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KENYA

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FROM Bloemling, L

DATE 11th Oct, 1923.

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FOR CIRCULATION -

SUBJECT

Mr. ~~Anderson~~
Mr. ~~Bolton~~
Mr. ~~...~~
Asst. U.S. of S.

Purchase of Farm

Perm. U.S. of S.
Part. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

Desires to purchase a British farm; request information

Previous Paper

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Mr. Bloemling, in spite of his emphasis on a 'British farm' probably means by East Africa, the T.T.

The proposal to remove the embargo on the admission of European immigrants to Kenya & Uganda, was approved by S of S telegram of 27th of Aug (39598/23) through the Order of 44515/23 remains in force till 31 December 1923.

Handwritten notes: 11 NOV 1923, T.T., Kenya 1607, 403, 15 Nov 23, 27/10, 11/23

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? Reply that it is not quite clear in what dependence he wishes to settle. If in the T.T. (formerly G.E.A.) it would

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ON THIS SIDE.

be necessary for him to
apply to the C. S. Dept.
Dassabam for permission
owing to existing restrictions
on the entry of Europeans to
T.T. such permission is
rarely given.

It however he wishes to
enter Kenya or Uganda,
there is no objection to his
doing so provided his
passport has the necessary
visa, but [that on his
arrival it would be
best for him to communicate
with the local Govt. at
Nairobi or Entebbe before
purchasing a farm.

Good] that particulars of farms
cannot be supplied by this
dept. advise him to
communicate with the Lands
Office at Nairobi or Entebbe.

S.W.S. 3.11.23

I do not think we should
in any way encourage
the matter to set out
for E. Africa, more
esp. with the new
immigration Ord.
coming along; so
in any case I do?

omit C. J.

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I think we can cut
out Uganda for this purpose
altogether.

After the proposed reply to
U.P. say that similar
restriction does not exist in
Kenya - his capital point
under Ord. in U.P. is that
that U.P. is not in a position
to say that the restrictions
therein will not be removed

after 31.12.23 - add that
allocation of Gov. land
not reserved by Col. Galt.
As far as U.P. is aware -
that with no chance
to acquire farms by private
purchase in the
open market - add that
no new settlers going out
do have less than
£1000 capital although
a smaller sum may suffice
if the intending settler
one already well equipped
with stock or Kenya -

add that when we
be not interested in
go to Kenya - the
chance of acquiring
land - even if the holder is

all the cards of the Immigrant
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he still desires to pursue
his enquiries he should write
to the Col. Sec. Nairobi.

sent copy of corresp. to
Mr. Kerney & Co.

Accd
5.11.23

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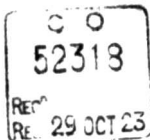
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TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN.



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Cologne-Bickendorf,

11.10.23.

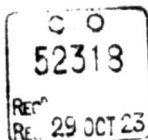
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P.P

Habe mich hiermit
 mit dem Englischen
 Konsulat Bologne in
 Verbindung gesetzt zweck
 einer Farm in Ost-Afrika
 Schicke aber voraus das
 ich mich verhalten lassen
 mochte. Es kommt
 daher mir eine englische
 Farm in Frage. Die 53
 Jahre alt und habe
 keine Frau mehr. Best.

vier Kinder zwei, ohne
me Alter von 14 und
18 Jahre und zwei Töchter
im Alter von 8 und 19
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1903 in Sekunda Da ich
auch in dem Frauenwerk
geliebt habe und das
Leben im Frauenwerk
genießen kann so ist es
dabei mein Wunsch mich
im Frauenwerk zu
betätigen. Bitte Sie
daher hoff ich in näheren
Berührungen.
Beobachtend

Leonard Bloemling
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DOWNING STREET,

13 November, 1923.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th of October regarding your desire to purchase a farm in East Africa, and to inform you that if you wish to settle

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Mr. Leonard Bloemeling

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Mr. Whittaker 6.11.

Mr. Downie 7.11.23

Mr. Parkinson

Sir C. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Duke of Devonshire

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15 Nov 23
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in the Tanganyika Territory, it will be necessary for you, in the first place, to *in writing* apply to the Chief Secretary *to Government* Dar-es-Salaam for permission to enter the Territory.

2. In view *however* of the restrictions which

have been placed on the entry of German nationals into Tanganyika, it is unlikely that permission would be granted to you.

3. Similar restrictions on entry

do not now exist in Kenya, but by the Alienation of Immovable Property Restriction Ordinance 1923, no person in the Colony may sell, lease or sublease, or in any way part with immovable property to a former

enemy

enemy alien, without the consent of the Governor-in-Council. This Ordinance remains in force till the 31st of December, 1923, but the Secretary of State is not in a position to say that the restrictions therein will not be renewed after that date.

4. The alienation of Crown lands in Kenya has not been resumed by the Colonial Government, so far as the Secretary of State is aware, so that the only way in which you would be able to acquire a farm (assuming the consent of the Governor-in-Council if the restrictions in the Ordinance referred to above are renewed) would be by private purchase in the open market. In any event, you should understand that a new settler proceeding to Kenya should not have less than £5,000 capital, although a smaller sum may suffice if the intending settler is already well acquainted with conditions in that Colony.

5. You would, ^{in the circumstances} therefore, be most ill-advised to go to Kenya on the chance of acquiring land, but I am to suggest, if you desire to pursue your enquiries further, that you should write to the Colonial Secretary, Nairobi. At the same time you


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could enquire as to the Immigration Regulations, as it is most desirable that any person wishing to go to Kenya should in his own interests acquaint himself beforehand with the general conditions governing the admission of immigrants into the Colony.

9 Aug. 40.

(Signed) H. J. READ