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22nd January 1913

Sir;

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The pirectors of the East African Betates Itd.
have with as little delay as possible considered your letter
of the 2nd instant, and I am requested to inform you that,
while thanking you for saying you will be able to arrange
an interview with the members of your pepartment, they feel
that in issues of such importance and urgency, no good
result could be attained unless either you or the Under
Secretary of State could make it convenient to preside at
such interview.

The Directors were unable to accept the proposals contained in your letter of the 9th Sept. last because, after careful consideration, they came to the conclusion that such proposals appeared to place the company throughout in a werse position than they would be in, under the existing Lease.

The Directors can see no principle upon which any reduction of the area leased to them can be demanded by the Government without provision for adequate compensation to the Company.

The Directors desire me again to point out that the delay of the Government in fulfilling their obligations under Section 15 of the Company's Lease to make a survey of the land demised and to delimit the native rights, is causing the Company serious and increasing inconvenience and loss. The Company has already tried in vain to arrange on the spot that a survey should be made, and has been distinctly told that it is a matter which must be settled

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here in England. The Directors beg therefore, respectfully to request that you will instruct the Government of the Protectorate to make arrangements without further delay either for the carrying out of the survey themselves or for permitting the Company to carry it out under Government supervision.

While the Directors are willing, without prejudice to what they believe to be their rights, to discuss with you any points of policy or principle arising on the existing lease they feel that it would be useless to go into matters of detail until the important question of the survey has been carried out and their position ascertained.

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Sir, #

Your obedient servant,

Acting Chairman of the Board of Directors of the EAST AFRICAN ESTATES LIMITED

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, colonies, Office,

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6th February 1915

Sir;

On behalf of the Asting Chairman, I have
to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's
date (Ref: 2079/1915) the contents of which I am
communicating to the members of the Board.

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Your obedient servent, For MAST AFRICAN ESTATES LIMITED

Secretary.

the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, Colonial Office,

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