

however, from the Gov's
telegram of the 27th of
June, it is doubtful
whether the magistrate
would be able to
accept photographs as
sufficient evidence
of identity.

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Previous Paper.

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German claims in India.

Concerns in proposal to tel. to Gov. authorizing
him to apply the same titles order 1908 to the
area in question. I send copy kept to
Berlin on the subject

Mr. Johnson

Mr. J. Anderson

Now tel. to the Gov.
authorizing him to apply the same
titles order 1908 to the area
in question - a copy of 887. on 23198,
with copy of the reply to Gov. 17.

H. J. R.
18/7/14

CB. 1677/14

W. H. C.
17/7/14

Copy for Gov. 21 July 14
Mr. C. G. above 1677/14 - 29 July 14

Subsequent Paper.

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FOREIGN OFFICE

14th. July, 1914.

In any further communication
on the subject, please quote
No. 50050/14.
and address
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

Sir:-

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I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 2nd. instant regarding the
German claims to land in the Protectorate of Witu, and I am
to state that Sir E. Grey concurs in Mr. Harcourt's proposal
to telegraph to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate
authorizing His Excellency to apply the Land Titles Ordinance
1908 to the area in question.

I am to transmit herewith copy of a despatch to His
Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin instructing him to
inform the German Government that the Governor has been
authorised to take this course.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. Ransley

Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Handwritten
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Sir:-

With reference to my despatch No. 96 Africa of October 2nd, 1911, I have to inform you that no subsequent communication has been received from the German Embassy here regarding the claims of German subjects to land in the Protectorate of Witu since my note to Count Hatternich of July 12th, 1911, enclosed in my above-mentioned despatch.

The Governor of British East Africa has now represented that the uncertainty arising from the existence of these claims is detrimentally affecting the development of the Witu Protectorate, as a large extent of country is thereby indefinitely tied up.

Under these circumstances, the Governor has been authorised to apply the Land Titles Ordinance of 1908 to the area in question.

You

Rusbold, Bart., M.V.O.,
&c., &c., &c.

You should inform the German Government of this decision and communicate to them the enclosed copy of the Ordinance, referring at the same time to the last paragraph of my note to Count Metternich of July 12th, 1911, where the opinion of His Majesty's Government is stated that these claims can only be decided by a Court of Law.

I am, with great truth,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Sept 3. 20pm

20 July 1914
Gerboia

underwritten
Your tel of June 26 N^o 211

DRAFT. Telegram.

to Nairobi.

amicus procurator
approve of proposal to

apply Land Titles

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Mr. Cooke 18/7/14

Mr. Read 20
Mr. G. Fiddes.
Mr. H. Just.

Mr. J. Anderson.

Mr. Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

overcrowded
Ordinance of 1905

summark to the area greenware
in question.

Harcourt.

Copy to 23 July 14

[L.F.]
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