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Magdalen Co. White Settlement

1914

17 inch.

Report that local manager has made urgent representations regarding the inadequacy of area of 100 acres, & asks that lease be extended to 1000 acres. Submits views & strongly recommends proposed extension. Encloses plans.

Wt. Fiddian

As the demands for this increased acreage (1000 acres - see plan 2) is dependent mainly on the question of laying out the Station with proper regard to hygiene, perhaps Dr. Burgess wd say whether he concurs in the view that 1000 acres are necessary or desirable.

If yes, I think the increased acreage proposed shd be leased to the Co. on condition that equal amount is added to the Reserve in another part & the revenue utilised for the benefit of the masses. but

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as previous Paper.  
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but assuming that everyone  
here is agreed as to the 1000 acre  
lease, I think that we had  
better first telegraph enquire  
whether the Masai Chiefs do  
raise any objection [If they do  
not then we can approve  
of the lease as above & ask  
where the additional 1000 acres  
will be added - as to which  
also presumably the Masai  
Chiefs should be consulted]  
Please pass on to Mr. Stanley  
R.C.S. 16/4/14

I think, that seeing that the demand for  
increased acreage, is for the purpose of  
expanding out the station with due regard to  
sanitation, &c. that if possible it should  
be conceded to. Private companies should be  
encouraged in any improvements in this  
direction - that they wish to make. It might  
be possible to contract on these means being  
carried out.

H.S.

21/4/14

Mr. Mead

I certainly think Mr. G's proposal  
should be approved. M.F. 23

Dr. J. Fisher.

In a private letter to me  
Dr. H. Belfield says *inter alia* :-  
"negoti"

For which they  
will pay of course  
Ch

Magda is going south. There  
will be no more bother, but they <sup>must</sup> ~~would~~  
have the additional land

In view of the marked passages  
the keep. I think that we may  
approve of the for property  
provided that the name chief  
have no objection in person

J. R. 234

23/11/77

James

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 247

March 17th, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 65a of August 14th, 1913, I have the honour to report that I have recently received strong representations from Mr. G. Symonds, Manager of the Magadi Soda Company, regarding the inadequacy of the area of 100 acres granted as a site for the settlement at mile 28. The intention of the Company in forming this settlement is to provide permanent quarters for all grades of the European staff at a healthy altitude, to which they will alternately return after periods of work in the depressing atmosphere of the Lake, together with European and native hospitals, quarters for medical officers and nurses, stores, native villages, cattle runs and enclosures, septic tank, and other arrangements appurtenant

to

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

*Mr*  
*24820*  
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Plans  
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to the maintenance of a healthy and self-contained establishment.

3. The nature of the Manager's representations is to the effect that the area of 100 acres is so insufficient that it is impossible to erect the various classes of buildings above mentioned at a sufficient distance from each other to ensure the inception and maintenance of the necessary sanitary precautions. For instance, the proximity of the dwelling houses to the hospitals is manifestly undesirable, while the contiguity of residences and hospitals to native lines and cattle kraals, and the consequent plague of flies arising therefrom, is equally prejudicial to health. Mr. Symonds observes that the application for 100 acres was made prior to his arrival, without sufficient consideration of the needs of the situation, and that had he been here he would have asked for the area which he now requests may be leased to the Company, namely 1,000 acres in all.

3. I have recently returned from a visit of inspection of the Magadi line, lake, and settlement, and am most favourably impressed by all that I have seen. The labour force looks healthy and happy; the natives with whom I have communicated expressed themselves satisfied with their surroundings and treatment. I am satisfied that a

serious

serious and successful effort has been made to ameliorate the conditions of the past and to maintain a standard which shall insure health and contentment to all classes.

In the course of a detailed inspection of the settlement I was able to realize that the objects which the Company have in view would be wholly neutralized by restriction to the area of which they are at present in possession, and that the addition for which they have applied is no more than is necessary to enable them to obtain the best results from contemplated arrangements. The permanent buildings already erected, or in course of erection, are of a most substantial and spacious description, and it is evident that no pains or expense are being spared in making provision for all grades of employees.

5. In order to make the position as clear as possible to you, the Manager has furnished, at my request, three plans which are transmitted herewith for your examination.

That marked 1 in blue pencil shows how the original area of 100 acres has been laid out, and the relative positions of the buildings in course of construction or under contemplation. Reference to the scale will indicate the undesirable proximity which is unavoidable, and the risk attendant

attendant thereon is too obvious to need comment.

Plan 2 shows the manner in which it is desired to lay out the extended area of 1,000 acres. The buildings now in course of erection, which were originally intended for the hospital, will be completed as staff quarters, and the hospitals placed in the very suitable situation shown on the plan, which site I have personally inspected.

Plan 3 shows the relative situations of the 1,000 acre block and the nearest Masai manyattas or villages. No inconvenience whatever will be caused to the natives by the grant of the extension asked for, as little or no use is made by them of the area under discussion. On the contrary, the development of the settlement on the lines proposed will be much to their advantage. They are already making large purchases from the Company's stores, and the presence of a medical officer is a benefit which they are not slow to appreciate.

6. I have instructed the Officer-in-Charge to explain the nature of this application to the Masai Chiefs. I have not yet received their reply, but anticipate that they will raise no objection. I shall of course arrange that an equivalent area be added to the Reserve and that the rent received be expended for the benefit of the tribe.

7. In strongly recommending that the Company be granted a lease of the additional area, I should

should say that I am informed that Professor Simpson, when inspecting the settlement, expressed the view that the area of 100 acres is entirely inadequate and urged the propriety of its material extension.

8. The completion of the hospital buildings as such on the site originally chosen has been held over pending a settlement of this question, but it is of urgent importance that such accommodation be provided at the earliest possible date. I have therefore taken upon myself the responsibility of permitting the Manager to proceed with the construction of his hospitals on the site indicated in plan 2 on the understanding that, pending your decision on the whole question, that permission limits his right to occupation of the site and a right of way thereto from the 100 acre block. I trust that you will agree that the urgency of the need for hospital accommodation has justified me in thus anticipating your orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*H. Conway Hayward*

GOVERNOR.



Gw. EAP  
12763

28 April 1910

DRAFT.

I have the honor to acknowledge the

EAP No 397

Gw Sir H C Belfield

receipt of your despatch No. 249 of the 17th

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 25/4/14
- Mr. Read 25
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

of March, and is upon your terms

I approve your proposals in regard

to the extension of the area to be

leased to the <sup>Soda</sup> Mergate Company,

provided that the Masai Chiefs

raise no objection

(Signature) Robert