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Belfield 771  
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31st October  
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LAIKIPIA LANDS

Confirms telegram. Gives full facts and sends copies of correspondence. Discusses wording of Sir P. Girouard's telegram. Cannot escape conclusion that Govt is definitely committed to compensatory grants on Laikipia or its vicinity. Hopes instructions in C.O. desp. No. 624 will be modified for is convinced that if they are carried into effect a feeling of very deep and bitter resentment will result.

Sir G. Frolides.

I think that the p.p. are with the S. of S.

I am afraid that these papers do not put any better complexion on the matter. This is the point raised in para: 5 of the f. desp., but it seems clear, from para: 4 of the <sup>Sir P. 9:5</sup> ~~desp.~~ <sup>minutes</sup> (2nd one:), & the concep<sup>ce</sup> with Major Carnegie, that the points were to be made as far as possible in the <sup>minutes</sup> ~~desp.~~ <sup>minutes</sup> itself.

The f. has not sent a copy of the letter of June 109 referred to in the first

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to Sir P. Girouard was. Friday. 10/12  
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but the replies from the Secretary &  
the Director - letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> April  
telegraph for them & at the same  
time tell the Gov<sup>rs</sup> to send copy of  
any further convey<sup>ances</sup> bearing on the  
question, as the S. P. desires to be  
in possession of the whole of the convey<sup>ances</sup>?

H J R

23/5

Sir J Anderson

This cannot be fully remedied:

without seeing the papers, but I send it on  
as the S. P. will wish to see it as soon  
as possible. -

It is clear that in June of the last  
Gov<sup>r</sup> had negotiated with the settlers on the  
basis of land in Kaitiaki; and in April  
1910 he confirmed the offer of land in the  
N. Province or in its vicinity.

On regard<sup>ing</sup> the immediate  
point it does seem clear that the Gov<sup>ts</sup> are  
committed to giving land in Kaitiaki

It is extraordinary that even had the local  
Gov<sup>ts</sup> will not send the full correspondence home.

I should telegraph - peremptory - for everything

UK 25.11.12

Per. sec.

sent the replies from the Secretary to  
the American letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Telegraph for these & at the same  
time tell the Gov<sup>t</sup> to send copy of  
any further correspondence bearing on the  
question, as the S. J. S. desires to be  
in possession of the whole of the correspondence.

H. J. R.

23/5

Mr. J. Anderson

This cannot be fully reconsidered  
without seeing the paper; but I send it on  
as the S. J. S. will wish to see it as soon  
as possible. -

It is clear that in June of the last  
year he negotiated with the settlers on the  
banks of land in California; and in April  
1850 he conferred the office of land in the  
N. Province or in its vicinity.

As regards the immediate  
point it all seems clear that the Gov<sup>t</sup> are  
committed to giving land in California.

It is extraordinary that even now the local  
Gov<sup>t</sup> will not send the full correspondence home.  
I should telegraph - peremptory - for everything.

W. J. H. 1852

Dec. 23/5

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Colonial Office,

Whitehall Street, S.W.

November 29, 1912.

Dear Sir Percy,

Mr. Harcourt desires me  
to send to you, for such  
alterations as you may  
wish to make, the enclosed  
copies of correspondence relating  
to the Laikipia lands.

Yours sincerely,

F. G. A. Butler.

Tel. as proposed  
and return papers to me at once  
as I see Sir P. Girouard on  
Wednesday.

25.11.12

Mr. Harcourt saw Sir P. Girouard on  
27<sup>th</sup> of November, and acquainted  
with the extraordinary situation disclo-  
sed by the correspondence with Mr. Befield.  
He undertook to let Sir P. Girouard  
have copies of the pertinent documents  
for such observations as he might  
to make ~~thereon~~ I have accord

sent Sir P. Girouard, in the letter of  
which a copy is attached, copies of

S. of B. tel. of 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1911

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Girouard's tel. of 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1911

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Girouard's tel. of 23 Oct. 1912.

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S. of B. tel. of 28 Oct. 1912.

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Girouard's resp. of 31 Oct. 1912.

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(with enclosures)  
If Sir P. Girouard has not replied

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

October 31st 1912.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 771



Sir,

In reply to your telegram of the 28th instant\* and in continuation of my telegram of the 23rd idem† which read as follows: "With reference to your despatch of September 25th No. 624† Laikipia, you are not in possession of full facts. They are as follows:

April 7th 1910. Commissioner of Lands informed Governor that result of negotiations would be the granting of approximately 200,000 acres Laikipia.

April 13th. Governor accepted Commissioner's proposals.

April 18th. On that authority Land Office informed parties concerned that if they surrendered their land they would be given areas in Northern Reserve or vicinity if move accomplished.

June 14th. Governor similarly promised land Laikipia to Carnegie and Lady Southesk.

Governor's telegram to you of October 7th 1911 incomplete, consequently misleading.

Quite satisfied promises made. Consider  
Government

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Comr. of Lands  
Oct. 7th 1910  
& encl. *4*  
note by Sir P.  
Guard 18.4.1910  
Land Officer  
regular letter  
pl. 18th 1910  
Major Carnegie  
Land Officer  
June 14th 1910  
June 16th 1910  
Land Officer  
to Mr. Bowker  
June 12th 1911  
el. to C. O.  
Oct. 7th 1911  
Major Carnegie  
Sept. 28th 1912  
Chief Secretary  
Oct. 24th 1912  
Major Carnegie  
Oct. 28th 1912  
*4*  
*32-129*

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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+ No 33583  
+ No 29183

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Government under legal obligation to fulfil them when same completed. Attorney General agrees.

If Laikipia now refused anticipate gravest results. Please cable whether instructions in despatch are to be acted on or suspended.

----- pending your further direction"; I have the honour to attach copies of the documents referred to and of others\* which are relevant to the question.

2. I greatly regret the misunderstanding which has arisen owing to the incomplete nature of Sir Percy Girouard's telegram No. 217 of October 7th 1911.\* I can only assume that he meant to convey that no actual promise of land in any particular position on Laikipia had been made, for it is obvious from the correspondence that areas of definite extent somewhere in the Masai Northern Reserve or its vicinity had been offered. Another interpretation of the wording of <sup>the</sup> telegram is that it was intended to remove any apprehension which might have existed that certain people had claims to land on Laikipia whether the Masai Move took place or not. This was of course not the case. All such claims were contingent on the eventual abandonment of the Northern Reserve by the Masai, which at the date when the telegram was despatched was by no means certain.

3. However that may be, there is, I fear, no doubt that the language used created quite a false impression in your mind respecting

\* Not printed.

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our obligations to the Southern Reserve farmers; the position in regard to them having never, I regret to say, been fully explained to you. From the written evidence on the subject to which reference has already been made I cannot escape the conclusion that we are definitely committed to compensatory grants on Laikipia or its vicinity. Moreover the late Governor had numerous interviews with some of the claimants in question, as for instance Major Carnegie. We have no records of many of these interviews and I am not therefore in a position to say exactly how far they corroborate the foregoing conclusion, but I am satisfied that all the Southern Reserve farmers confidently expected to receive one and a half times their previous holdings out of the lands to be vacated by the Masai, their only preoccupation being as to the move itself and the date when it would be complete.

4. In these circumstances I am afraid that there is no chance of acceptance of land elsewhere, now that there is an immediate prospect of the Laikipia farms, for which they have waited so long, becoming available and it will consequently be out of my power to satisfy them, as suggested in your despatch No. 624 of the 25th ultimo, by the bestowal of alternative areas. They will never surrender what they consider, not unjustifiably, their reasonable claims to grants in the Northern Masai Reserve and if these are refused it will cause <sup>the</sup> greatest discontent and exasperation, nor will the

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\* No 29183



Government escape the accusation of a deliberate breach of faith.

5. It is true that the words in the Land Officer's circular letter of April 18th 1910 'within the present Northern Masai Reserve or in its vicinity' might conceivably be held to give a certain latitude as regards the position of the land to be allotted, but I think that it would be most unwise to take advantage of this, so, apart from the fact that any land near Laikipia which we could dispose of would be of little value, the claimants were certainly led by implication to assume that, if possible, their grants would be actually within the Reserve itself. It is moreover almost beyond doubt that the verbal negotiations with the late Governor were calculated to enhance this impression. At any rate there was a widespread and well nigh universal belief to that effect both among those immediately concerned and throughout the Protectorate generally. As a proof of this I would invite reference to the enclosed excerpt from recent correspondence between Major the Hon. R. F. Carnegie and the Chief Secretary.

6. I have been in consultation with the Chief Secretary, Attorney General and Land Officer in regard to our position in the matter and they have expressed concurrence with the terms of my telegram and with the conclusions stated in this despatch.

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7. I can only hope that you will find it possible to modify the instructions conveyed to me in your despatch No. 624,\* for I am convinced that, if they are carried into effect, a feeling of very deep and bitter resentment will result.

~~4th~~  
29/83

*etc*  
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant.

*Almoncy Brijed,*

GOVERNOR.

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MEMORANDUM



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Under His Excellency's orders Mr. Scholefield was sent to the Southern Guaso Nyiro and the Lemek Valley to value improvements effected by Major Carnegie and his party and by Mr. W.R. Smith and his party.

Statement  
Report by  
Scholefield

I have prepared a statement showing the names of the different land holders in the order I consider they should have the right of choice in the new area on Laikipia.

2. But before those moving from the South are allowed a choice, the following persons, who were removed when the Masai were transferred from the Rift Valley, should be allowed to re-occupy the land that was there given to them:-

Lord Delanere	...	6,800 acres
Hon. G. Cole	...	7,500 do.
Hon. R. B. Cole	...	5,000 do.

These are the actual areas held by them on the Aberdare Range.

Lord Delanere has not yet taken any land in exchange. The Messrs. Cole accepted half as much again on West Kenya as compensation, but wish to return to the original grants.

This may be allowed provided that they accept the actual original grants, and surrender the grants in West Kenya.

3. I have gone over the list of those to be displaced

displaced in the South with Mr. Scholefield and beg to recommend that offers be made to the various grantees as follows:-

1. Major Hon. R. Carnesie. An equivalent area to that held in Lemek Valley and Sotik, i.e. 5075 + 5000 = 10,075 acres plus £300 cash; or else 5000 Sotik plus 7612 = 12,612 acres.
  2. Mr. E. Brooks. An equivalent area to that held in Lemek Valley, i.e. 5075 acres plus £150 cash; or else 7,612 acres.
  3. Mr. W. R. Smith. An equivalent area, i.e. 10,000 acres plus £50 cash; or else 15,000 acres.
  4. Mr. J. F. Smith. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus £100 compensation, or else 7,500 acres.
  5. Mr. W. A. Smith. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus £50 compensation; or else 7,500 acres.
  6. Mr. T. Aggett. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus £200 cash; or else 7,500 acres.
  7. Mr. W. B. Aggett. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus £50 cash; or else 7,500 acres.
  8. Mr. G. T. Webb. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus £200 cash; or else 7,500 acres.
  9. Mr. H. E. Webb. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus £50 cash; or else 7,500 acres.
  10. Mr. F. Bowker } An equivalent area, i.e. 10,000  
11. Mr. H. B. Bowker } acres plus £200 cash; or else  
15,000 acres.
  12. Mr. T. E. Aggett. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus £100 cash; or else 7,500 acres.
  13. R. E. Kerr. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus £50 compensation; or else 5,800 acres.
- The compensation in land is put at a lower figure because the land has been unoccupied for some time.

14. Capt. Riddell. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus half as much again, total 7,500 acres. No money compensation. Captain Riddell also has a 5,000 acre farm in Setik, which he wishes to give up. The land to be offered to him then would be 12,500 acres.

15. Marquis Hornvold. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus half as much again, total 7,500 acres. No money compensation.

16. Mr. Roy. An equivalent area, i.e. 5,000 acres plus half as much again, total 7,500 acres. No money compensation.

17. Dowager Countess Southesk. An equivalent area elsewhere, i.e. 5,000 acres. No other compensation in land or money.

18. Mr. G. C. Aggett

19. Mr. J. S. Smith

20. Mr. K. A. H. Pritzkow

21. Mr. J. E. Holland

22. Mr. T. F. King

23. Mr. A. M. Pritzkow

24. Mr. G. Peebles

I would offer these men an equivalent area each elsewhere, i.e. 5,000 acres x 7 = 35,000 acres, on condition that they occupy their grants within six months of notice, which should be sent to each by registered letter.

If any of them should fail to occupy within the specified time, the grant should be cancelled.

4. The net result of these proposals will be the grant in Laikipia of an aggregate area of 135,325 acres, the equivalent of the original grants, plus in compensation a possible further 40,874 acres, or a possible total of 176,099 acres.

If cash is accepted in place of land, the possible total of cash compensation will amount to £1,400.

Allowing for the land to be given first to Lord Delamere and the Messrs. Cole, the total area to be immediately marked off into farms will amount to

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135,889 acres, or say in round numbers 200,000  
acres.

A copy of Mr. Scholefield's report is attached.

Nairobi,

April 7th 1910.

Sd/- J. MONTGOMERY

COMMISSIONER OF LANDS

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Statement of Farms in Lemek Valley, Lower Guaso Nyero, etc. required for the  
Masai consequent on their movement from Laikipia.

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Name	Date of application	Date of occupation	Area in acres	Whether occupied	Value of improvements	Remarks.
Major Hon. E. Carnegie	4-11-07 Lemek Valley 23-1-06 Sotik	1-1-08  2-5-06	5,075	Yes	£117	Put first because he occupied his Sotik farm long ago, and has been in continuous occupation ever since. The value given is that on his Lemek Valley farm.
B. Brooke	4-11-07	10-4-08	5,075	Yes	Nil	Has been living with Major Carnegie. A wood and iron house was erected and then taken down owing to the movement of the Masai. This has not been valued.
W.R. Smith	7-9-06	15-6-08	10,000	No	£32	Mr. W.R. Smith is head of the Guaso Nyero Settlement. The others are his sons. One son was badly mauled by a lion; another accidentally shot. Father and both these sons are in South Africa; but one son is occupying.
J.F. Smith	7-9-06	15-6-08	5,000	Yes	£88	
F.A. Smith	13-12-06	15-6-08	5,000	No.	Nil	
T. Aggett	12-10-08	1-11-08	5,000	Yes	£153	Father and son. Have developed on one farm.
F.B. Aggett	12-10-08	1-11-08	5,000	No	Nil	
G.T. Webb	12-4-07	15-6-08	5,000	Yes	£111	Three brothers working together. Most of development has been done on one farm.
N.E. Webb	6-12-07	15-6-08	5,000	No.	£6	

Name	Date of application	Date of occupation	Area in acres	Whether now occupied	Value of improvements	Remarks
F. Bowker	22-4-07	15-0-08	5000	Yes	£ 91	The two Bowkers are not in the country, but are occupying through two thorough representatives, Bennett & Currie. The work is on one farm
M.B. Bowker	22-4-07	15-0-08	5000	No	Nil	
T.E. Aggett	9-4-07	15-0-08	5000	Yes	£ 90	Has never been in the country. His farm has been worked by W.B. Aggett (No.7)
P. E. Kerr	23-10-06	15-0-08	5000	No	£ 5	Was occupied on behalf of Kerr by W. Peebles, who put up a couple of huts and made a small garden. He left the country some time ago.
occ. Licensee						
Capt. Riddell	10-12-06	1-1-09	5000	No.	Nil	Have never occupied these grants.
Marquis Hornfield	10-12-06	1-1-09	5000	No.	Nil	
A. Roy	10-12-06	1-1-09	5000	No.	Nil	All are residents in the country.
occ. Licensee						
Douglas Countess Southank	4-11-07	1-1-08	5000	No.	Nil	Is Major Carnegie's (No.1) mother. Has never been in the country. Name has been used as a "dummy".
G.O. Aggett	12-10-08	Nil	5000	No.	Nil	
J.S. Smith	9-4-07	"	"	"	"	
A.H. Fritzkow	10-1-07	"	"	"	"	
J.E. Holland	2-4-07	"	"	"	"	
T. F. King	2-4-07	"	"	"	"	
A.H. Fritzkow	6-12-07	"	"	"	"	
G. Peebles	14-12-07	"	"	"	"	These persons have never been in the country. Their farms have never been occupied. The land has been taken merely as a speculation.



Non-Commissionary of Lands.

Re Guaso Nyiro and Lemek Valley Farms

The following is the list of above farms, omitting Captain Riddell's party (3 farms)

1 and 2 W.R.Smith	Have been occupied
3. T.Smith	Occupied
4. G.Peebles	Not occupied
5. A.H.Pritzkow	Not occupied
6. Vacant	
7. R.E.Kerr	Has been occupied
8. W.A.Smith	Not occupied
9. T.F.King	Not occupied
10. T.Aggett	Has been occupied
11. G.C.Aggett	Not occupied
12. W.B.Aggett	Not occupied
13. T.E.Aggett	Occupied by T. & W.B. Aggett
14. J.S.Smith	Not occupied
15. M.B.Bowker	Not occupied
16. F.Bowker	Occupied by Bennett and Currie
17. G.T.Webb	Occupied (3 Webbs)
18. N.E.Webb	Occupied jointly with 17
19. A.M.Pritzkow	Not occupied
20. J.E.Holland	Not occupied
Major Carnegie	Occupied
Lady Southesk	Not occupied
B.Brooke	Has been occupied.

2. Estimated value of improvements. I.B.No.8.

1 & 2 £22

3 ... £88

4 ... ---

5.... ---

6 ...	Nil
7 ...	£8
8 ...	---
9 ...	---
10 ...	£153
11 ...	---
12 ...	---
13 ...	£99
14 ...	---
15 ...	---
16 ...	£91
17 ...	£111
18 ...	£6
19 ...	---
20 ...	---
Major Carnegie	£117
Lady Southeast	---
E. Brooke ...	A wood and iron house was erected but taken away when the exchange of land was broached. I cannot say what was the value of the house.

3. With regard to No.7. this farm was occupied on behalf of Dr.Kerr by W.Pebbles who has since returned to South Africa. I am told he did not return until the Masai question came to the front.

12, 13 and 14 are a partnership; 12 and 14 would have been occupied. I am told, if it had not been for the above question.

No.15. M.B.Bowker sent up Currie to occupy; he has been helping to develop No.16 with Bennett.

I recommend that this be considered as occupation under the circumstances.

Lesek Valley. E.Brooke. I think his case should be favourably considered.

4. I do not consider the house (Aggett's) on 13 suitable

suitable for <sup>an</sup> A.B.C. nor does the sanitary situation seem too good. The value of the house is £50. It is substantially built of cedar logs but is a rough building. It would be very suitable for a store house.

5. I have not considered the question of road making.

6. Mr. Aggett informed me that he was under the impression that His Excellency had promised £200 to all bona fide settlers in lieu of an extra acreage.

S/- S.W.J. SCHOLEFIELD

Nairobi.

April 4th 1900.

Minutes.

I will accept Commissioner of Lands proposals - I notice Mr. Scholefield says Mr. Aggett stated I offered £200 compensation to all - what I did offer was (1) half as much acreage or (2) original acreage and compensation to be assessed but would not consider over £200. Who is now to make these offers it should be done promptly.

Intd/- F.P.C.G.

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possible damage to live stock in course of removal.

It appears to me that the offer of 1 1/2 times the land for Lady Southesk and myself covers above claims (a) and (b).

And that some further compensation is due for claims (c) and (d).

To develop a new farm to the extent of what has been done at Lemek, in the way of buildings, would cost me about Rs.1500/- X.

So that Rs.1500/- or an equivalent, such as an extra grant of land, or small forest concession, would cover claim (c).

And for claim (d) a statement showing actual expenses incurred in removal, might be presented later.

So that, the terms upon which Lady Southesk and myself are willing to comply with the Government's offer, are

1. 1st choice of land in Laikipia, see attached marked "Y".
2. An area equal to our present farms, and half as much again.
3. An additional grant of land or forest, or money compensation of about Rs.1500/- X.
4. Compensation for any expenses incurred in removal to new land.
5. An equal amount of land to the surrendered farm in Sotik, of approx. 5,000 acres.

3, 4 and 5 applying to myself only.

Claims 3 and 4 are the only ones at present not entertained by Government, and appear to be reasonable; otherwise I would certainly be a loser in the transaction.

see attached  
marked X

I say 1268 acres.

2537 acres being }  
reckoned as equal }  
to £200. for com- }  
pensation purpos- }  
es by Govt. }

I am most anxious to assist the Government and not stand in the way of any new schemes of development, but I would like to point out that I am being asked to give up about the best sheep ground in the country for land which does not produce such heavy sheep. 633

Also there are very few ostriches in Laikipia, while at Lemek there are plenty.

At Lemek is some very excellent salt for stock, and I could find nothing of the sort in Laikipia.

The land which I would select in Laikipia lies to the east of the N'Gobit River, next to the Hon. R. B. Cole's land. I have sketched the area which I would propose to take up.

Hoping that His Excellency will see his way to extend his offer, as proposed by myself.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) R. F. Carnegie, Major.

P. S. Is Government prepared to guarantee a stock route from the Laikipia District to Gilgil and Naivasha, namely, a route which would enable say 500 sheep to graze in the course of the journey, with a common on which to rest and recover, before being entrained.

(Sgd) R. F. C.



## Work completed at Lemek Valley

Cont.  
No.

1 dwelling house (18' diam) round stone walls	50.
2 Kitchens (16' diam) round. wattle and daub at 80.	50.
1 Larder	15.
1 Fowl House	15.
1 meal crushing house	15.
1 boma for kitchen and other buildings 8' high, poles and wattle and daub, about 30' long.	50.
1 store 16' x 20' wattle and daub, and poles	100.
2 stables 8' x 12' . . . . .	40.
1 scyces' hut 14' diam . . . . .	20.
1 w. o. with pit	15.
1 cattle boma, solid walls of poles x 10' & wattle with thorn protection at top, about 20' sq.	100.
1 sheep boma as above, about 30' sq.	120.
2 herd boys houses 16' diam	50.
1 sheep house 20' diam	30.
1 Porters house 12' diam	30.
1 Ostrich house and boma	25.
1 lean-to hut in sheep boma	25.
1 herds hut in sheep boma	20.
About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of road 8' broad	20.
2 miles of wagon road into pass	75.
Clearing of one spring and stream	20.
Small irrigation scheme	30.
Lucerne patch irrigated	75
4 or 5 acres of ploughed land	150.
Foundation trenches for dwelling house	30.
Rethatching of buildings twice over. repair of walls.	150.

Rs. 1310.

This work was undertaken from January, 1908, and completed about October, 1909.

During 1908 about twenty hands were more or less constantly employed, and a lesser number in 1909

All stores were brought from the Railway, a distance of 100 miles, and the nearest obtainable post-office was at Sotik Post, 30 miles distant, so that the cost of porters was very heavy.

Rs.1310, is a very low figure for the cost of the work, in buildings, etc. and does not include any porters expenses, or manager's wages, at a rate of Rs.150/- per month, which later, from April, 1909 amounts to Rs.1200/- which is part of the period during which building work was being carried out.

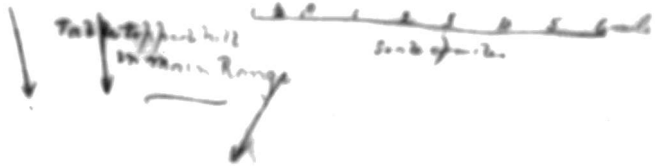
No compensation is asked, for improvements in the way of buildings and cultivated land on the 5,000 Sotik Farm, nor for several months labour on a road, to reach Sotik and Lemek farms

(Sgd) R. F. Carnegie, Major

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June 15th, 1910.

From Major Gen. R. F. Carnegie,  
To the Land Officer, W. A. P.

INCLOSURE No 5  
In Despatch No 77 of 4/5/10

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Sir,

Since writing to you yesterday, June 14th, His Excellency has accorded to me an interview in which were discussed the different points mentioned in my letter of yesterday.

I undertook, on behalf of Lady Southesk and on my own account, to vacate the Lemek Valley Farms, on the following understanding, which His Excellency agreed to :-

1. First choice of land in Laikipia.
2. An area equal to our present farms, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  as much again.
3. Money compensation of Rs.1500/-.
4. An area equal to the Sotik farm of 5,000, which I am to vacate.

3 and 4 applying to myself only.

As to the question of compensation for any expenses incurred in removal to new land, His Excellency did not see his way to leaving the amount, an open question, in the agreement, and asked for a definite statement. Therefore attached, I have made an estimate of the probable cost of the move to Laikipia, from Lemek Valley and marked the papers "Z", i and ii -

This is the only outstanding question in the transaction.

Attached to my letter of yesterday is a sketch "Y" showing the two areas of 12,612 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 7,537 $\frac{1}{2}$ , for which I beg to apply with a dotted red line, representing approximately

the boundaries of the two farms.

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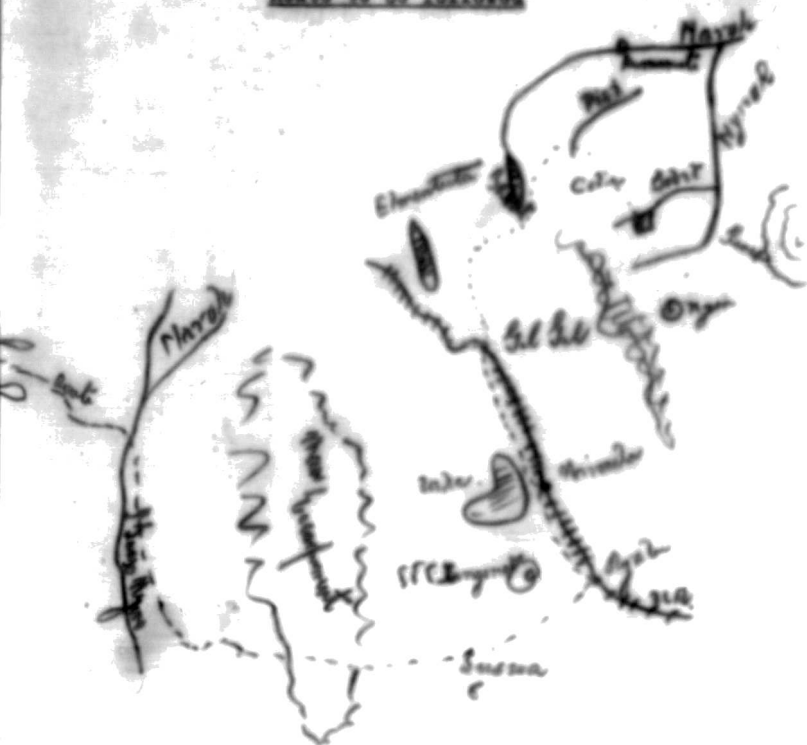
(Sgd) R. P. CARNEGIE,  
Major.

2. of June 15th, 1910.

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Estimate of cost of removing stock,  
implements, stores, etc. from Lemak R.  
Valley farm to Laikipia.

Route to be followed



Route. Either, via Nyiro R. and Southern  
Mau, S. of Longonet to Kijabe Station, or if  
possible, by a shorter line, from the S.  
Nyiro River, more directly to Gil Gil and on  
from Gil Gil via Bolocat Lake, and Peet R.  
to N'Gbit.

I estimate that with waggons, the  
journey would take at the very least 15 days,  
and if any clearing of the track was necessary  
on the mau, or on the Subigo O Satine, it  
would

would more likely take a month.

I think a fair estimate would be three weeks on the road -

Rs.	15.	wages for 4 herd boys for 3 weeks for 300-400 cattle	600 sheep
	7/50	" " " " " " " "	
Rs.10.	630.	" " 9 wagon boys " " 3 wagons	
r wagon per		Hire of 3 spans of oxen & 3 wagons for 3 weeks.	

sheep @  
5/-  
at 75/-

- 150. Loss of 5 pc. of sheep from sickness leopards, etc
- 225. Loss of 1 pc of cattle " " lions, etc.
- 5. 3 days labour loading wagons at start.
- 5. 3 " " unloading " " finish.
- 39. 6 to 8 porters and posho for 3 weeks, clearing track.

1076.50.

Total Rs.1076/50 or say 1100.

I calculate that 1100. would be near, but under the actual cost of the move, and can only submit this figure, as appearing to be a fair one.

I am, etc..

(Sgd) R. T. CANNING.  
Major

ENCLOSURE no. 6  
in Docket No. 77/1 of 31.10.1912

LAND DEPARTMENT,  
Natal,  
June 18th 1911.

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Sir.

With reference to your letter of the 15th April last, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, I am directed to inform you that the removal of the Masai <sup>from</sup> Laikipia has now been sanctioned by the Colonial Office. Steps will now be taken to deal with the question of the allotment of land in Laikipia to settlers who will move from the Southern Reserve.

With regard to your statement that the white man occupying your farm was "told to shift by Government" I am instructed to advise you that this was not the case. The Southern Guaso Nyiro settlers were communicated with when the question of the removing the Masai was brought forward. A letter was written to each asking if, in the event of the Masai being removed, he would be willing to give up his land in the proposed Southern Reserve, and whether he would accept compensation in the shape of an additional area of land, or compensation in the form of money.

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S/- C.H. Campbell.

Acting Land Officer

F. BOWKER ESQ.,

Thorn Kloof,

Grahamstown, S. Africa

INCLOSURE No. 7

In Despatch No. 771 of 24. 8. 1912

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Nairobi.

October 7th 1911.

Telegram to Colonial Office No. 217

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Your telegram October 5th. No rights have been granted or promised to Europeans in connection with Northern Reserve and no survey of farms has taken place. But Europeans who have had to leave their farms in extended Southern Reserve have given up 130,000 acres to Masai and must be accommodated elsewhere.

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*7712 & 18/12*

Extract from a letter from Major E. F. Carnegie  
to His Excellency dated September 28th 1910.

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I refer to my interview with His Excellency the late Governor on 14th June 1910 - also to a letter written on that date to Land Officer,

His Excellency's offer was:-

1. First choice of land in Laikipia for Lady Southey and self, after the claims of Lord Delamere and the Honourables G. and E. S. Cole have been satisfied there.
2. An equivalent to Gotik Farm of 5,000 acres elsewhere.
3. Present area held at Lemek by Lady Southey and myself and half as much again in Laikipia - or cash compensation of £200.

At the interview on 14th June 1910 his Excellency and myself agreed to the following settlement:- That I be given points 1, 2 and 3 above (the alternative in latter part of 3 not being agreed to) so that the total area to be granted in exchange amounts to the following:-

FOR MYSELF

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|------------------|---|--|
| IN ONE<br>BLOCK. | { | A. 7612 acres at Laikipia in exchange for 5075 acres at Lemek. |
|                  |   | B. 5000 acres at Laikipia in exchange for 5000 acres at Gotik. |
|                  |   | C. 5000 acres at Kibos in exchange for 5000 acres at Gotik.    |

Note. - 5000 acres more or less in case B, and 5000 acres more or less in case C, but the whole to equal 5000 acres.

The total grant therefore to be 12,612 acres for myself.

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FOR LADY BOUNTY.

7012 acres at Larkipia, in exchange for 6079  
acres at Lema.

In addition His Excellency agreed to pay  
1,000 compensation for improvements at Lema Valley.

Extract from letter of the Hon. Chief Secretary addressed to Major Hon. R. P. Carnegie on the 24th October, 1912.

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2. I note that you claim that any land to which you are entitled other than that at Kibos shall be granted to you on Laikipia. The question of the alienation of this area is at present forming the subject of correspondence with the Colonial Office and a further communication will be addressed to you when a definite decision has been arrived at. In the meantime it must be clearly understood that although your claims to a specific acreage are admitted as stated in the preceding paragraph, no promise can be given that the acreage will be granted on Laikipia.

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INCLOSURE 2-10

in Despatch No 771d dt 5 1913

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Extract from Major Hon. Carnegie's letter to Hon.  
Chief Secretary dated October 28th, 1913.

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Regarding paragraph 2. I await the further communication on this subject, but as to the latter part of the paragraph I claim that I hold a definite promise of land in the present Northern Masai Reserve or in its vicinity conveyed to me by a responsible Government Officer, in the terms of a letter No.963 G/L/R of 18th April 1910.

In my letter of 28th September 1913 I asked for confirmation of the following:-

First choice of land in Laikipia for Lady Southesk and myself, after the claims of Lord Delamere, and the Honourables G. and R.E.Cole have been satisfied there.

No.963 G/L/R of 18th April 1910 says:- "I am to add that your name has been put down at No.1 in order of priority of choice of the new farms. Lord Delamere . . . . . being permitted to take up again" etc.

I should be much obliged for a definite assurance that my name and that of Lady Southesk stand at the present time at No.1 in order of priority of choice of new farms, in the present Northern Masai Reserve or its vicinity, in the case

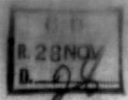
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of this land being allotted for settlement, or  
at No. 1 in the case of an agreement being arrived  
at for land in any other locality.

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Governor

Nairobi

October

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- Mr. Acl. 26/11
- Mr. Reid 26
- Sir G. Fiddes. 26
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Your disp. of 31 Oct. No. 771

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It must be  
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