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Mr. S. H. Greenwood

My Mr. Greenwood  
I am sorry that the meeting  
has been suspended  
& that I have had to  
discuss the matter  
with Mr. S. H. Greenwood  
Thank you

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T. DU BUISON  
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Dear Mr. Parkinson,

At the interview which Major Hillier and I had with you, he happened to meet Colonel Franklin, who said he was on the point of leaving for B.E.A. as a Liaison Officer between the Colonial Government and the Civil Community for the development of Industrial enterprises, just such as the Kibon Sugar Scheme, and he suggested that we should write to the Head of his Department, Col. Sir Hamar Greenwood, letting him know the position. I have accordingly done so, and I enclose a copy of my letter in order that you may be fully informed of everything.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Oswald Stuart

Encs.

A. C. C. Parkinson, Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street, S.W.1.

7th November, 1919.

Col. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Bart, M.P.  
Department of Overseas Trade,  
Development & Intelligence,  
35, Old Queen St., WESTMINSTER, S.W.

Sir,

KIBOA SUGAR SCHEME - BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

Colonel Franklin of your Department, just before sailing for East Africa, heard of the above scheme from Major Milligan, of Messrs. J. W. Milligan & Co., Nairobi, and recommended that either he or I should write you letting you know what had been done and what was further proposed.

Mr. J. J. Toogood of Nairobi, along with a number of friends, comprising about forty well known residents in the district, formed themselves into a group to start Sugar growing and manufacture, and they purchased from a private owner a farm of 2724 acres in Kiboa, with suitable soil for Cane growing and also having an ample supply of water, a point of great importance. Later they conferred with my firm, as we have experience of Sugar production on a large scale in the British West Indies, and we agreed together that the best course would be to erect a factory larger than they had originally thought of, and of an up

to

to date type, and that they and we should work out the project together. They applied to the Government for the lands adjoining their farm in order that there might be a sufficiently large area to supply canes for the larger factory.

The Government advertised the lands in question, amounting to 6716 acres, for sale by auction on 15th October last, but the conditions of sale made it impossible for these friends to make a bid at the auction, and I may add that in my opinion no one knowing anything of Sugar production would buy on such conditions. The auction was postponed, and is now advertised to be held at Nairobi on the 17th of this month. I think it may be assumed that no one, who would be acceptable to the Government, will come forward as a Buyer on the terms as set out in the published particulars of sale. Probably therefore Colonel Franklin, on his arrival, will find that there is still the opportunity for him to examine the position and help in any way that may seem advisable, as he was most anxious to do. He will see Mr. Toogood and will learn all details from him. These 6716 acres are not by themselves suited for the development of the Sugar industry, as they have not an adequate water supply and the area is cut into two separated blocks by the farm owned by the Kibos Sugar group.

The question of the disposal of these 6716 acres is one of wide scope, going far beyond the future of that area.

age itself. Indeed it is quite likely that the future prosperity of the Protectorate may depend in a marked degree on the sale of this land is handled. There is evidently a very large area in E.S.A. suitable for Sugar Cane, and there appears to be good reason to hope that a sufficient population will be found for the growing of cane, partly as wage-earning labourers and partly growing canes for themselves on their own land for sale to factories. The extent to which the development of the Sugar industry there could be carried out within a limited number of years may be such that it would alter the whole position of the Protectorate. Also it might contribute a large portion of the Sugar required for the United Kingdom, now obtained from foreign sources, and so go towards meeting the wish of the Government that this should all be raised within the Empire. This would involve the raising of many millions sterling of capital for factories and plantations, and before that is contemplated one would require to show, from the successful work of a pioneer factory and plantation, the soundness of such a proposal. This area of land in Kibos, that is the farm already acquired together with the land offered by the Government, forms an attractive position for such pioneer factory, owing to the soil being suitable, a good water supply and a sufficient population in the neighbourhood, and if suitable terms can be arranged for Mr. Toogood's group to acquire the 6716 acres, I would

proceed to Kibos to examine the conditions fully on the spot, as this would be necessary before proceeding to raise the very considerable capital required. If however, the land in question is taken by other parties, it would block the starting of a pioneer factory there, for in that case neither the other parties nor our friends along with ourselves could erect such a factory. The blocking of the project in this way would at least delay and possibly entirely check for the present efforts aimed at a big development of Sugar in E.E.A.

I may mention that I am Chairman of the Antigua Sugar Factory, Ltd., The St. Kitts Factory Ltd., and the Ste. Madeleine Sugar Co., Ltd., (Trinidad), and my firm are the Managers of these three Companies. We have thus had experience in erecting and running factories and plantations. You will be able to get information regarding the working of these Companies from the Colonial Office - Colonel Franklin can get full information regarding those in the Kibos Sugar Scheme from the Government in Nairobi.

I would venture to suggest that if you find it desirable to have the development of the Sugar industry in B.E.A. started on the lines indicated above, you might be good enough to let Colonel Franklin know your views as early as possible, so that he may take such steps as he finds advisable in trying to arrange matters between the Government and the Kibos Sugar group.

We have seen the Colonial Office on various occasions during the past twelve months regarding the Kibos Scheme, and I believe I am right in saying that they have always viewed it with favour, and I only address you on the subject because, from what Colonel Franklin said, your Department has been established with the special view of furthering new developments such as this.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(Signed) Geo. Moody Stuart.

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Your obedient Servant.

(Signed) Geo. Moody Stuart.

We have seen the Colonial Office on various occasions during the past twelve months regarding the King's Scheme, and I believe I am right in saying that they have always viewed it with favour, and I only address you on the subject because, from what Colonel Franklin said, your Department has been established with the special view of furthering new developments such as this.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) Gen. Maddy Stuart.

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) Geo. Mobby Stuart.



as his good wish desires to  
decide the matter in the  
first instance with the  
who will shortly arrive  
in this country.

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The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
LONDON. S.W.1.

Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of 18th November  
and for the action you have taken in suspending the auction of  
the land at Kibos.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. Wood Stewart

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