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My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's telegram of July 17th, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that the relaxation of the rule debarring European Officers from holding pecuniary interests in the Colony has met with great appreciation from the service. I am confident that that concession has been the means not only of giving officers a more lively interest in the possibilities of the country but of broadening their outlook in the execution of their official duties.

2. I am satisfied that no cases of abuse have as yet occurred, and while I consider that it is still necessary to maintain careful supervision over the transactions and investments made by officers, I trust that the concession may be continued as a permanent arrangement.

3. I have the honour to enclose herewith, in accordance with Your Lordship's instructions, a full statement

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Statement of Applications.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

statement of all applications from officers under this ruling giving all particulars of the different cases.

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4. The return is incomplete in the case of certain officers who are on leave, and whose applications were approved before all details of the purchase price of their holdings had been stated. On their return to the Colony, these gentlemen will be asked to furnish the details required and they will be forwarded to Your Lordship. There also some officers serving locally from whom full particulars have yet to be obtained and whose holdings appear on the list. These will be furnished to Your Lordship later.

5. The terms under which the Ex-Soldier Settlement farms are held have also not been shown as these are now under revision, and it would be impossible to give all particulars in this report without unduly delaying it.

6. The procedure laid down by Your Lordship in considering each case has been followed and, as Your Lordship will observe, it has only been necessary for the Governor-in-Council to refuse me application, that of Mr. Barker, who requested permission to rent land in a Native Reserve.

7. Bearing in mind the possible danger that an officer whose private interests are situated near his official station might be tempted to devote his
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energies to developing his holding to the detriment of his public duties, after discussing the matter with my Executive Council I recently issued instructions to Provincial Commissioners and Heads of Departments that as far as possible officers are not to be posted in districts where their interests are located.

6. I trust that this action will meet with Your Lordship's approval.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant,

Edmund A. M. S.

GOVERNOR.

List of Applications from Officials to hold pecuniary
interests in the Colony which have been
approved by Government.

6th September, 1920.

Name.	Official Rank.	Holding.	Purchase Price and Particulars.
Littlewood.	Stock Inspector.	(a) 2 Plots of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres Thompson Estate, Nairobi. (b) Subdivision Njoro, 361 acres.	£41 & £42. 80 £542.5.0. in instalments.
Flint.	Senior Staff Surveyor.	No. 986 "B" Soldier Settlement farm, 4555 acres Laikipia.	
	Acting Office Superintendent Secretariat.	Plot 2 acres Kilimani Nairobi.	Rs. 1950.
Field.	Temporary Assistant District Commissioner.	No. 809 "A" Soldier Settlement Farm, 160 acres, Laikipia.	
Stone.	Acting Senior Assistant Secretary.	(a) 1/3 share farms Nos. 350 & 351 Athi River 3038 acres. (b) Share in farm, Limaru, 100 acres.	8500/66 £300.
Wells.	Assistant Master Education Department.	50 21 shares in Natalite Motor Spirit Company.	£50.
Gray.	District Commissioner.	No. 425 B. Soldier Settlement farm Laikipia, 4012 acres.	
Libert.	Labour Inspector.	No. 1218 A. Soldier Settlement farm, Fort Hall, 264 acres.	
Wields.	ditto.	No. 1425 A. Soldier Settlement farm, Mbagathi, 160 acres.	
Burge.	Storeman Clerk Defence Force.	Soldier Settlement A farm Mbagathi 171 acres rent Rs. 17/10 p. a.	
MacDonald.	Director of Agriculture (now retired).	Loan on Mortgage	
Gardner.	Assistant Conservator of Forests.	1/3 share in Farms Nos. 350 & 351 Athi River, 3038 acres.	Rs. 9096/
Norman.	Temporary Clerk Tug. & Topo. Survey Dept.	(a) Share in farm L. O. No. 81 Ruifu 200 acres. (b) A. Farm, Soldier Settlement Scheme, Kahoroni.	
Greenie.	Assistant Traffic Manager, Uganda Railway (now retired).	Farm 300 acres.	Rs. 15,000/

Name.	Official Rank.	Holding.	Purchase Price and Particulars.
H. Berth.	Chief Justice.	Plot, 3 acres Thompson Estate Nairobi.	
E. Taylor.	Junior Staff Surveyor.	Soldier Settlement farm No. 128 A, Trans Nzoia, 160 acres.	
R. J. Gooden.	Computer Survey Department.	(a) Building Plot, Rs. 2810. Ngoma Road, Nairobi Sold afterwards for Rs. 3000/- (b) Soldier Settlement farm, No. 1162 A. Nyeri. (c) Building Plot, portion of Plot No. 370, Woodlands Road, Nairobi.	81 To be stated later.
L. Wilson.	Junior Staff Surveyor.	Soldier Settlement farm No. 1886 B. Donyo Sabuk.	
A. Maclean.	Carriage & Wagon Department Uganda Railway.	4 acre plot with 3 houses, Bishop's Road, Nairobi.	£1450 (1 re- maining on mortgage for 8 years).
R. Raza.	Assistant District Commissioner.	1/5 share, farm No. 3/2/19, (G) Gil 2156 acres.	£1000.
F. Walker.	Surveyor.	Soldier Settlement Farm No. 2264 A.	
Major H. N. Kemp- thorne.	Deputy Director, Trigonometrical & Topographical, Sur- vey Department.	Cainville Estate, Limuru, 100 acres.	
Carpenter.	Agricultural Department.	(a) 1.3 acres, Kikuyu Road, Nairobi. Value of Plot and house. (b) Soldier Settlement farm "A", Nyeri.	£225. £1000.
G. Jones.	Surveyor.	Plot No. 34 Parklands, Nairobi.	
Captain G. S. Cary.	Superintendent of Police.	500 acres, Witu Sul- tanate, Lamu.	
Lewis.	Post Office Department.	(a) Plot 2 1/2 acres, No. 45 A, Kilimani, Nairobi. (b) Plot 4 acres, ditto.	
H. Reid.	Veterinary Officer.	Soldier Settlement farm 587 B, Laikipia.	
Colonel J. F. Edwards.	King's African Rifle.	Portion of farm L.O. 1801/1, Naivasha. 1500 acres.	
Marshall.	District Clerk, Nairobi.	Out of hours employment in sign-writing vide Acting Governor's Despatch No. 1168 of 27th November, 1919.	
A. Noon.	Transport Assis- tant, Public Works Department.	Plot No. 74/3 Parklands with house leased as boarding house.	

Name.	Official Rank.	Holding.	Purchase Price and Particulars.
P. Armstrong.	Stockman, Nairobi Government Farm.	Farm Kijabe 5000 acres.	Rs. 67000/- payable in 10 instalments.
W. Wittington.	Assistant Superintendent of Police.	Lease ten acres building Plot, Likoni, Mombasa.	
P. Galbraith.	Assistant Director of Surveys.	Plot 10 acres, No. 371 Woodlands Road, Nairobi.	Rs. 19,409/-
P. Galway.	Labour Officer.	48 acres, former-ly Thompson Estate, Nairobi.	£25 per acre.
W. Drumage.	(Temporary) Assistant District Commissioner.	(a) Farm, Trans Nzola (b) Business Plot, Eldoret. (c) Residential Plot, Eldoret. (d) ditto, Muthaiga, Nairobi. (e) Two Plots, Nairobi East Township. (f) Shares Congo Estates Limited.	£600 £230 £ 85 £250 £ 40 £300
P. Gosling.	Postmaster General.	Mortgage House property, Parklands Nairobi.	£300
H. R. Vidal.	Assistant <i>Bishop</i> Commissioner.	Land, Mbarara, Uganda.	
H. Trafford.	ditto.	Farm No. 656/2, Solai Nakuru, 1258 acres.	
D. Barker.	Temporary Assistant District Commissioner.	Temporary Occupation Plot No. 9 Kisii Township.	Usual rent to Government.
A. Tempe.	Treasurer.	(a) 7 £25 shares National Bank of India. (b) 100 £1 shares Kivu Rubber Company, Uganda. (c) 150 £1 shares Uganda Plantations Limited.	
F. O'Farrell.	Computer, Survey Department.	1 share, Farm 1851/1, Machakos 894 acres.	
Patterson.	Treasury Chief paymaster, East Africa Pay Corps.	Farm 164 Limuru.	
H. Hemsted.	Lieutenant Commander R.N.R. Uganda Railway, Marine Department.	Farm near Lodiiani, 823 acres.	£823.
C. K. Watson.	Assistant Treasurer.	Soldier Settlement farm No. 1104 A, Nyasa 171 acres.	
H. H. Chell.	Medical Officer.	Plot No. 11, S.S. Makurungu, near Mombasa 124 acres.	2650
J. Cotton.	Land Assistant.	Soldier Settlement farm 1104 A, Nyasa.	

Name.	Official Rank.	Holding.	Purchase price and Particulars.
Awking.	Forester.	Farm 303 (hold) & share.	Rs. 15/-
Cooper.	Forester.	ditto.	per acre.
Monson.	Assistant Chief Secretary.	800 shares, Zewa Flax Compsy.	2000. 83
R. Humphries.	Headmaster Eldoret School.	Farm near Eldoret 665 acres.	
J. Holland.	Assistant <i>Master, etc.</i>	Subdivision of L.O. 718/1 & share each.	Rs. 12,000/-
Mulla.	Bank Post Office Department.		
Taylor.	Postal Clerk and Telegraphist, Post Office Department.	500 acres, Witu, Lamu.	Not known
Le Fontaine.	District Commissioner.	1/2 share, Farm L.O. No. 1897, Kaimosi, Kisumu.	£1000.
Man Singh.	2nd Grade Clerk Police Department.	Subdivisions Nos. 2, 3 & 9 Farm 102 Kibigori, 497 acres.	Rs. 15262/50.
Salkeld	Acting Provincial Commissioner.	Soldier Settlement Farm No. 1002 B.	
Bamber.	Assistant District Commissioner.	(a) Subdivision of Farm 656, Soldi, Nakuru, 220 acres. & share. (b) 1/2 share brother's Soldier Settlement Farm 2480 B. Laikipia 5000 acres.	
H. Kauntze.	Senior Bacteriologist.	100 acres, Subdivision Farm 170 Lamu.	
Ames.	Veterinary Officer (deceased.).	1/2 share in Colonel Otley's Syndicate Kericho, Soldier Settlement. <i>share.</i>	
Sullivan-Taylor.	Assistant Superintendent of Police.	Share in Limited Company to develop Tunnel Farm, Fort Ternan.	Rs. 10,000/-
Excellency for General Sir Northey, C.B., C.M.G.	Governor.	1/2 share in farm at Thika 350 acres with Captain J.E.W. Lambert.	£3000.

A large number of officials hold shares varying in value from £20 to £30, in the Civil Service (British East Africa) Co-operative Society Limited, a Society formed in Nairobi by Civil Servants for the supply of provisions on a profit-sharing basis, with the idea of combatting the high prices charged locally for necessities.

Application refused.

Name.	Official Rank.	Holding.	Purchase Price & Particulars.
B. Parker.	Temporary Assis- tant District Commissioner.	Application for 2 acres in Active Reserve for Mills site, and 1 acre for house at North Kings Dis- trict.	Rs. 10/- per acre.
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 6th Sept with regard to the resignation of the Viceroy debarred European Officers from holding property interests in the colony. I note with satisfaction that the principle has been approved and I agree to it.

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continuance until further notice
on the conditions already laid down

3. I agree to the ^{which} orders you have
taken with regard to the posting of
officers to districts where they
have no private interests
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arrangement need ~~not~~ be carried
to the extent of inconvenience
in doing for the public service
as officers realize that the
public must come first. Further
in considering such cases a good
deal must be ~~of~~ depend on
the nature of the interest held
by the officer

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