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Governor
Tel
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Date:
1912

10th October

Previous Paper:

v/29515

GOVERNMENT CLAIM TO LAND ON MOMBASA ISLAND

Please transmit following message to Hollis :-
Please see Piggott immediately and wire his reasons for
purchasing land from person in question; at present
evidence that no person of that name ever owned land in the
neighbourhood.

By Thompson
W Rees

I have already discussed this with
Mr Hollis, and he has had a
communication with Mr Piggott
from the Com. Abode.
You will see that Mr Piggott is very
well at present, and that it would
be some considerable time before he can
proceed to East Africa on any firm
evidence in this country.

I shall be in touch with you.

At the time of his first claim

Copy to Hollis
Call to Hollis
Copy of letter to Mr Hollis to go to Mr Piggott
Copy of letter to Mr Piggott to go to Mr Hollis
See 29515

Subsequent Paper

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19. 1912.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter
the 18th inst. with reference
the proposed Acad Com-
mission in East Africa,
where I have been
the past two weeks &
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moment quite recall the

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Dear Sir

Yours very truly

H. W. Foght

Per J. P.

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be for his complete
recovery. which last
week appeared.

doubtful -

Mr. Pigott asks me
to beg you to excuse
wording of his letter: 19th 1912.
as he is really too
ill to speak still so
much.

Believe me

Yours truly

Louise Pigott

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May I add this to
enclosed, which I
have written for my
nephew at his dicta.
He has only
just turned the corner

HURSTBOURNE,

BISHOPSWOOD ROAD,

HIGHGATE, N.

Oct. 20 12

Dear Butterbee,

Herewith a new one on the Tanganyika
 claim. I had no idea you wanted it at once,
 and as I have been very busy during the past
 week, I did not write it meaning to send you
 something in a few days. I hope this will do.

With regard to Owen Thomas's negotiations
 with the Magrini, I understand that he has an
 option to purchase at about £2 an acre 30,000
 acres of freehold land north of Tabora. The
 Magrini possess in all 52,000 acres.

Yours sincerely

A. Maclean

HURSTBOURNE,
BISHOPSWOOD ROAD,
HIGHGATE, N.

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The land situated to the east of Mbaraki
beach on Mombasa Island, which is believed
to be the property of the Government but
which has been claimed by the Tanganyika and
the Sherifu, is about 250 acres in extent. The
value is estimated at about £150,000; but
the Tanganyika sold 6 acres at the beginning of
the year to Mr. Morrison for £36 and 30
acres to Messrs. Souza jun. & Sons for £180. The
latter plot has since been sold to Mr. McMillan,
a wealthy American settler, for a larger sum.
The land claimed by the Sherifu is 82 acres in
extent and was purchased from a Tanganyika by
Pigott on behalf of the Government in 1896.

HURSTBOURNE,
BISHOPSWOOD ROAD,
HIGHGATE, N.

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It is believed that at that time this was the limit of the cultivated area and that the rest of the land was waste and therefore regarded as Government land. In any case no land has been marked on all maps since the advent of the I. B. E. A. Co as belonging to the Government. The Government has however taken no steps to occupy effectively or develop the land. Beyond making a path across the land in 1898 and leasing a large portion of it in 1904 to Captain Grogan, who has done nothing with it, no attempt has been made to show people that it belonged to the Government, and ex-slaves and others have squatted on the waste and cultivated patches without being the rightful owners.

If the Tangana and Sherifu win the present litigation, not only will it affect the Grogan lease, but all the waste land between Kiruwa (30 miles north of Nombasa) and Tivi (20 miles south of Nombasa) must, when the Land Titles Court sits in the Nombasa District, be awarded to the Tessa Tifa and Tretethe Tifa, the two Mohammedan factions who lay claim to obsolete settlement areas or reserves of land near Nombasa. This would mean that the Government has no right to lease unoccupied land in the East Africa Estates, Ltd, and to various plantations that the leases granted were invalid.

Mr. Pajott's evidence is chiefly required to show that the land he purchased in 1898 was the waste land of the cultivated area, that he purchased from the rightful owners, that the remainder of the land

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(i.e. the land now claimed by the Tanganyika) was regarded by the natives as waste land and as to the Government, and that there was therefore necessity to purchase this land to enable the Govt to acquire it.

Mr. Pigott was the only European who prior to 1896 dealt with the land questions on Mombasa Island. His two successors Mr. Crawford & Mr. T... are both dead, so that their evidence is unobtainable.

A. H. Collins

Feb. 20th 1912

TELEPHONE "1118 MAYFAIR"
TELEGRAMS "GARMAK, LONDON"

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ORIENTAL CLUB,
HANOVER SQUARE, W.

Feb. 29th 1912

Dear Batterbee,

I send you herewith a couple of letters I have received from the Pigotts. It is evident that Pigott cannot be of much service to us for some time to come, which is a great nuisance. His reference to a proposed land commission in East Africa must be

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TELEGRAM.

The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received, Colonial Office, 5.30 p.m. 28th October, 1912).

*for
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No. 192. My telegram of 17th September No. 164 please transmit following message to Hollis Hurstbourne Highgate: Please see Piggot immediately and wire Piggot's reasons for purchasing land from person in question at present evidence that no person of that name ever owned land in neighbourhood.

BELFIELD.



REPLIES SHOULD BE ORDERED

Via Eastern

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HURSTBOURNE,
BISHOPSWOOD ROAD,
HIGHGATE, N.

Dec 18 '12

Dear Batterbee,

I am sending you herewith the evidence in the Tangana case together with two plans. The case for the claimants is now closed and Coube has asked for an adjournment in order that Pigott's evidence and the evidence of the other witnesses for the Crown can be given at the same time if it is decided to send Pigott to Mombasa.

I have written to Pigott and asked him to let me have a reply by Tuesday morning.

Yours sincerely
A. H. Hallis

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