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12 OCT 07

(Subject.)

1907

*Land and River Concessions in Specific Locations -*

The aforesaid concessions in some of the land  
shown claims as regards the bearing area is  
a small one. The cotton area is in a better footing  
The cotton only extends to land in a piece of a whole  
is made

(Minutes.)

*Mr. Read*

*Explain the state of  
the matter to the B. C. C. Corporation  
Draft herewith*

*M. R.*

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Governor <sup>REC'D</sup> 12-8-07

Nairobi,

September 19th 1907.

~~EAST AFRICA PROTECTORY TERRITORY.~~

No. 400

(Incl. 1.)



My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of minute by the Commissioner of Lands on the rights of the British East Africa Corporation in the vicinity of the Tana River, the question of which was raised in Your Lordship's despatch No. 417 of the 2nd ultimo. \*

2. It will be seen that the Corporation's claim as regards the fibre bearing area is admitted and that there is no danger of this option being rendered in-effective by subsequent applications.

3. The cotton area on the other hand is of a different footing. The option to select 10,000 acres extends only to land unsprited for at the time when it

H. E. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, E.C.

\* No. 24, 606

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is exercised and the Corporation cannot therefore

complain if owing to delay in making their wishes

known the land they may eventually wish to take up

is found to be unavailable.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My lord,

Your Majesty's most obedient,

Humble servant,

*John Bull*

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RES 12 OCT 07

No. 1507.

His Excellency,

It is true that the British East Africa Corporation has obtained two concessions on the Tana River.

(1) A right to lease 10,000 acres of fibre bearing land abutting on the Western boundary of the area defined as No 2 in the lease given to the Afro American Company.

The Afro American Company were given up to the 1st February 1907 to exercise their option on this land, and the B.E.A. Corporation were to exercise their option by the 1st July 1907. This option has now been extended to the 1st July 1908.

(2) A right to explore and select at any time up to the 30th June 1908 an area of 10,000 acres suitable <sup>for cotton</sup> cultivation.

This option has now been extended to 30th June 1909. The first option of course holds good; the F.C.C. case-law applications cannot cover an area of 10,000 alongside of the Afro American block, and a note to this effect has been made on the survey maps, and on a copy given to the Lands in this country. It will be noted that this land is to be fibre bearing land, and presumably is not fibre bearing the option in that particular case cannot be exercised.

The case of (2) is on a different footing, and is acknowledged to be so by the British East Africa Corporation.

I may add that when Major Leggett came to the office a few months ago to enquire about land on the Tana, his enquiries related entirely to cotton land, and the correspondence with him has related only to the option referred to as (2) above.

*John G. G. G.*  
COMMISSIONER OF LANDS.  
13-9-107.

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16 October '04

Sir  
With reference to the letter from the Dept of the 2nd of August last directed by the Earl of Devon to inform you that he has now received a report from the Gov of the S.A.P. on the subject of the claims of the British S. Africa Corporation to certain lands on the Tana River. It appears that the Corporation have false bearing land and refuse to a definite

DRAFT.

The Secretary  
British East Africa  
Corporation  
MINUTE.

- Mr. ~~Whe~~ 15 Oct
- Mr. ~~Reade~~ 15
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Antrobus
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

for review

Copy to Gov. L.F.

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