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for notes on various of cases land from
last

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Copy of above case to C.A. 29/12/13

Not being
W/O Libani called on 4/1 today to check
the survey & to check brought him showing
the survey & points & it is with the
some of the same in a different, and
Govt. has been due to confusion between
land about the the hands near - a strip
a strip of 1 mile long & 1/2 mile deep (i.e. 100
acres) and is 50 1/2 acres. The Wathams
clear that both descriptions occur in the
lease itself.

Before accurate survey, part of the land
- the 100 acres - has been leased to others
(Wilson & "Hinson" on the map) the
part which is still vacant lies between these
two lots. The Wathams do not desire to lease
out these other occupiers and are not specially
keen on the lot still vacant.

(3) The land further south - i.e. that surrounded

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To the Right Honourable His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department of His Majesty's Government

The Humble Petition of Stanley Watham and Miss Josephine Watham in behalf of themselves and Messrs P & Wathams of the Watham Co. as the Messrs P & Wathams of the Watham Co. of Mauritius

Sheweth

1. That in the year 1892 the late Messrs Pichay & Co. were the owners of a family plot of land.
2. In 1894 Messrs P & Wathams as co-owners of the said land on account of them & in pursuance of a deed of the 12th December 1892 received a document officially registered in the office of the Registrar General of Mauritius from the intabé of the Bureau with a plan showing a distance of one mile in the right hand of the river for a width of a quarter of a mile measured horizontally. This document was followed by a certificate of the 10th of June 1893 in the usual form. Subsequently after the said intabé and in the usual manner and in pursuance of the said deed of the 12th December 1892 and twenty seven other documents the said land was divided into the dimensions shown on the plan and by a deed of the 10th of June 1893 the area should be seven and a half acres and by a deed of the 10th of June 1893 a quarter would be reserved for the use of the said land. The plan was all filed to the original and a copy of the same was issued with the Lease. Messrs P & Wathams frequently applied from the year 1902 onward to the Land Office to make a proper survey of the land required by them and his family, as well as certain land for which they had paid compensation to the State, but could not get the Land Office to do so before 1906. In the year 1906 Messrs P & Wathams caused the Lease to be registered at the Land Office as he was advised that he was bound to effect such registration to establish his title. Prior to 1906 the Government had not sold land to the French Mission and to Messrs W. Wilson without the consent granted by the State held by Messrs Wathams, or that they refused to recognize the right of Messrs Wathams to a grant of land taken from the intabé of the Bureau under a deed of the 10th of June 1892.

monies would do well to see improvements they have made in the lands of
within the local Government are not now willing to grant them a lease

Your petitioners have incurred a serious pecuniary loss in endeavouring
to establish their claim. With great difficulty the local Government was
induced to bring the matter before the local courts, where the Government was
represented by the Attorney General, whose legal skills as were not equaled
by any counsel or solicitor and Mr J. E. Warham was imperfectly acquainted
with many of the facts and circumstances of the case, and there was a
prolonged trial of 12 years. The Government's case was supported by a
strong and powerful evidence, and the result was that the claimants were
deprived of their lands. It is not a fair and just case to be presented
to the local Government of the present day, and it is therefore to be
prejudicial to the public interest if the same is not now presented to the
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local Government.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray

[Handwritten signatures and names]

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7 November 1913

Sir,

I am directed by the
Sey. Harcourt to send
a receipt of the to them
dated the 12 of Nov. and
signed by you and Sir
H. J. Smith on a behalf
of yourselves and other
members of your family,
and to inform you that
the in the subject of your
claim for certain lands
in the neighborhood of
Kororua, and to inform you
that the matter has been
referred to the for of the
SAR

DRAFT

S. J. Witham Esq
J. J. Jewson Esq
Baymister

MINUTE.

- Mr. Witham Esq
- Mr. Read
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. Just
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Emmet
- Mr. Harcourt

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7 November 1812

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~~S. D. Wetherby
(46 Independent Union
May 12)~~

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- ~~Mr. [Name]~~ 37/1/12
- ~~Mr. Read~~
- ~~Sir G. Piggles~~
- ~~Sir H. Just~~
- ~~Sir Anderson~~
- ~~Lord Emmott~~
- ~~Mr. Harcourt~~

I am directed by the
 Secretary to the
 the effect of the petition
 dated the 21st of
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in the subject of your
 name for certain land
 in the neighbourhood of
 Harrot, and to inform you
 that the matter has been
 referred to the Lord of the
 [Name]

* N. 137818

Received by [Name] 37/1/12

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Sir,

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- Mr. [Name]
- Mr. [Name]
- Mr. Fiddo
- Mr. H. [Name]
- Mr. Anderson
- Mr. Emmott
- Mr. Harcourt

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Copy to [Name] 30/11/30

1 Nov 1930
[Handwritten notes]

* No 370

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter.

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to provide the information requested.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

