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Recd } 17 Nov 10
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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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Individual

P.C.
P.P.

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Rev.

Previous Paper

LAND CONCESSION IN MALINDI DISTRICT.

Requires terms of grant of (1) freehold ~~area~~ of 50,000 acres situated about 10 miles North West of Kilifi Harbour, and (2) "large area" in same district - as shown in enclosed map.

East Africa Department

Mr. Butler,

A cool request. He asks for (1) a freehold grant of 50,000 acres in the district South East of Malindi and (2) the lease of "large area" of about 50,000 acres (a mere flea-bit), amounting, so far as I can reckon, to something above 100,000 acres!

From the map, of which I put up a copy, it would appear that (1) and a considerable portion of (2) lie within a Native Reserve. Apart from this, I am not aware that we have any official information as to the district in question.

I think that we had better give him this information to tell him to one that a freehold grant is out of the question and that he cannot be granted a lease of anything approaching the amount that he asks for - without, it is to be hoped, his being given some compensation.

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A.M. - 1951 - 11-10
Subsequent Paper

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Part, at any rate, of the area
would also appear to lie within the
coast strip⁽⁶³⁾ in which the questions of
the native rights are presenting
so much difficulty.

I would therefore add to the
proposed reply something to the effect
that it is not clear that there are not
existing concessions covering at any rate
portion of the area referred to, and
that in any case there ^{will} be considerable
difficulty on account of uncertainty as
to the and as to native rights.

Yours

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A.J.R.

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Closed
At Harrow

Answer
P.S. 25

So reply:

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Ans A. 25.11.10

Part, at any rate, of the area
would also appear to lie within the
coast strip in which the questions of
title of native rights are presenting
so much difficulty.

I would therefore add to the
proposed reply something to the effect
that it is not clear that there are not
existing concessions covering at any rate
portion of the area referred to, and
that in any case there ^{may} be considerable
difficulty on account of uncertainty as
to title and as to native rights.

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Nov 19

J.R.

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Closed
at Home

I agree
P.M. 24

So reply.

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yes off. 25.11.10



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"Springfield",

Cannbury Park South,
LONDON, S.

16th Nov. 1910.

The Right Honourable Col. J. Seely D. S. O. I.P.
Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.



Dear Col. Seely,

Herewith, as requested by you, I forward application for grants of land in the British East Africa Protectorate. Should any portion of the land for which I apply be already taken up by anyone else, the Freehold may be moved a little further North, and the Leashold a portion further west extending along the Sabaki Valley.

Yours faithfully,

Chas. Read

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springfield",

Gahonbury Park South,

LONDON, N.

November 1910.

The Right Honourable Col. Seely, D.S.O., M.P.
Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S.W.

Sir,

I shall esteem it a great favour if you will inform me upon what terms concessions can be granted to me in the British East Africa Protectorate, as under:-

1. A FREEHOLD AREA of about 50,000 acres situated some two miles North West of the mouth of Kilifi Harbour; the Eastern boundary the Sekoki Hills, the Southern boundary being the Vol River, and the Western and Northern boundaries being determined by survey.

2. A LARGE AREA subject to Royalties, bounded on the East by the Bekoki Hills, on the North by a line parallel with the Southern shores of Lake Jelori, on the West by a line parallel with the Sekoki Hills but 20 miles west thereof, and on the South by a line from Kilifi Harbour running due West.

The objects for which I desire these concessions are:-

1. On the Freehold area: the cultivation of rubber, cotton, fibre, groundnuts and other tropical products.

2. On the large area:

(a) Tapping and gathering rubber, and also gathering the bark of the dead vines and extracting the rubber therefrom.

(b) Clearing the undergrowth in order to encourage the growth of the young shoots of the rubber vine and cutting and extracting rubber therefrom.

(c) Felling and exporting timber.

(d) Gathering and dealing with any other Botanical

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products which may be found.

(e) The construction of roads and tramway lines to the port of Kilifi and the erection of sheds or warehouses at the Said Port.

The area in question is a dense mass of undergrowth consisting principally of rubber vines destroyed through the crude native methods of gathering rubber. This undergrowth chokes and is fast destroying the timber in this region. To clear such undergrowth would be advantageous not only in opening up the country, but it would be profitable to the Government and would give employment to the deplorably poor natives, the Wa-Girima.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

C. H. C. Leach

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Section, General Staff

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the result of your letter

DRAFT.

of the 16th of Nov.

Charles Beach, Esq., forwarded an application
~~for~~ for grant of land in the
name of the public.

MINUTE.

Mr. M. B. S. [unclear]

Mr. G. H. B. [unclear]
Read note:

Mr. Riddell, 3

Mr. Just,

Mr. Orr,

Sir G. Lucas,

Sir F. Hopwood,

Col. Seely,

Lord Crewe,

land of an area of about
50,000 acres, in the East,
in the district N.W.

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of a large area under
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at your earliest

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to the Govt. for

[Signature] + 35263

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parts of Acadia
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the best plant trap
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portion of the area
in question has taken
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can be planted. Indeed
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concessions covering all

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Lord Crewe.

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the Govt's reply is favourable
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of the currency with the
local authorities, subject
to the approval of the govt.

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