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Est. & Minerals  
settles

MAZUI LANDS

Date  
10/12

9 Oct

Understands Col Owen Thomas has an option to purchase at about £2 an acre 30,000 acres of freehold land north of Takeunga. The Mazui possess in all about 52,000 acres.

Previous Paper

~~W. Fenayson~~

~~W. Reed~~

Gen G. Fuller

Mr Fuller mentions this to me in conversation and it seems to me a most serious matter. I shall be obliged to you to write up the facts briefly in writing. If this comes off, it will mean that Col Owen Thomas will have practically a monopoly of land in the Coast belt North & South of Mombasa.

Subsequent Paper

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I think that we ought to be careful

at one to the first, saying that we  
understand from Mr. Stokes as in the  
abstract, and that some others he  
can make any suggestion to prevent the  
large area of land falling into the hands  
of individuals. What we want is  
an assurance forbidding any action  
preventing the parcels of land within  
the ten miles strip depending of these  
land without the concurrence of the  
Govt, but having regard to the great  
absolute nature of the tenure in which the land  
is held is held in the hands  
of the Govt.

I do not know whether the Govt. is  
in a position to pass such an Act  
to the Govt. 2/10  
[As to the nature of land tenure in the  
Cant. vide §§ 15-17 of Part IV of the P. P. Ordinance  
1900 which in the Cant. - final location]

Yes  
H. H.

Yes  
H. H.

Yes  
H. H.

I gather that the Mysore  
are Mohammedans & that  
their land lies within the limits  
of 3's. No domains. Also  
that they have had a declaration  
of title from the Land Titles  
Court. <sup>(land)</sup> If they are in the  
interior we can stop the  
Transfer under Reg. of 97. But  
I suppose we must assume that  
this point is against us,  
also that the title has been  
actually confirmed by the Court  
so that there can be no  
question of the invalidity of  
the title. This being so & the  
very imperfect information we  
have on the subject. The only  
thing we can do I think is  
to telegraph to Mr. Batherley  
proposer, stating the substance  
of Mr. Stokes' communication

& adding that we consider  
it of the utmost importance  
to prevent the transfer to  
Europeans of this <sup>rather large</sup>  
area of native <sup>land</sup> <sup>rather</sup>  
& that he should take any  
steps he considers advisable  
for this purpose

As to what steps are possible the  
only thing as far as I can  
see - if the facts stated  
above are right - is to have  
an ordinance extending 12/1897  
to the coast, or forbidding alien  
of native lands <sup>therefrom</sup>  
to acquire the fee <sup>with regard to</sup>  
plots already existing <sup>there</sup>  
which of course be confirmation  
& we must I suppose leave it  
to the Gov. <sup>to determine</sup>  
whether he considers such a  
course possible & if so what  
method should be adopted for  
carrying it out

Telegraph as proposed by Mr.  
Mellish & Mr. Tennison?  
25. 29/10.  
H. B. 29/12

B. 2. 9

Agree. I would soon compromise the options to  
prevent such a disaster.

U. H.

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Agree also

E. 2. 11

Yes, certainly

H. 4. 11. 12

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Edward Jones a letter from

to H. H. Miller dated 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1912

He is said to own three  
sections in the region. I  
understand that he has no other  
to purchase at about 1/2 an acre  
3000 acres of forest land  
out of the range. The highest  
prices in all 50,000 acres

