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leading gentlemen there including H. E. Sutherland Esq. & the late Governor who, knowing my sons there expressed a hope that hearing I had a lot more at home that I would send them out there as they were the class of men the country wanted.

I also had several interviews with the Hon. Director of Agriculture, Barton Wright Esq. the Land Officer, most of the Members of the Land Board etc. all of whom were in favour of us taking up land & going out.

After well thinking it over I have decided to apply for 5000 acres. This at home seems a large area, but for stock raising & to be divided up among my ten sons is not so much after all. We want to go in a body. My two sons who are there would inspect & decide which district would be most suitable for our requirements & would act for the present on our behalf. I think personally that we should prefer the South district or the North Nasau res.

I beg to enclose a Testimonial from
 John Hill Esq
 Marsh Brook House
 Church Street Salop.
 & refer you to my Landlord here
 J. H. Whitley Esq J.P.
 Bourdon Cottage
 Much Wenlock Salop.

Lyde Benson Esq J.P.
 Larden Cottage
 Much Wenlock Salop.

And if it is decided to consider this my
 application & it is thought a personal
 interview would be desirable I will
 come to London & furnish you with any
 other information you may require.

I have the honour to be

Sir
 your obedient servant
 W^m Evans

MARSH BROOK HOUSE,
CHURCH STRETTON,

November 7th 1912.

To
The Secretary
Colonial Office.

Sir,

I understand that Mr. William Evans, Woodhouse Fields Bourton Much Wenlock, Shropshire, is applying for a grant of land on the "Highlands" of British East Africa and he has asked me to say what I know of him and his family. He is a well known tenant farmer in South Shropshire, and I know him to be a thoroughly practical agriculturist in every branch of the business. He has brought up his family on his farms and I never came across such a united family, they all pull together, and to this, they owe their success in life. I feel sure that if they are able to start farming in British East Africa, that they will be found just the class of practical hard working men, who are so much needed in that grand agricultural and stock-raising country. Mr. Evans' eldest son was engaged by me some years ago to take charge of stock which I had purchased on behalf of the Government, for the farms at Naivasha. He obtained employment out there, and is since married and intends to stay there. Two other of Evans' sons have been engaged by me to take out stock - one of them on two occasions - and was thanked by the Director of Agriculture for the good condition the stock was landed in, after a very rough passage. Last year, Mr. Evans himself, wishing to see his sons, went in charge of prize animals which I had purchased for the East Africa Syndicate, among which was a Hereford bull that won the Championship at

Makuru

Nakuru show over all breeds.

I mention these facts to show that Mr. Evans and his family are thoroughly conversant with live stock. Perhaps I may mention that my brother Sir Clement Hill, K.C.M.G., M.P., has met Mr. Evans and I believe would be willing to explain the position of the land which I understand Mr. Evans would prefer to settle upon. Sir Clement of course with his long African experience would know the position of the land better than I can explain.

I am, &c.,

(SD) John Hill.

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Mr W. Evans

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- Mr. Vennore, 13/11
- Mr. Reay 13
- Sir G. Pridies
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmoth.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,

I am to ack. the receipt of your ltr of the 9th of Nov & to inform you that your appln for a grant of land in the East should be made direct to

the Land Officer at Nairobi.
2. A copy has been made

of the same by your ltr to send to this office & the original is returned herewith

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Copy of ltr to Nairobi