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Mr. G. Redden

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In view of Mr. Harcourt's letter
for 22662 I do not think that it is
necessary to say anything more
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Respectfully
A. J. R.

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the estimate of cost) seems
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
EAST AFRICA

November 19th, 1914

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 422

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 691 of the 7th of July and in continuation of my despatch No. 520 of the 26th of May, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Director of Education setting forth the recommendations of the Committee of the Nairobi European School for the re-organisation of that Institution and the establishment of a State school. I so enclose by way of illustration to the suggestions I refer to.

With regard to paragraph 3 of Mr. Orris' letter, I caused enquiries to be made from the Land Officer whether any objections existed to the leasing of the site proposed. The answer in reply appears to be admirably suited for school buildings: it is situated on high ground

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

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expenditure of approximately \$2,000, and
 therefore caused the Committee to be asked
 whether they considered this expenditure
 advisable in view of the fact that the outlay
 would probably mean the continuation of the
 School in the present building for some time
 to come, a contingency which the Committee was
 not desired. The members of the Committee
 the subject were expressed as follows:

I assure you that any remedial measures
 possible will be taken in hand at the earliest
 opportunity.

I have the honor to be,

Your humble servant,

Howson Boyd

GOVERNOR

INCLOSURE No. 1

In Dispatch No. 922 of Nov. 14th 1914

No. 1045/18.

Education Office,
Nairobi.

September 25th, 1914.

The Hon'ble Chief Secretary,
Nairobi.

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It is recommended that

Board of Inquiry state that the
boarding school should be separated from the
Day School and situated further up country at a
distance from a township. I also understand

that

that the Convention of Associations desires the establishment of separate schools for boys and girls. On grounds of economy, the School Committee is opposed to both of these recommendations. While fully agreeing to the desirability of reserving the area of land in another part of the Protectorate for future development, they are of opinion that only one well equipped Government School should be created at present. Their reasons are as follows:-

(a) Population: Omitting the establishment of small rural schools, they do not consider that the total population of the country justifies the establishment of more than one School. It is felt that a Government School should be established in Nairobi as a general secondary school for the population who are engaged in the education of their children. The health of the children is a matter of great importance and where possible they should be sent to their own schools.

(b) Staff: - The expenditure involved in doubling the staff is unnecessary and undesirable.

(c) Provisions: - Nairobi is the centre of exchange and provisions of a better quality can be obtained with greater economy.

(d) Medical Attendance: - The best Medical advice and facilities are obtainable in Nairobi and

and would be difficult in a country area until the School had its own resident Medical Officer.

(e) Feasibility:- Greater value could be obtained by the provision of a more substantial and fully equipped State School than by dividing funds between two Schools - a proceeding more costly and less efficient.

(f) Proximity to Nairobi:- The Medical Department point out that a town School is more liable to the ravages of epidemics than a country School. In reply it is pointed out that the epidemic of meningitis was as virulent in the Nairobi and Hill districts as in the town of Nairobi, and where native servants are employed could as effectively close a school in a country as in a town.

Moreover, when a child's horizon is as limited as in East Africa, town life has an educative value. Most of the important functions of State and improvements in buildings, inventions, etc. occur in the Capital and children should have the opportunity of seeing and attending everything that is of national or Imperial interest.

3. For the above reasons the Committee would ask Government to provide a thoroughly equipped School in Nairobi. They recommend that the 18 acres recently set aside for School purposes by the Land Office be increased; that no bungalows be built on this site as at present proposed but

that

that the whole area encircled by the houses of the Headmaster and Messrs. Hinde, Monson, Townsend and Tate be reserved for the State School. It should be completely fenced and suitably planted with trees in order that the School while contiguous to Nairobi may be a healthy place.

4. The additional grant of £2500 is asked because while a large area is likely to be more healthy than a confined area, it is also a maxim that every great school should be self-contained and should be able to provide within its walls everything that contributes to the instruction and recreation of its pupils in order to prevent them seeking their amusement in the less healthy and more questionable attractions of town life. For this reason full space should be allowed for the erection not only of an attractive school building with boarding and classrooms and hospital but also of a gymnasium, a debating hall, workshops, common rooms and library together with ample provision of playing fields.

On the 14th of the month the School Committee I asked the Director of Public Works to submit plans for a completely equipped Government School on the site above mentioned and gave him full information of my requirements. He estimates the cost of such a school at £25,000. The complete plans which will be forwarded to you by the Government Architect were submitted to the Committee

Committee and were approved by them as suitable, subject to certain alterations. The immediate accommodation of the School for 100 boys, pupils and 100 boarders and if its capacity, with adjustment, the total seating accommodation could be considerably increased and allow for increase of pupil without extension of buildings.

8. The Committee recommends that if the general plan approved, a beginning should be made next year with the left or south west wing of the building for the class rooms. The cost of this will be estimated to be £20,000.

It is suggested that the nursery buildings at the school should be altered to provide for 100 boys. The alterations should be made in the existing buildings. It is suggested that the alterations should be made in the existing buildings. It is suggested that the alterations should be made in the existing buildings.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. H. B. (Signature)
Secretary

ESTIMATE OF COST OF ALTERATIONS
TO EUROPEAN SCHOOL NAIROBI.

1. New Drill Shed	100
2. Latrine for Natives	100
3. Lining Verandah	80
4. Ventilating Kitchens	150
5. New Bathrooms for Boys	2,650
6. New Closets for Boys	
7. New Lavatories for Boys	
8. New Urinals for Boys	
9. New Store	40
10. New Lavatories for Girls	
11. New Urinals for Girls	
12. New Quarters (Native)	50
13. New Latrines	50
14. System of Drainage	9.5
Contingencies 10%	2.32

Rs. 23

OF 41,9.

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, NAIROBI.
APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF COMPLETE SCHEME.

Entrance Vestibule, Tower and Rooms adjoining	£. 3,043
Main Corridor, side entrances and secondary stairs	3,750
Main Stairs and Lower Vestibule	1,457
School Hall	5,499
Gymnasium	3,972
Class Room Block	3,078
Science Block, with Boys Changing and Common Rooms and Lavatory	3,973
Girls Changing Room and Lavatory	1,000
Girls Domestic Science Room and Common Room	1,850
Swimming Bath	3,840
Sanitary Annexes	1,400
Four Boarding Houses @ £5,923 each	20,692
One Hospital	5,223
Roads	700
Unclimbable iron fencing and Gates	1,000
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Total amount of Estimate	£62,981 =====

sd. W.M. LYNDE
Quantity Surveyor.

Nairobi,
30th September, 1914.

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Two Documents, being: 1) plan of proposed new Govt

School boarding house Nairobi, E.A.P.

2) plan of proposed new Govt School Nairobi, E.A.P.

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H. Anderson

PROPOSED NEW GOVERNMENT SCHOOL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

ARCHITECT
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 GOVERNMENT ARCHITECTS
 NOVEMBER 1955



1. New Girls' School
 2. New Boys' School
 3. Teachers' Quarters
 4. School Compound

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BLOCK PLAN



PLAN VIEW

7th Decr 1914

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
your despatch, No 922
of the 4th

subject
of the
Nairobi
for the re-organisation
of the Institute and
the establishment of a
state school

No 1689

Mrs. Sir St. C. Belfield

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper 19/12/14

Mr. Bolton 19/12/14

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Mr.

Mr. G. S. Fiddes.

Mr. H. J. J.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

(Signed) L. HARCOURT.

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PORT ELEVATOR

LABORATORY

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FRONT ELEVATION

