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Land Sales

Sends reports on sales 25 Aug. and 10 Oct.  
Proposes to arrange for postponement of development  
Condition in case of all farms sold in Trans. Ngore  
district pending construction of a bridge.

~~Under~~ Sir G. Fielder

We have had the report of the August sale  
L 33594. At the October remnant sale 2 lots  
were to be put up & 5 lots were disposed of. In  
one case however the original farm was withdrawn  
& another substituted (it states the first price).  
They substituted for farm <sup>appeared on</sup> ~~substituted~~  
farm part of the original (May 1912) bid - in  
21517 - presumably it was omitted from the  
October published list by inadvertence.

<sup>Paris</sup>  
Debate that Fielder did not in his list of  
22 May (17408) say anything about the  
removal of limitation is now holder of  
last land. On the contrary he implied that  
the further sale was in the <sup>interest</sup> of the  
new arrival. There can be no doubt  
some confusion between the list - about the two

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Subsidiary sales (17486 + 30974) - as draft  
of the adaptation of labour - to  
the former a time for headquarters

Para 2. We have already, on 23594, agreed to  
the Trans-Nyria postponement of development  
being taken to act in too heavily

It is perhaps just worth while to

? Cash - refer to draft of 30594 on T-N  
& sub para. 18 of the <sup>same</sup> draft at that  
date of 22 May as received contained as  
reference to the removal of the limitation as  
to shares

Cash 25/11

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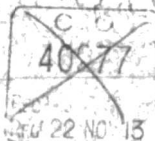


GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Nairobi, Mombasa,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

23rd October 1913.

(No. 812)



Sir,

In reply to your despatch Confidential of the 15th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that, as I was of opinion that the interests of those who had purchased farms in the Trans-Nzoia District at the sale of the 19th of May last would best be served by effecting the alienation of as many of the remaining properties for which bidders could be found, I did not consider it necessary to restrict the applications for allotment to persons who had not as yet acquired land from the Government. I, therefore, indicated in my telegram of the 22nd of May to which you refer that I proposed to proceed to allotment to the public without limitation.

2. As regards paragraph 4 it was not in my power to approve and publish a concession postponing development conditions pending an expression of your approval of the arrangement, but in view of the fact that intimation to that effect has now been received, I am desirous of applying this condition to the case of all farms which have been sold in the Trans-Nzoia District, and I trust that you will accord your approval to this proposal.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., H.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

\* No 31506  
+ No 17406

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3. I transmit herewith copy of a full report by the Land Officer on the last two sales of Crown lands in the Protectorate.

*etc*  
I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Conway Bejica

GOVERNOR.

\* See No 33594 for the  
report of the former sale

INCLOSURE <sup>no. 1</sup>

In Despatch No. 812 of 23 10 1913

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THE LAND DEPARTMENT

Nairobi.

L. 5548

26th August 1913.  
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Sir,

Alienation of Crown Lands - August 25th 1913

I have the honour to forward a report on the alienation of farms conducted by Mr. Tannahill yesterday, the 25th instant.

2. I agree with Mr. Tannahill's recommendations in respect of alienation of the 13 farms withdrawn at yesterday's sale.

3. With regard to his paragraph 10, I would not go quite so far, but would rather put up farms every three months for auction, in lots not exceeding 100 at a time, treating the withdrawn farms on the lines recommended in paragraph 9.

4. I think we should now consider the question of the next sale, but in respect thereof, I would make the following recommendations:-

I am having now prepared a list of available surveyed farms throughout the Protectorate, and propose sending this list to the Southern Guaso Nyiro settlers who are waiting their chance of land on Laikipia, asking them if they are prepared to accept farms in this list in complete settlement of their claims, or decide to wait and stand or fall by their chance of getting land on Laikipia should it eventually be thrown

THE HONOURABLE

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

NAIROBI.

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thrown open. They would, of course, be dealt with in order of priority. After this we should be in a position to finally auction the remaining surveyed farms without the uncomfortable feeling that we were ignoring unsatisfied claims, and giving out land which might reasonably have been first offered in satisfaction of such claims. I estimate that two months should be allowed to cover negotiations in respect of these unsatisfied claims; we have to give a further three months' notice of auction, so that we cannot reckon on a further sale before February next.

5. Commenting on yesterday's sale, the arrangements and conduct of the sale reflect great credit on Mr. Tennahill and his assistants.

I have &c.,

Sd/- R.B. Wright

LAND OFFICER.

REPORT ON THE ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS25th August 1913

I have the honour to report that in accordance with instructions, I to-day conducted the alienation of 34 agricultural farms, being those farms of which were withdrawn on account of no bids being received at the Government Sale three months ago on May 19th 1913.

2. I first of all read out the Conditions of alienation in rather greater amplification to the notice dated the 27th June 1913, and published in the Official Gazette, a copy of which notice is attached and headed APPENDIX B.

These amplified conditions I attach under Appendix A. They of course include the notice that payment of Stand Premiums is to be made in ten instalments extending over a period of nine years.

The only question put to me before I started the allotment was by Mr. Stephenson, who asked by what date the purchaser must commence occupation. I informed him within six months from September 1st 1913.

3. Fifty three applicants were registered as applying for one, or more farms each. Of these, nine withdrew their names either in writing or verbally before the allotment, and at least ten of the remainder, possibly more, were not present at the allotment.

4. Of the 34 farms available for alienation, 21 were allotted and 13 withdrawn. These 13 were confined exclusively to the Trans-Nacisa settlement.

On examining the list I find that nine of the applicants who did not get farms were applying for Trans

Trans Nzoia, and of these nine at least seven were not present at the sale, so that it is a fair assumption that there are no persons in the Protectorate who are requiring these particular farms.

5. The 21 farms sold realised a total Stand Premium of Rs. 108,870 | £7,258 | of which the first instalment £725 was paid at the sale and the next £725 becomes due on January 1st 1914. The particulars of the farms sold and the respective prices realised are set out in Appendix C.

6. Of the 21 applicants who were allotted farms, 16 have never received Crown grants before.

7. It is very interesting to compare the prices realised at this allotment with the prices realised at the sale of May 19th, especially when one takes into consideration the fact that this allotment only dealt with those farms which were rejected at the last sale.

A. The two West Kenya farms realised approximately Rs. 5 and Rs. 5.50 per acre respectively against Rs. 3 per acre on May 19th.

B. The six Donyo Sapuk farms varied from Rs. 5 per acre to Rs. 2 per acre as against one-half rupee on May 19th.

C. The 13 Trans-Nzoia farms varied from Rs. 3.75 to the up-set price of one half rupee per acre against the highest price of just over Re. 1 on May 19th.

8. One obvious reason for this difference in price is the institution of payment by instalments, but I believe another factor bearing on the increase in price which has entered into people's calculations is that it is realised that alienation by auction has



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come to stay, and in consequence land cannot be acquired at any cheaper rate than at least one Rupee per acre, and this, I sincerely hope, will tend to standardise land values and private land sales which at present have no uniformity.

In regard to Trans-Nzoia, the fact that His Excellency has recommended an extension of the occupation and development clause depending upon the construction of a bridge over the Nzoia doubtless had a beneficial effect on prices.

9. Reverting to my paragraph 4 supra, I venture most strongly to urge that the 13 farms remaining unalienated be immediately notified as open for application at the upset price at which they have been twice withdrawn.

In this notification I would state a day some three weeks or so ahead on which applications will be received. If there is more than one applicant for one farm the auction shall determine the allottee, in fact, the same conditions as the allotment of today with the addition that any of the farms not alienated on the day of allotment shall remain open for application at any time.

10. I would like to go further and at the next auction of farms issue a notification that any farms unsold will be available for application at upset price on the day after the auction. We could auction at the present moment from 250 to 400 farms of which some 20 to 30 farms, possibly 50, would obtain immediate purchasers.

The balance I would like to see immediately available for anybody arriving in the country. This list of available farms could be published in every issue

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of the Official Gazette.

When I was last home on leave the Colonial Office asked me to interview some 16 or 20 intending immigrants, and one of the inevitable questions was "How long will it be before I can obtain land", I really think the answer should be "You can get land immediately you arrive", and the suggestion above would allow of this being given.

11. I am glad to report that, thanks to very strenuous work by practically the whole of the Staff, especially the Deeds Department, the whole of the licences, with names and figures filled in, were ready for issue by 2 p.m. today, i.e. two hours after the last farm was allotted.

12. I commenced reading the Conditions of Sale at 10 a.m. punctually and the last farm was alienated and the whole of the 10% of the instalment collected, and receipts issued by 12 noon. The credit of this is due to Messrs. Rawlinson and Wolfe, who had to exercise the greatest patience and tact with the various successful applicants who in many cases were so nervous ~~and~~ or excited, or both, that they actually had to get either Mr. Rawlinson or Mr. Wolfe to fill in their cheques for them.

Sd/- ARTHUR C. TAINHILL

Land Assistant and Auctioneer  
in charge of the allotment.

August 25th 1913.

Conditions of Alienation and Particulars to be read out before the sale on Monday, 25th August

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I have been instructed to alienate 34 Agricultural farms, being those farms which were not purchased at the Government Auction on May 19th of this year, on the conditions set forth in a Notice signed by the Land Officer and dated 27th June, 1913, and published in the Official Gazette and Local Papers.

These grants are subject to the Crown Lands Ordinance 1902, and the rules thereunder in force, especially the Rules of 12th February 1913 and to the Conditions which I shall now read.

CONDITIONS.

1. No persons holding an unexpired occupation licence or an expired licence ~~of~~ the development conditions of which have not been fulfilled, or who purchased a farm on May 19th shall be entitled to tender an application.

2. No application offering as the purchase price a sum less than the upset price, specified in the Schedule, will be entertained or accepted.

3. Applicants may apply for as many farms as they please, stating order of choice, and if more than one application is received for the same farm independently of the price offered it will be disposed of by auction to the persons so applying.

4. No applicant shall be entitled to acquire more than one farm.

5. In the absence of competition, applicants who have applied for more than one farm will be permitted to select in order of choice one of such farms.

6. No person shall, without the sanction in writing of the Land Officer first obtained, act as the agent for or on behalf of any other person.

7. Every application shall be made in writing addressed to the Land Officer, Nairobi, by the applicant or his duly authorized agent.

8. The farms applied for will be allotted or sold as circumstances require at the Native Court adjoining the Provincial Commissioner's Office at 10 a.m. on August 25th 1913; at which time and place all applicants or their duly authorized agents must attend. Should an applicant or his agent fail to be present when his application is dealt with it shall be cancelled.

Condition No. 9 has been amended in view of the notice dated 13th August 1913, published in the Official Gazette of August 15th under General Notices No. 462 which reads as follows:-

"With regard to the farms advertised for allotment on August 25th notice is hereby given that payment of Stand Premiums will be spread over a period of nine years, the first instalment of 10% being payable on day of allotment".

Accordingly Condition No. 9 now reads as follows:-

"Successful applicants shall pay to me, immediately after the fall of the hammer a deposit of 10% on the purchase price and shall on or before 12 noon of the 30th August 1913 pay to the Land Officer the rent payable to the 31st December next following, the survey fees and the fees payable for the preparation of the licence.

If an allottee shall fail to pay all fees due on or before 12 noon on 30th August 1913 the application and anything done thereunder shall be void, and the deposit of 10% shall be forfeited to the Government.

The balance of the Stand Premium realized will be collected in nine equal instalments on the first day of January in each year, commencing January 1st 1914\*

10. On payment of all fees due an occupation licence will be issued in the form prescribed by the Rules dated the 12th February 1913 which licence shall be dated the 1st September 1913.

11. The right is reserved to withdraw any of these farms from the Allotment without notice other than verbal notice before such farm is allotted.

12. The farms are alienated, subject to the condition that the alignments of the roads shown on the plans by black dotted lines which are approximate only, are liable to be altered by substituting or adding different alignments as circumstances require. Such roads will be included in the sale to the respective purchasers subject to the right of all persons at all times to pass and repass with or without carts and other vehicles, horses and other animals along and over such roads, or substituted and different alignments and the occupation licences issued in respect of the farms through which the roads pass, shall contain such reservations, covenants and other clauses as may be necessary or proper to give full effect to the above conditions.

13. The areas of the Trans Nzoia farms cannot be guaranteed within 5% pending final check by the Government of the licensed Surveyor's computations. If any discrepancy occurs, no adjustments will be made in the purchase price, but the rent will be adjusted to 10 cents per

acre so soon as correct acreage is ascertained.

14. With regard to the Denyo Sapuk Farms the Government reserves a right of way along the right bank of Athi River and left bank of Mutweyi River.

15. The cost of the license in each case will be Rs.5 and the cost of the subsequent lease Rs.30.

16. No land may be taken up by a person who has not attained legal majority, i.e. 21 years.

17. I shall give notice during the allotment of one or two slight errors which have been discovered in the areas of farms, with the necessary adjustments.

18. Should the licensee fail to fulfil the conditions of occupation and development or fail to pay rent or instalment within 21 days of the date when such became due the farm shall revert to the Crown and all monies paid thereon shall be forfeited to the Crown.

19. I have been instructed by His Excellency to inform applicants who intend applying for Trans Nzoia farms (and this notification applies to Trans Nzoia only) that he has recommended to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that a modification of the rules in respect to Occupation and Development shall be allowed as follows:-

That extra time shall be allowed both in respect to occupation and completion of development in extent equal to the time between 1st September 1913 and the completion of a bridge across the Nzoia River.

I wish however to emphasize that the above is a recommendation only and though, in the event of the Secretary of State accepting His Excellency's recommendation, the order will be made retrospective, applicants must fully understand that they are today acquiring such lands without any modification of the conditions.

20. I will now describe briefly how I intend to deal with

with this particular method of allotment.

21. First of all I propose informing you the number of applicants who have applied for each farm respectively. I do this to enable you to some extent to gauge the competition you will have to contend with.

22. I shall then alienate the farms in order published in the Official Gazette and on the printed sheets distributed throughout the room.

23. As each farm comes up for alienation I will call out the names of the applicants for that farm and they must then come to the front in the space reserved.

24. If there is more than one applicant I will immediately auction the farm and the bidding for that particular farm will be confined exclusively to those applicants whose names I have read out. The bidding will commence at the upset price and I will accept rises of Rs.50 but no under unless I give notice to that effect.

25. If there is only one applicant for any particular farm such applicant will have the option of taking that farm at upset price or withdrawing his application.

26. In every case the successful applicant must immediately pay to Mr. Rawlinson, the Clerk to this Allotment, 10% of the Stand Premium realised, and Mr. Rawlinson will issue a receipt.

Before reading the number of applicants registered against each farm, if there are any points requiring further explanation I shall be pleased to reply to the best of my ability to any questions you may wish to put.

The above particulars were read out by me before commencing the alienation of the Land.

Sd/- Arthur C. Tannahill

Auctioneer and in Charge  
of the allotment.  
25. 8. 1913

Present and heard above  
read out.

Sd/- J. E. Alexander

Asst. Land Ranger

25. 8. 1913.

Sd/-

D. Rawlinson

P. Ernest Welffe

D. A. de Souza

Survey No.	Situation	Area acres	Rent per Annum	Bidder	Purchaser	Amount bid	Amount paid to Auctioneer.	Method of payment of balance of purchase price.	Balance of purchase price.	Survey Fees.	Cost of Licence.	Rent from 1/9/18 to 31/12/18	Total amount paid on 30/6/18	Ledger Folio.	Remarks	File
N.A. 37 S.I.S.	West Kenia	2382	238.20	Alan Tompson	Alan Tompson	12100	1210	Instalments	10890	485	5/-	79/40	569/40	12		7434
N.A. 37 S.I.C.	do.	2776	277.80	Alan Tompson	R.T.H. Handcock	9600	960	"	8640	525	5/-	92/53	622/53	12		7435
N.A. 37 S.I.D.	Donya Sapuk	2104	210.40	Stuart Watt	Stuart Watt	10100	1010	"	9090	458	5/-	70/13	533/13	13		7436
" 5	"	2233	223.30	Owen Grant	Owen Grant	4600	460	"	4140	472	5/-	74/43	551/43	13		L1465
" 6	"	2115	211.50	Stuart Watt	Miss Watt	11100	1110	"	9990	458	5/-	70/50	538/50	14		7437
" 7	"	2897	289.70	L.H. le May	L.H. le May	10600	1699/57	"	9540	538	5/-	96/57	nil	14		L5313
" 8	"	2218	221.80	J. Hutson	J. Hutson	8700	870	"	6030	472	5/-	73/93	550/93	15		7438
" 10	"	1869	186.90	C.G. Selmon	Col. H.P. V. Bunbury	6100	610	"	5490	432	5/-	62/30	499/30	15		L5460
N.A. 36 S.I.S.	Trans Nzoia	2484.7	248.47	S. Macdonald	S. Macdonald	2200	220	"	1980	498	5/-	82/83	585/83	16		7439
" 4	"	2472	247.20	A.B. Burt	A.B. Burt	2200	1052/60	"	1980	498	5/-	82/40	nil	16		7440
" 6	"	2931	293.10	Withdrawn				"		538	5/-	99/70			Withdrawn	
" 7	"	1608	160.80	J.L. Murphy	J.L. Murphy	5400	1003/60	"	4880	405	5/-	53/60	nil	17		7441
" 25	"	2931	293.10	A.H. Murrow	A.H. Murrow	3660	360	"	3240	538	5/-	97/70	640/70	17		7442
N.A. 36 S.I.D.	"	2425.1	242.51	J. Kemp	J. Kemp	1210	120/39	"	1089/61	498	5/-	80/83	nil	18		7443
" 4	"	3724	372.90	J.C. de la Harpe	J.C. de la Harpe	3300	1051/30	"	2970	592	5/-	124/30	nil	18		L5239
" 5	"	4258	425.80	Withdrawn				"		632	5/-	141/93				
" 6	"	2695.7	269.57	Miss Macdonald	Miss Macdonald & A.L. Macdonald	4500	1056/67	"	4050	512	5/-	89/87	nil	19		7444
" 7	"	3326.1	332.61	A.K. Macdonald	A.K. Macdonald	1300	870/86	"	1710	565	5/-	110/86	nil	19		L5557
" 9	"	2928.4	292.84	G.K. Glanville	G.K. Glanville	1460	786/60	"	1314	538	5/-	97/60	nil	20		7445
" 10	"	2377.8	237.78	Withdrawn				"		485	5/-	79/23				
" 11	"	2056	205.60	"	"			"		458	5/-	68/53				
" 12	"	1850	185	G.A.B. Kennett	G.A. Berrington Kennett	2600	758/66	"	2340	432	5/-	61/66	nil	20		L5617
" 13	"	1433	143.30	L.E. Wheeler	L.E. Wheeler	5100	510	"	4590	392	5/-	47/76	nil	21		7446
" 19	"	2593.3	259.33	E.C. Dymond	E.C. Dymond	1300	130	"	1170	512	5/-	86/43	nil	21		L1463
" 21	"	2565.8	256.58	Withdrawn				"		512	5/-	85/50				
" 23	"	2092.7	209.27	"	"			"		458	5/-	69/73				
" 24	"	2829.9	282.99	"	"			"		525	5/-	94/30				
" 25	"	2618.5	261.85	"	"			"		512	5/-	87/26				
" 26	"	3196.2	319.62	"	"			"		552	5/-	106/53				
" 27	"	3289.8	328.98	"	"			"		565	5/-	109/63				
N.A. 35 S.I.V.d	"	3882.1	388.21	G. Manley	G. Manley	3200	1059/40	"	2880	605	5/-	129/40	nil	22		L5486
N.A. 35 S.I.I.S.	"	2903	290.30	Withdrawn				"		538	5/-	96/76				
" 20	"	2863	286.30	"	"			"		525	5/-	95/43				
" 10	"	2335	233.50	"	"			"		485	5/-	77/88				
			89329.1	8932.91			Rs. 108870/-	16709/85			Rs. 17210	170/-				

## SUMMARY.

Total acreage of farms put up :- 89329.1 (34 farms)  
 Total acreage of farms sold :- 52952.4 (21 farms)  
 Total acreage not sold :- 36376.7 (13 farms)



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**INCLOSURE** No. 2  
In Despatch No 512 of 23 10, 1913

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14th October, 1913.

Sir,

Alienation of Trans Nacia Farms on 10th  
October, 1913.

I have the honour to forward herewith  
for your information copy of Mr. Hannahill's  
report on the Alienation of Government  
Agricultural farms (Trans Nacia) on the 10th  
instant.

*etc.*  
I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*P. Bloughin*  
Land Officer.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary,  
Nairobi.

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Report on Allotment of Farms.  
October 10th, 1913.

1. I have the honour to report that with the assistance of Messrs. Alexander & Wolffe I dealt with the allotment of land advertised in the Official Gazette under the notice dated September 12th, 1913, Appendix "A" attached.

2. I first of all read out the short notice, Appendix B, and took the names of the six applicants who were before me at 10.0 a.m.

With the exception of a Mr. G. J. Macdonald, who was set aside for the only farm he wanted, and consequently did not get a farm, none of the applicants have previously had a farm of their own either direct from Government or by private treaty.

3. Farm N.A. 36 No. 5 reached Rs. 1.30 per acre, V.II.B. but the three others were allotted without competition at the upset price of one-half rupee per acre. The particulars and allottees of the four farms allotted are shown in Appendix C.

4. No application has so far been received for the remaining nine farms, and I will cause a notice to be placed in each succeeding Gazette showing which are available for immediate selection until they have all been taken up.

(Sd.) Arthur C. Tannahill.  
 Land Assistant.

10.10.13.

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Appendix B.Notice read out before commencing the  
Allotment.

1. This is an Allotment under the terms of a Notice dated 12th September, 1913, published in the Official Gazette.
2. Under Clause 10 I give notice that farm N.A. 36 the first farm on the schedule is withdrawn X.I.B. 6 and farm N.A. 36 W.II.B. is substituted.
3. As there is more than one applicant present, I propose taking the farms in the order of the Schedule one by one.  
After I have gone all through the Schedule I will repeat the process until all the farms are disposed of or the applicants satisfied.
4. Before commencing the Allotment I wish to take the names and present addresses of all present.

(Sd) Arthur C. Tannahill.

10.10.13.

Oed

## Farms allotted October 10th, 1913. Trans No. 10.

Sheet	Farm No.	Allottee	Area. Acres.	Annual Rental Rs.	Upset Price Rs.	Amount Realised. Rs.	Amount paid on 1st instalment. Rs.
P.A. 36 P.I. 1.6	5	C. V. Gray	4258	425.80	2130	5550	555
.	9	G. J. Martin.	2228.4	222.84	1460	1460	146
.	10	G. Martin & P. Taylor.	2377.8	237.78	1120	1120	112
.	24	P. Stephenson	2822.9	282.99	1410	1410	141
						9610	961

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Gen 40277/1913  
L.S.P.

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~~Mr. Kelfield~~

(Conf.) 3 December 1913.

Sir,  
I have the honour to  
acknowledge the receipt of

your despatch, N° 812,  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, <sup>\* on the</sup> ~~subject~~  
Subject of the recent auctions of  
to inform you that ~~refer~~  
land in the E.S.P. I have  
you to my wife's deap  
cheery, & my confidant.  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct. & ~~was~~  
informed in that I should ~~of~~  
the subject of the sale  
part payment of development  
conditions in the case of the  
# farms in the

H.H. Dec 4/13  
Hollomby 1/12/13

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\* No. 40277.  
+ No. 33594

Trans-Nzora District,  
which had already been sold in

which might be disposed  
before a bridge is built

2. With reference to  
first paragraph  
the last sentence of your  
desp. I would ~~point~~  
may observe

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~~at~~ That your telegram  
of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May \* as  
received contained no  
reference to the removal  
of the limitation <sup>of the rights</sup> as  
bid at auction. & that the  
~~the business~~ <sup>from</sup>  
held as land of the fed. dist.

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I have etc

\* No 37406