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East Afr. Agency
L.S.

Transfer of Concession to New Co.

1913

States that it has been found impossible to carry out the formation of proposed Co. & submits fresh scheme. Land to be surveyed and sub. divided into blocks suitable for settlers. blocks to be sold by auction or otherwise. Payment to be made when necessary, by instalment.

19 Nov.
Last previous Paper.
M.D.
39971

Mr. Reed

except for minor details this is the scheme suggested in 35053 with the new Company left out. That is, it makes things easier for the Syndicate without the Govt having the advantage of the new capital contemplated brought in for the development of the country.

The only question is whether it is worth while to help the Syndicate to get rid of their white elephant merely for the purpose of bringing the land into effective employment. I think it is.

The Govt. will have received the despatch on 35053.

? Telegram as suggested in 39971. The E.A. Syndicate want try for the tel. - also by the one on

Del to Gov on 22 Nov

Next subsequent Paper.
L.S.
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Dr. G. Fiddes

Progress is not rapid - but the
Syndicate have 500 square miles of
what is, on the whole, good land
& I think that it is ~~more~~ in our
interest to encourage them to break
it up & to dispose of it to persons
who will develop it. As there is now a
~~strong~~ demand for land in the E.A.P.
the Syndicate stand a good chance
of disposing of a considerable portion
of their holding. They will pay
for the telegrams.

I understand that Mr Lawrence
Phillips has inspired this new
work.

H. J. R.

21/11/13

I am not clear that we can anything
by amending this modification. In any
case I wd omit the words "There appears
to be no objection" from the text proposed on

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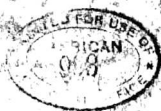
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19, SWEETHING LANE,
LONDON E.C.



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20/10/13
19th November, 1913.

EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE LIMITED.

Sir,

With reference to the interview which Colonel Villiers had with Mr. Read on the 18th instant, I am requested by my Directors to inform you that owing to the criticisms to which I referred in my letter of the 9th October, it has been impossible to frame a satisfactory agreement with the Bovril group previous to the expiry of the underwriting within the next few days. It is no longer feasible to carry through the formation of the contemplated Company, The East Africa Cattle Farms Limited, and my Board, after due consideration, wishes to place a fresh scheme for the development of the land grant before the Colonial Office and the Governor of East Africa.

Owing to the influx of settlers into East Africa, my Directors are of the opinion, and have been advised by those intimately acquainted with local conditions, that it would be in the best interests of the country that the land should be surveyed, reported upon, and classified by a suitable agricultural expert, and then divided into conveniently sized blocks for general farming, stock raising and agricultural purposes. As soon as this has been accomplished, the blocks could be advertised and offered for sale by auction and otherwise, and where necessary, easy terms of payment afforded to those purchasing. The East Africa Syndicate would be prepared to assist purchasers wishing to go in for stock raising,

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

* No

by selling them drafts of cattle and sheep from its stock on favourable terms.

I am directed to point out that though the Syndicate has the right to sell the land, according to its original grant, so soon as it has paid the purchase consideration, viz., £50,000, approximately 3s.2d. per acre, it nevertheless wishes to suggest for H. M. Government's consideration, a better and quicker way of dealing with the proposition, instead of waiting till the land sufficiently appreciates in value to warrant the payment of the £50,000.

My Directors therefore desire to know whether H.M. Government will allow the Syndicate to pay a pro rata proportion of the purchase price (which freeholds the land) as and when each parcel or block of land is sold, provided no block be less than one thousand acres. In this way, the Government would be paid at the rate of 3s.2d. per acre as and when the land is dealt with, and the land be gradually settled, which would benefit the railway, and be of great advantage to the Protectorate.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

For EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE LIMITED.

(Handwritten signature)
Secretary.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S. W.

Private

S/R
A. Hunt

6, ST SWITHINS LANE, E.C.

19. 11. 18

Dear Mr. Reid,

The East Africa Synd: sending in the letter on the subject discussed yesterday - suggesting for a cable to the Government of East Africa

It is very important that we should have an answer as soon as possible -

to good many people are going out to East Africa - we are having our shareholders make some statement on future policy -

should also have to bring in some money & finance perhaps.
Survey, etc 2 pay off

The present Debenture Holder

James

Smith

Charles H. Villiers

ROYDON HALL
STONBRIDGE

28. 11. 13

Dear Mr. Read.

I hear on all sides that there is a great
 influx of visitors & settlers to East Africa this year
 from all over Birmingham that they have too
 much in their books or going out. It is hard
 to thank for us by bank surveying the
 land & classifying it so that I hope
 we shall soon hear something from the
 Government of East Africa.

My experience is that in a new country you
 get a mob of people at first & then a

ROYDON HALL,
TONBRIDGE.

quick time. in East Africa if there should
set back in cotton growing & coffee plantations
owing to disease. & the latter is particularly
subject to disease. There might for a time be
a slump in demand & in that case should not get
people on to it.

I shall personally do all I can before the East
African Fed. is concerned by the purchase of
the terms for payment - so long as they are
on the side of the seller & this must be insisted on -

Yours

J. M. G.

Charles H. Villiers

the health of the people is the object.

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22 Nov 1913

my despatch of 22 Oct 886
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DRAFT Telegram

East Africa Syndicate announces

Garnier

Nairobi

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Mr. Jewell 22/11/13

Mr. Bottrill 22/11/13 for

Annex. 49/12/13

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impossible to float Board

Sir G. Fildes.

scheme it tozueta wishes to survey

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

whole area land subdivide into

suitable blocks for settlers

advertising selling publicly

paying Government for

each block as ^{alertness} and when sold

injuriate
instead of spurcat +
taking over

+ instead of taking it
for which terms

whole in one block and paying

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50,000 now Syndicate

considers this inswathing
in interest of

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Protectorate

Telegraph you views
tidelock

Harcourt