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DR J. FORBES
APPLICATION FOR LAND

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No written record can be traced of any interview between Sir P. Girouard and Dr Forbes. Mr Lawson Walton is under impression such an interview took place. Sends copies of correspondence between Dr Forbes and Land Office in 1911. There is nothing to show that any actual promise of land on Laikipia was ever made. Considers allegations of verbal undertakings without documentary evidence should be ignored.

Dr. G. Zeller:

The first part of the 2nd para of his R. p. l. is able of 26 any attached to $\frac{7}{27157}$ scarcely squares with what we know.

Ref: S: 7: a continuation of our l. of the 3rd of Sep: that the ²³fr: has reported that there is nothing to show that any actual promise of land on Laikipia was ever made + that, in other cases, Dr. Harcourt reports that he is unable to entertain his application for a grant in that district - + add that, if he desires

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desires to apply for a grant in any other
part of the Port, to which place himself
in connection with the Land Office at
Nairobi - & send copy of our L^{ts} to S-7, &
the Gov^{mt} with refer to the depts: D.F. ?

H. J. R.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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WEST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

November 6th 1912.

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(No. 777)

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 564 of September 3rd enclosing a letter from Dr. J. Forbes.

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Dr. Forbes
12th Apl. 1911
Dr. Forbes
10th May 1911
Dr. Forbes
15th Jun. 1911
Dr. Forbes
12th Jul. 1911
Mr. Gubb
(extract)
10th Jul. 1911

2. As far as can be ascertained there is no written record of any interview between Sir Percy Girouard and Dr. Forbes's representative, but Mr. Lawson Walton, who was the late Governor's Private Secretary at the time, states that he is under the impression that such an interview took place.

3. I enclose copies of correspondence which passed between Dr. Forbes and the Land Office in the year 1911. There is nothing to show that any actual promise of land on Laikipia was ever made. Instances have not been infrequent in which alleged verbal undertakings on the part of Governors or Commissioners who have left the Protectorate have been advanced in support of claims to land, and I am of opinion that without documentary evidence in confirmation such allegations should be

entirely

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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entirely ignored.

4. In the best of my knowledge no grants of land on Laikipia have been promised except, as reported elsewhere, (a) to those who were dispossessed in 1904 by the Masai Treaty and (b) the farmers on the Southern Guaso Nyiro and in the Lemek Valley, whose land is required for the extended Southern Masai Reserve.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

J. C. M. M. M.
J. C. M. M. M.

In the absence of the
Governor.

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INCLOSURE

In Receipt No. 77 of 27 1912

Newport, C.F.S.,

18th April 1911

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The Land Officer,
Nairobi.



Sir,

Having read Sir Pere Girouard's speech I feel uneasy as to whether the Laikipia ground to be thrown open to the settlers who are going from this district.

I may inform you that I have sold my house in expectation of this and that I have sheep ready to ship, whenever a boat can be got, they are going along with those of Mr. Randall, Middenin. Can you tell us if Laikipia is or is not to be available for settlement, as if not, I will have to make new arrangements. I have between four and five thousand pounds eventually to put into the country, about 1500£ at present and the balance when my contracts and leases expire here and I wish to try B.E.A.

Some information one way or the other will be of great assistance to me, as I am hesitating whether to send my family to England or to keep them here pending the throwing open of the ground.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Forbes.

My agent will be proceeding to B.E.A. along with the sheep and he has all the necessary papers, e.g. Power of Attorney & Bankers' reference.

to Despatch No. 777 of 6th 1911

Land Department,

Nairobi,

10th May, 1911.

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Sir,

with reference to your letter of the 28th ult., on the subject of land at Laikipia, I have the honour to inform you that so far as I am aware the Masai are not to be moved. Until such a move is decided upon it will be impossible to alienate land in the area in question.

I would add that I have received an application on your behalf from Messrs: Byron & Harrison, Solicitors, Nairobi, and I would suggest that all communications on the subject should be addressed through that firm, provided of course that they are still acting in your interests.

I have etc.

R.V.

Land Officer.

J. Forbes, Esq.,

Frankfort,

Orange Free State.

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Frankfort, O.F.S.

9th June, 1911.

The Land Officer,
Nairobi.

Sir,

Re yours of the 10th May No.L.2541 K/R paras,
I beg to inform you that I never heard of the
Solicitors Byron & Harrison, Nairobi and that I
never instructed them to apply for ground on my
behalf. It may be that they are applying on
behalf of someone else, with the same name as myself
and if so I should be glad if you would make a note
of it, as mistakes may arise in future. I have
given all the necessary documents to Mr.F.Gash,
who is now acting as my agent and who has taken my
sheep to Nakuru.

In my previous letter I simply wanted information
owing to the special circumstances under which I am
placed I want to get a grant of land as speedily as
possible.

I have etc.

J.Forbes.

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in reply please quote
No. I. 2001 K/R & date.

Land Department,

Nairobi,

18th July, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th ult., on the subject of your application for land in this Protectorate, and in reply to state that Mr. Gish has called at this office, and any further communications will be sent to that gentleman.

I have etc.

A.C.T.

for Land Officer.

Dr. J. Forbes,

Frankfort,

Orange Free State.

ENCLOSURE No. 5
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Extract from letter of 10th July, 1911, from
Mr. F. Gash to the Land Officer.

I have the honour to make application for
land under special survey in the Laikipia

For Mr. J. Forbes six thousand acres proof means (£8000)

I hold the necessary powers and authorities
to act

F. Gash

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~~Dec 3rd 1912~~
~~M.P.~~



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5 Dec 1912

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~~Dr J. Forbes~~

5th Dec 1912

Sir,

MINUTE.

- ~~Mr. Harper 3 Dec~~
- ~~Mr. Nathan 3 do.~~
- ~~Sir G. Fisher.~~
- ~~Sir H. Just.~~
- ~~Sir J. Anderson.~~
- ~~Lord Emmott.~~
- ~~Mr. Harcourt.~~

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 3rd of Sept. relating to your application for the grant of land in the B.P., I am directed by Mr. Secy. Harcourt to inform that the Acting Gov. of the Prot. has reported that there is nothing to show that any actual promise of land on Laikipia

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was over making and
in these circumstances,

Mr. Harcourt regrets that
he is unable to entertain
your application for a
grant in that district.

I am to add
that if you desire to
apply for a grant in
any other part of the
Prov^{ts} you should
place yourself in
communication with
the Land Office at
Ravenna

I am etc
H. J. Read
for the Under-Secretary of State