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Land Settlement Scheme

1919
30 January
Previous Paper.

Consider entitled to grant on much
easier terms than in scheme.

Mr. B. H. Read

has been asked to have ac-
cess of any plans arrangement
made in the position, and that
letter will be referred to the
Governor.

And send copy over to
Gov. Lt. Governor

3/7/19

If communication to Gov. is to be of
any value it should be to the
Governor.

Authority for the undertaking of
any work, & that was the action of
the committee that they have to do.

3.7.19

at once H. J. R
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Subsequent Paper.

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Harold J. Shepstone,
(Author and Journalist)
139, Broomwood Road,
Clapham Common (West Side)
London, S.W.11.

June 4th, 1919.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr Rhys Williams, K.C.,
Forecourt Bungalow,
Woffington House,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Dear Sir Rhys,

Your letter addressed to me at the offices of the World's Zoological Trading Company has been forwarded to me here.

Briefly, my connection with this company arose in the following manner. During the war I was asked to edit the "Wide World Magazine", the Editor having been called up for military service. In fact, I am only relinquishing the post this week.

Among the contributors to this magazine was an African trader and hunter, a Mr. John A. Jordan. As for some years past I acted as Press Agent to Carl Hagenbeck of Hamburg, Mr. Jordan told me of his plan to enter the field as an animal dealer and capture the German trade and asked me if I would be prepared to do the press work, to which I consented. Mr. Jordan claimed to have the lease of 55,000 acres

of land in the Congo upon which he declared were two herds of wild elephants and other game. He declared his intention of floating a company and the moment this was done of going to the Congo, capturing, and shipping animals.

Whether this was really Mr. Jordan's intention, I cannot say, but it soon became clear that he did not mean to leave London, but to stay here and get young demobilised officers and others to supply the necessary capital and go out and capture the animals. Regarding this as unsatisfactory and realising that the company could not run such expensive offices as Mr. Jordan would insist upon taking I resigned.

When I left the company on February 1st last it had no reserves in Africa or elsewhere, nor any stock, excepting that on the land Mr. Jordan claimed to own in the Congo.

I should be only too pleased to meet you at the House of Commons or elsewhere any day and time you care to name.

Yours, etc.,

(SD) H. J. Shepherson

30.6.19

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7 JUL 1919

The Secretary

P. O. Box 14

Wellington.

Sir, I understand Sir C. Bellfrie
late Governor of N.S.W. is chairman
of above.

I shall be greatly obliged
if you would let me know
if Land is given to them ^{to be} men
who served with the P.O. ^{Int.}
Right at the commencement
of the war. It was understood
that we should get something
& I think very largely ^{of} ^{the} ^{land}
if it had not been for us

The Railway through probably
the country would have suffered
heavily on the hands of the Enemy
I am writing the note only for
myself but for one who takes
myself could afford to take up
based on your particular return
I should think more than 90%
of the Farmers in the Hawarden
district entered the first week
of war & I think you will
agree with me that we see
some consideration
I am still sending with the
as I had no position

to take up after being found to
last Palestine Camp up I thought
I had better make one with sending
as I found men by the 4th
I am for J. J. J. J.

Blindley Ray
2/10/1918

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10th July 1944

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