands in Kenya Colony for some years, and persons proposing to settle there should be prepared to purchase land in the open market from existing holders.

At the present time the price of land in Kenya is not high and not infrequently farms may be bought on very favourable terms. On the whole the native labour supply is good but from time to time shortages of labour are experienced. Trust however depends on the personality of the employer.

For those with no African farming experience it is advised that they should possess a Capital of at least £3 to 4,000 on arrival a larger sum being desirable. Settlers with local experience are advised that a minimum Capital of £1,500 in addition to local expenses and incidental expenses is almost essential. Men without this amount of Capital should not proceed to Kenya unless they have obtained definite

Roselands

Dunelm Road

Mansfield

21/9/22

Dear Mr Jeffries.

Herewith Draft as
requested.

Will drop in on your Overseas
people when next in town but will come to
your office first, to learn their location.
Miserable weather.

Yours truly

Harrison

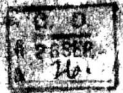
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local employment before sailing. Under such circumstances it may be possible successfully to apply smaller amounts of capital as opportunity arises.

As elsewhere Kenya has suffered from an extreme depression, but it would appear that matters are slowly righting themselves and the outlook is much more promising than it has been for several years.

Locally settlers going to Kenya are reminded that some knowledge of mechanics ability to plan and erect simple buildings to effect small repairs etc. will be found invaluable.

Col 27129/23
Kenya



Incl.

9/23/23

to for my
signature.

26 Sept. 1923

DRAFT.

Dear Mr. Brown

4. Bromwich Esq.
(O.S. Dept)

Write

your note

MINUTE.

13th of Sept. I enclosed

Mr. Giffis 25.9.23
Mr. Bottomley 25.9.23
Mr.
Sir C. Davis

a revised draft which
we suggest that you

Sir G. Grindell
Sir H. Road.
Sir J. Masterton Smith
Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
Dubs of Devonshire.

should use for replying

to enquiries about
settlement in Kenya.

The alterations are
mainly based on
suggestions made
by Mr. E. Harrison,
the Deputy Director
of

for cartons

(Capt. ...)

of Agriculture in Kenya,
whom I hope to
arrange for you to
meet when next he is
in town + has some
time to spare.

Yours sincerely
[Signature]

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Kenya.

[Signature] 157

Copy as plain draft.

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[See note on file on 4/12/23]

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28/9/23

In reply to your letter

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(10.10.15)

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by O.S. Dept

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C. D.
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For my signature
and
18 Oct 23

DRAFT.

Captain Maender
O. S. Dept.

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Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Duke of Devonshire.

Dear Captain Maender

I have sent
you Mr Harrison's
review of the
Kenya Handbook.

There is one small
alteration which Mr.
Harrison wishes
to be made in
the stock letter

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about settlement in
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