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INDIA OFFICE

WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

25 May 1920.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for your consideration a copy of correspondence received from the Government of India in regard to an application submitted by Major (temp. Lt. Col.) B. M. Abbey, 27th Light Cavalry, I. A., for a grant of land in East Africa.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*R. W. Outram*

f Secretary  
Military Department.

The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office.

EXTRACT PARA. 8 OF AN (ARMY) DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, No. 30,  
 DATED 22ND APRIL 1920.

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 Details of the Land Settlement Scheme, East Africa Protectorate, were not  
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 being submitted by officers and men in India by the prescribed date.

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SIR,

Your most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) CHELMSFORD.

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*Extract para. 8 of an Army Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State  
for India, No. 30, dated 22nd April 1920.*

2. Application from Lieutenant-Colonel B. N. Abbey to be granted land in  
East Africa.

Enclosure to paragraph 2 of General despatch No. 30, dated the 22nd April 1920

Enclosure No. 1.

No. C. A.-139, dated Kaur Bridge, the 26th February, 1920.

From—Lieutenant-Colonel E. N. ARBAT, 27th Light Cavalry,  
15—The Headquarters, 62nd Brigade

I request that you will lay before the General Officer, Commanding the following points, with reference to your No. 900-S., dated the 7th February 1920:—

1. At the end of the great war, I realised that the democratising of the officers of the Indian Army, while quite necessary, and the great increase of prices in 1919, would place the old or senior officer of the Indian Army in a most inconvenient position on retirement, in that he would no longer be able to educate his sons at the public school, where he himself had been educated, nor live as he had been brought up to live, while many of the junior officers had a totally different idea of life and status, and being brought up differently, could continue to live on their pensions, without being inconvenienced. I, to avoid becoming one of the "New poor" on retirement, determined to apply for land and settle in East Africa.

2. In March 1919, I wrote to Lord Kitchener for help and advice and also to the East African Government and to Colonial Office, London. The former replied that he had recommended me to the Colonial Office. The Colonial Office acknowledged the receipt of my letter, and, as I expected, I heard nothing from Nairobi.

3. About the 25th July 1919, not sooner, I received a form, which had been printed in June 1919, to fill in and return to the East African Land Settlement, London, before the 14th August 1919; this was of course impossible, and my chance of land I had was lost, as was that of other officers in India. I wrote at once to the Colonial Office, London, pointing out what had happened. I was told that Lord Milner had decided my case should be sent to East Africa for reconsideration. I received a reply from Nairobi that nothing could be done.

4. Another officer in the Indian Army actually obtained a farm, but, as he received information to that effect several days after the land had been foreclosed, he was deprived of his farm and his representations have been fruitless.

5. I suggest that the Indian Government should protect its officers from this sort of thing and help us as all other Governments have done to obtain land in a colony, preferably East Africa. At present we are helpless.

6. The delay in holding up pensions, is very hard on officers who want to retire; they do not know what the pensions are, nor can they sell them, if they want to obtain capital for a fresh start.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous Despatches to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 80, dated 24th April 1907.

Enclosure to para. 3.

Enclosure No.	Description.	Number.	Date.
1	Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel B. N. Abbey.	C.A. 139 ... ..	26th February 1907.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous Despatches to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 30, dated 22nd April 1900.

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May 1920

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The U.S. of India  
Military Dept.  
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MINUTE.

Mr. Jaffar 27.5.20.

Mr. Parkinson 27.5.20

Mr. Bettamley 27/5/20

Mr. Grindle.

Sir H. Lambert

+ Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Paddes.

Col. Avery.

Lord Milner.

for comment

I am to ack receipt  
of your letter no. M. A 6587/2

of the 27th of May transmitting

copies of corresp. regarding

Major B. N. Abbey's application

for the grant of land in

the S.A.P.

I am to request you

to inform his Sec. mortgage

that particulars of the

S.A.P. Scheme were forwarded

to Major Abbey as soon as

they were ready for issue

(U.S. 2/20)

Consider whether he was able  
to assist him in any way.

DRAFT.

It appears however, that the  
Gen. was unable to give  
special consent to Major  
Abbey's case.

MINUTE.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Sir H. Lambert.

Sir J. Road.

Sir G. Fidler.

Col. Amery.

Lord Milner.

4. I am to add that  
in view of the shortage  
of labour and the difficulty  
of constructing communications  
on the recommendation of the Gen.  
it has been decided not  
to allot any further land

lands in the E.A.P. for some

years and persons who

did not obtain farms under

the ~~old~~ land settlement

thereof

scheme must be prepared to

~~to meet the requirements~~

of the

~~of the allocation of~~

~~lands or to purchase them~~

land in the open market.

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(signed) H. J. B. H. J.

REGISTERED No. 25110

## NOTICE TO BINDER

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PLEASE LEAVE SPACE HERE FOR INSERTION OF 6 SHEETS

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From *S.O.*

Date *5 June 1920*

Subject *Position of Indians*

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