

of a definite understanding  
with  
to undertake work of new  
and valuable nature & it is  
not proposed to entertain  
any such application, and ~~you~~  
he considers that you should  
bid for the land which you  
desire at auction in the  
same way as other applicants.

My sincerely yours  
S. D. ~~Do~~ I request that

~~you will address any further  
communications on this subject  
to the Land Office, Nairobi.~~

I have etc

H. M. G.

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LAIKIPIA LANDS

Consider claims should be settled as soon as  
possible. Estimate area available at about 1,236,000  
acres. Requests authority for the survey of the whole  
area. It is of course understood that no alienation  
will be permitted without sanction.

Sir G. Fiddes.

In view of the fact that an appeal by the  
defendant against the judgment of the Court  
as to what part was awarded on 24.8.78 is  
being taken below.

The whole N. K. area was roughly  
3,000,000 acres but there is reason  
for querying all this. There is a dispute between  
one party to 195,000 acres referred to in  
Appeal 389/86/2 & regarding the exact  
block of 7,200 acres. Sir Balfeld  
apparently thinks he and his son will be  
former, one side the judgment is given,  
either this is an appeal point, & recommends  
that the Colony should also before a final  
decision of economy. This can be as  
well and then could be great economy.

The despatch is by no means clear, however,  
as to whether that part of the area lies in  
the old Reserve - ~~and therefore~~  
~~and therefore~~ <sup>entry</sup> ~~and therefore~~ ~~area of the Reserve~~  
or outside it - i.e. whether  
the whole of the survey could be under  
of the Reserve or an exemption appeal.  
But I think that in any case it will be  
best to get on with the survey - of the whole  
area at once.

There is a nearly 3 month's interval  
between the date of the original & of the  
despatch & we can assume that  
the magis did not apply to the Govt  
for leave to appeal within the necessary  
period of 24 days. They can of  
course at any time petition for  
special leave to appeal, but it  
is impossible for us to keep this  
land vacant indefinitely. As  
the Govt says, the land will not  
be available for allotment for  
a long time. If the magis are  
going to appeal we ought to hear  
of it before very long, & the survey  
can then be suspended. If they  
show no signs we can still have  
some reward time.

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Mr. 10.9.13 Mrs. 17.9.13  
U. 10.4.13 & 19.9.13

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

August 21st 1913.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTION

No. 654

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 885 of the 21st of December last on the subject of the disposal of lands on Laikipia and in its vicinity.

2. It is very desirable that those settlers who gave up their land on the Southern Uaso Nyiro to make room for the Kasai should be accommodated elsewhere and that the claims of other gentlemen to land on Laikipia should be met, in order of priority, as soon as possible. The total area of land now shown as available for settlement amounts to some 1,236,000 acres, capable of being subdivided into about 320 farms varying in area from 2,000 to 5,000 acres.

3. I desire to point out the advisability of dealing with this area as a whole for the purposes of survey. From an economic point of view, the survey of an area sufficient only to meet the needs of those at present entitled to land in that district would, I am convinced, be a mistake and would ultimately result in greatly increased expenditure.

THE HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, B.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

\* No.

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expenditure. In any case the survey of the whole area could not be completed under a year, so that it would be some fifteen or sixteen months before any land could be alienated.

4. I should be glad, therefore, if you would authorize me to issue instructions for the survey of the entire area to be undertaken, irrespective of any appeal which the Masai may lodge against the recent decision of the High Court. This procedure would obviate further delay when the question of the alienation of the land is decided, but it is of course understood that no alienation will be permitted until your consent thereto has been first obtained.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

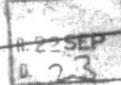
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Ent (No. 796)

M.G. -:

23 Sept 1913

Hi,

MINUTE

Mr. Ellet 2079/13  
Mr. Hartley 2112/2  
Sir C. Fiddes

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Sir Hamm.

Mr. Harcourt.

21<sup>st</sup> of August\* on the subject of  
the survey of land in Laikipia  
in vicinity, a copy. You  
that I append to your

copy my instructions for the  
survey of the above area

2,123,000 acres to be  
undertaken, irrespective of  
any appeal which the Maasai

\* No. 32002

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