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application for Land at Mombasa

States that he with Capt the Hon. F. Guest M.P. Capt F. W. Barnett & Mr. C. Amerson applied for 5000 acres each in 1905 or 1906 for purpose of cultivation. Nothing has been heard since the Land Office stated applicants must be reduced to 2000 acres each. Requests enquiring be made as to this & other land held by the Syndicate.

Mr. Fiddes.

You & I saw Mr. Fiddes about this. Sent copy to the Genl. asking for an early report - & inf. Mr. Fiddes that a copy of his letter has been sent to the Genl. with the request that he will furnish an early report on the subject?

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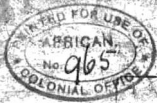
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To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir,

I have the honour to put forward my case which deals with the granting of land in British East Africa at a place named Mombui, situated about 80 miles north of Mombasa Coast.

In the year 1905 or 1906, the following gentlemen, Major the Hon Henry Guest, M.P. Royal Dragoons, Captain the Hon. F. Guest, M.P., Captain F.W. Barrett, 15th Hussars, and Mr. C. Harrison, *African* made application to the Land Office in Nairobi for grants of land of 5000 acres each in the vicinity of Mombui, for the purpose of the cultivation of rubber.

They were requested to lodge in the National Bank of India sufficient capital to show that the concern was a bona fide development concern and requested to pay the Survey Fees of the land for which they had applied. Both these conditions were fulfilled by the members of the Syndicate.

Subsequently, they were informed by the Land Office that a grant of 5000 acres to each applicant was more than they were entitled to receive and that ^{each} every application for land should be limited to 2000 acres each, of which a portion might be freehold and a portion should be leasehold on the terms of

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leases then in force.

From that day to this none of our communications received by the Syndicate or their representatives in East Africa with regard to the granting of the land.

In the meanwhile, the Syndicate acquired an area of 300 acres of land by direct purchase from native owners, enclosing the land for which application had been made. This area has been fully developed and is now under rubber bearing trees and in a very promising condition. The Syndicate, however, have come to the conclusion that the Estate cannot be worked at a profit owing to the smallness of its area. It has, therefore, become essential that the Syndicate should receive such portions of the land for which they made application over which no native rights have been found to exist.

The Syndicate is in the following position, it can neither develop the Estate owing to lack of land, and it cannot sell the land already developed because the Government so far have not confirmed the Title Deeds of the land bought from the native owners. For the same reason they cannot convert their Estate into a Company.

I would ask the Secretary of State to communicate with the Governor of British East Africa, instructing him to press

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forward, firstly, the decision as to whether or not the land applied for by the four gentlemen above mentioned can be granted, and if so, that it may be granted at once and, secondly, I would request that the Title Deeds of the land bought from the natives at Mombasa by the Syndicate be confirmed and that the other land belonging to the same Syndicate called the property of Konyoni, near Malindi, may be similarly treated.

I would point out in putting forward this request as the Syndicate which I represent stands in a position requiring special consideration, in that, firstly, they were among the first settlers to start the development of the Coast line into rubber plantations, and, secondly, that they have been kept waiting by the Government of East Africa for over five years for this land and, thirdly, that unless they receive the grant of land which they have been led to expect they may reasonably receive, the Syndicate will be compelled to abandon these plantations, because so small an area cannot be run economically and they are in the position of neither being able to sell nor to develop.

The applications for land were put forward on behalf of the Company in the year mentioned by H. G. Allen, Solicitor, Nairobi, acting for all the applicants. Since then the dealings with the applications for land have been handed over by Mr. Allen

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Mr. Morrison, Solicitor of Mombasa, with whom it is desired
that the Land Office may communicate in the progress
of this case.

I have the pleasure

of sending you

Henry S. G. ...

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Major the Hon. Sir

H. J. Guest, M.P.

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt on the 11th of July, of your letter (undated) respecting application for a grant of land at ... for the purpose of rubber cultivation ... to inform you

Your letter that a copy of it has been

transmitted to the Com. of the

E.A.P. with the request that he

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Yours faithfully
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- Lord Lucas.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from Major the Hon. H. G. Quest, M.P., relating to an application for a grant of land at Mombasa for the purpose of rubber cultivation, & to request that you will furnish me, at an early date, with a report upon the matter.

Yours faithfully,
L. Harcourt

Mar. the Hon. Quest

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