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Mumias Station

Site for M. Kavondo Industrial School

1914

28 July

last previous Paper.

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Dissent from Prof Simpson's view as to unhealthiness
& prefers that proposed experiment be tried. Sends
letter to Prof Coman submitting revised estimate of
requirements for buildings Staff etc. Headmaster
also de app for England.

Dr. G. Fiddes

This was written before the
outbreak of war. I think that
it wd be well to ask &
ask the Govt whether, in view of
the heavy & unforeseen charges which
are being thrown upon the revenue
of the Post etc in consequence of the
war, he desires to proceed with
the scheme at present
A sum of over £1800 is involved in the
present year H. J. R.
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at home 19.9.14

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 715.

July 28th, 1914.

Sir,

*for
rebut*

I have the honour to offer reply to paragraph 3 of your despatch No. 596 of June 23rd, 1914, in which you have intimated to me that Professor Simpson adheres to his objection to the utilisation of Mumias station as a site for the North Kavirondo Industrial School.

2. Notwithstanding the Professor's condemnation of the site as a malarious area, the fact remains that the mixed population of Indians and Africans has resided there for years without apparent detriment to health, that they have expended their time and invested their money in agricultural development, and that even if the station be entirely abandoned by Government they will remain on their

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

P.C. Nyanza
22-7-14

their locations and continue to prosecute the industry which they have successfully commenced.

3. Setting aside for a moment the question of health, it is beyond dispute that Mumias is the centre of the most populous and prosperous mixed agricultural community in this portion of the province and that no other part of the district offers equal opportunity for the dissemination of industrial teaching. It is useless to select a site which is wholly free from malaria if it is situated in a sparsely populated area and in a position too remote to ensure the regular attendance of pupils, or if it is so far removed from the principal agricultural areas that the people will not have the example of modern methods before their eyes. The best results will only be obtained from such a school if it is placed where agricultural industry is most active, and with all deference to the opinion of the Professor I must record my view that the danger to health is not so great as to override the many manifest advantages which combine to render Mumias the most suitable situation.

4. Insufficient weight appears to have been attached by the Professor to the fact
that

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that the European staff can be located upon the neighbouring mission hill, which has always been considered a healthy situation, and that those who will receive instruction at the school will continue to reside in the neighbourhood of Mumias whether the institution is placed there or not. I should therefore prefer that the experiment be tried as proposed.

5. I enclose for your information copy of a letter from the Provincial Commissioner, Nyanza, written after perusal of your despatch under reply. Mr. Ainsworth has appended thereto his estimate of probable requirements, the cost of which can be met as follows:-

Buildings from the provision shown on page 100 of the Estimates, item 14.

Staff from the provision of £555 on page 65 of the Estimates.

Materials from the provision of £500 on the same page.

6. It will be observed that the staff proposed by the Provincial Commissioner differs somewhat from that appearing in the Estimates. The provision made was of a tentative nature only, and if you agree that the experiment

experiment should be proceeded with I shall be obliged if you will allow me to exercise my discretion regarding the engagement and salaries of the subordinate staff within the provision sanctioned. The headmaster should be engaged in England, and the question of the employment of an assistant may be deferred for the present.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Alonzo B. B. B.

GOVERNOR.

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In Despatch No. 715 of July 26th 1914

Kisumu,

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Nyanza Province,

22nd July, 1914.

Reference No.

11/9.

Sir,

Reference G. O. No. 593, 23rd June, 1914,
(Secretariat No. S. 834).

Regarding arrangements for the future administration of the North Kavirondo and Kisumu Districts, and the utilization of the Mumias Station buildings for an Industrial and Agricultural School.

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor left a copy of the above-mentioned despatch with me for my observations on the subject of the utilization of the existing Mumias Station for the purposes of an Industrial and Agricultural School.

2. It is observed that Professor Simpson C. M. G. has expressed himself as being opposed to the idea of using the station for the purpose indicated on the ground that as the site is being abandoned as a Government Station because it is feverish and unhealthy the substitution of West Indians or West Africans with a European Headmaster cannot affect its healthiness or unhealthiness.

3. Mumias itself is a centre of a fairly thick native population. On the actual site itself both Kavirondo natives, Sudanese, Swahilis, Arabs, Baganda and others have lived for years without any apparent effect on their general health. There is certainly no evidence that the place is unwholesome to the health of Africans generally. There is also a fairly large number of Indian traders resident in the Bazaar. The health of these traders has never been so

bad

The Honourable

The Ag. Chief Secretary,

N a i r o b i.

Enclosure with Provincial Commissioner's

No. 11/3 of 24rd July 1913.

Native Education - Nyasia Province.

Revised Schedule of Expenditure proposed in connection with the formation and equipment of an Industrial and Agricultural School at Nyasia in the North Kavirondo District.

Public Works Extraordinary

House for the European Headmaster	700
Fitting up an existing building as a Carpenter's shop	100
	<u>800</u>

Recurrent Expenditure

<u>Personal Emoluments</u>	<u>Per Annum</u>	<u>Half year Oct. - Mar. 31st</u>
Headmaster @ £250	£250	£125
Duty Allowance		
West Indian or East Indian Agricultural Instructor	150	75
2 African Agricultural Instructors each. £40	80	40
1 Indian Carpenter Instructor	72	36
1 " Blacksmith "	72	36
	<u>£684</u>	<u>£312</u>

Other Charges.Purchase of Equipment.

12 Oxen, 2 Farm Carts, 2 Portable Forges	}	
Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators, Yokes,		
Chains, Spades, Hoes, Axes and other Agricultural Tools.		310
Carpenters tools, Blacksmiths tools, etc.,		50
Miscellaneous, upkeep, seed, etc.,		140
		<u>£ 500</u>
Passages, Local travelling year		£100
Camp equipment, etc.,		50
Furniture for Staff		40
		<u>£200</u>

SUMMARY 1914-15.

<u>Public Works Extraordinary</u>	£800
<u>Recurrent Expenditure</u>	
<u>Personal Emoluments half year</u>	512
<u>Other Charges</u>	500
<u>Transport Local Travelling &c.</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>4112</u>

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And inform

25 September 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 715 of the 28th of July and ~~to inform you that~~ on the subject of the proposed Industrial and Agricultural school at Mamias.

2. In view of the heavy and unforeseen charges which ~~have~~ ^{are} being thrown upon the revenues of the Protectorate in consequence of the war,

(PTD)

GP
No. 858
Mr. H. C. Salfeld

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I shall be glad to be
informed whether you
desire to proceed with
the volume at present.

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(Signed) E. CARBONET