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MESSRS ATKINSON BROS' LAND  
TRANSFER TO LORD CRANWORTH

Report's application to transfer 14,000 acres. In circles thinks transfer should be sanctioned. Promises desp. on question of land transfers.

Mr. Fiddes,

I do not think that we are in a position to raise any objection to the transfer of the 9,000 acres purchased by Messrs Atkinson Brothers from Mr. Ortlepp. With regard to the 5,000 acres of Crown land I gathered from this despatch that certain development conditions were imposed which have not yet been carried out by the lessees, but that most of the qualifying development has been carried out by Lord Cranworth, to whom it is now proposed to transfer the holding. In his despatch on land policy Lord Elgin admitted the principle of free transfer subject to compliance with development conditions. I think, therefore, that the proposed transfer might be approved, subject to Lord Cranworth undertaking to carry out any of the development conditions which remain unfulfilled at the time of transfer.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Messrs. Atkinson Eros, have applied for permission to transfer 14,000 acres of land to Lord Cranworth. Of this holding 5,000 acres were granted direct by the Crown and 9,000 acres were purchased from Mr. A.M. Ortlepp.

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2. In his despatch No. 115 of the 4th March 1910 Lord Crewe gave me power to sanction the acquisition of land by an individual up to a maximum of 15,000 acres whether acquired by original grant or transfer or both. I could therefore give the necessary sanction in this case if it were not for the fact that another grant of 10,000 acres bears directly on the amount of land in Lord Cranworth's possession.

3. In 1910 sanction to transfer their original holding of 10,000 acres was given to Lord and

Lady

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,  
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Lady Cranworth, and permission was given later to Lord Cranworth to apply for a further 10,000 acres in the recent Londiani allotment. Owing to a misunderstanding regarding survey he did not obtain land at this allotment and his application has been transferred to the second Londiani allotment.

4. Government is therefore committed to allot 10,000 acres to Lord Cranworth, and the position with regard to the accumulation of land by grant and transfer may be considered to be the same as if the 10,000 acres had already been allotted, and it is therefore necessary to obtain your sanction to the transfer of 14,000 acres from Messrs. Atkinson & Co. Most of the qualifying development on this land has been carried out by the proposed transferee - Lord Cranworth, and I do not think it would be advisable, in this particular case to raise objections to the small amount of development undertaken by the original lessees themselves.

5. I hope to address you shortly on the whole question of land transfers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*E. G. Howard*  
GOVERNOR.

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Mr. de R. Guinand



26 Oct 1944

Sir,

I have the honor to  
 acknowledge the receipt of your letter  
 No. 522 of the 27<sup>th</sup> of Sept.  
 regarding your request for approval  
 for the transfer of all  
 14,000 acres of land  
 from Muzes Al-Karim  
 to Loo Sam with  
 subject to <sup>be transferred</sup> ~~work~~ under  
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 any of the development  
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