



EAST AFR PROT

DOMESTIC

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This Land

Subject to agreement between you & Mr. Read
 I enclose a map showing the boundaries of
 the land which shall be given to him - full area 1,500
 acres

(Handwritten)

Mr. Read

The Syndicate wish to
 make it a condition of their
 agreeing to this agreement
 of the boundaries that they
 shall be granted a further 10
 sq.m. to make up the full
 area of 1,500 sq.m. or ~~sq.km.~~
 if part of a sq.m. were defined
 in the area set out on 36599/05.
 We shall probably have to go
 way - for the meantime, as
 we are waiting for the correct
 map of the land we may as
 well make this out for now

L. de Coninck et au docteur de Groen
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de son état



THE EAST AFRICAN SYNDICATE LTD.

19, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E.C.

29th May, 1907.

My Lord,

I had the honour in my letter of the 5th February, 1907, to inform you that my Board found it necessary to communicate with its Representative in East Africa upon the proposed exchange of land suggested in your letter of the 30th January, 1907.

I am now to suggest that the requirements of the Maasai referred to in your latter would be met by giving to them a 5 chain stock road south of Lake Olbolossat for the movement of their cattle from time to time, in accordance with what we understand to be customary in other cattle countries, and for them to have a similar stock route to Naivasha and Nairobi from Lake Olbolossat along the foot of the Abidare Range and Kipipiri Mountain. If, however, this suggestion would not fully meet the Commissioner's views, my Board would be prepared to consider a proposal to give, in exchange for land on the West, a strip of land on its Eastern boundary, provided that, in the result, whichever of the above two suggestions is adopted, there shall be secured to the Syndicate a full area of 500 square miles.

In this connection, I am to refer to the previous correspondence in regard to the (about) 10 miles short area,

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Elgin.

as disclosed by the Gailey & Roberts survey, and particularly to the letter from your Office of the 1st November, 1900. I am to urge that, whatever the legal definition may be of the Clause in the lease recited in the letter referred to, the intention was that the Syndicate should receive an area of 500 square miles, and that the further 10 miles, as surveyed by Mr. A.J.R. Frew, Licensed Surveyor, should now be added to the Syndicate's area.

The approximate plan supplied by the Syndicate, and which was referred to in the lease, was primarily intended to indicate the position of the land chosen, and was not at any time relied upon by my Board as correctly representing the 500 square miles which it was agreed should be granted to the Syndicate.

In the event of an exchange of land being arranged, my Board consider it desirable that effect should not be given to the arrangement until the land to be given in exchange has been surveyed, without expense to the Syndicate, and added to the Syndicate's property.

My Board will be pleased to instruct its representatives in the Protectorate to arrange with the Protectorate Officials for stock roads or other surrender of land on the North-east in exchange for land on the West, upon hearing from your Lordship that the foregoing suggestions are acceptable to you.

I have the honour to be, my Lord,
Your obedient Servt,



The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Merton, G.C.I.E., G.O.B.E.,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State,
Colonial Office,
Whitehall, S.W.

Secretary.

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