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The Rt. Hon.

The Earl of Elgin & Kincardine K.G.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

My Lord,

At the commencement of last October I was informed by H. M. Commissioner of the East African Protectorate that, in addition to the report on the sanitary condition of Nairobi on which I was at that time engaged, a supplementary report was required on the townships of Naivasha, Nakuru and Kisumu. I was instructed to proceed to these places as soon as possible in order to report upon them, and to spend a few days only at the two former towns, but to submit a more detailed report on Kisumu.

I accordingly left Nairobi on the 9th of October and arrived at Kisumu on the 18th, having visited and examined Naivasha and Nakuru, and the country surrounding them, en route, so far as the time at my disposal permitted.

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SECTION 21

NAIVASHA

The township of Naivasha is situated on the east side of Naivasha Lake. It is the headquarters of the Province of the same name and is a station on the railway line, 221 miles from Nairobi and 100 miles from Kisumu. The population is about 100 persons.

The lake is one of a series of lakes which extends along the bottom of the Rift Valley; it has a superficial area of about 80 square miles. Two rivers, the Gilgil and the Morandai flow into it, but there is no surface outlet.

Behind Naivasha the walls of the Rift Valley rise in a series of escarpments up to the Aberdare Range, and the Kinangop mountains, which attain a height of about 13000 feet above the sea.

The geological formations underlying Naivasha are either volcanic rocks or sedimentary deposits derived from their detrition.

The subsoil near the lake is a dusty porous earth. In places this deposit is quite 100 feet thick and it is occasionally interstratified with bands of volcanic ash and lapilli, which have doubtless been ejected during recent geological periods from Longonot or one of the other neighbouring extinct volcanoes. The rocks exposed in the escarpments so far as I was able to observe there were tuffs and lavas of varying degrees of hardness.

The earthy subsoil on the plains is covered with a very thin layer of top soil on which a thick sward of coarse grass some 15 or 18 inches high grows. The porosity of the subsoil is shown by the way in which the streams flowing down from the neighbouring cliffs disappear before they reach the lake.

The surface of the water in the lake is about 6350 feet above the sea and the highest point in the village is about 150 feet higher. It is nearly 1000 feet above Nairobi; thus the nights are rather colder and the climate is distinctly more bracing. It is an extremely windy place, a south easterly wind blows with great regularity every day during a certain portion of the year from about 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon until midnight. Every evening during my stay in Naivasha it increased in strength until about ten p.m. when it was blowing nearly half a gale. This wind brings with it particles of fine dust and is a great disadvantage to what would otherwise be an attractive place. In addition to causing discomfort, the wind, combined with the great dryness of the soil, prevents trees from growing; but it appears to be possible to grow flowers, the geraniums are especially flourishing in the gardens.

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more than this quantity for an allowance must be made for possible corrosion inside the pipes which would reduce their discharging capacity; they must therefore be of greater diameter than would be theoretically required.

In this and the following sections a number of alternative schemes of water supply will be discussed. Some of these ~~schemes~~ would require a larger outlay in the first instance, would be more economical in working than other schemes of which the first cost would not be so great but the working expenses would be high. In order to obtain some basis of comparison I have given in each case the total cost of every 1000 gallons supplied, the figure being arrived at by adding to the cost of working and maintenance, interest at 5% per cent on the estimated capital ^{cost} with a sinking fund sufficient to repay the capital expenditure in 35 years and in the case of machinery an allowance for depreciation.

Public sources supply.

I have considered the possibility of supplying Haiyasha with water from the following sources:-

- (1) From Lake Haiyasha.
 - (a) by pumping by steam.
 - (b) by pumping by a windmill.
- (2) From the Maranguisha River on the Kinangop plateau.
- (3) By means of a storage reservoir in the Maranguisha gorge in the lowest escarpment.
- (4) By pumping from the Morendat River.
 - (a) by steam pumps.
 - (b) by water power pumps.
- (5) From a stream above the nearest Syndicate ~~works~~.
- (6) By gravitation from the upper waters of the Morendat.

Supply
and Purification

(1). (a) The water in Lake Naivasha is distinctly bad. The lake is shallow on the East side for a considerable distance from the shore and the edges are very thickly overgrown with papyrus and reeds. The analysis of sample 1 in the Appendix, taken opposite Naivasha, shows how much the water is polluted with vegetable matter. It is also not free from the suspicion of sewage pollution.

The water improves towards the Southern end of the lake as is shown by the analysis of sample No. 3, taken in 10 feet of water. It is still bad water but could in my opinion be satisfactorily purified by filtration.

There is a suitable site for a pumping station about 2,700 yards to the south of the railway station. The intake pipe would have to be run out some 500 or 600 yards into the lake, and the outer end would be supported on a floating stage and protected from papyrus islands by fender-piles. The water would be pumped by low lift pumps to the settling tanks, and would gravitate thence to the filters. After filtration the water would be pumped by high lift pumps to a service tank or reservoir, which would hold one day's supply, whence it would be distributed by service mains to various parts of the township.

of Towns.

I estimate the cost of this scheme at \$5,000. The working expenses including pumping, filtration, maintenance of works, etc., would be comparatively heavy, for the staff of men required would be nearly as numerous as for a much larger supply. I estimate that the annual working expenses would be £305. Interest ^{on} capital expended, with the sinking fund and depreciation come to £268 so that the total annual cost of the works would be £573, or 1/2^d per 1000 gallons supplied.

This is an expensive supply.

Windmill Pump.

(b). As an alternative it might be possible to make use of the disused windmill pump at present standing near Naivasha station instead of erecting steam pumps. This pump is in good condition but would not be capable of pumping the water to the reservoir unless there was a large dam. If the dam were in the place in which one is proposed, the windmill pump to be useful it would certainly be in Naivasha, I am nevertheless informed that at certain times of the year there is no wind at all for several days at a time. It would consequently be necessary to very greatly enlarge the capacity of the service reservoir and it would also be necessary to increase the size of the rising main, for the pumping would have to be done each day during a shorter time. Although the cost of the windmill pump would only be the expense of moving it from one place to another and reerecting it the first cost of the works would be greater than for the steam pumping plant, and would amount to about £5,200. The working expenses would however be less and would be about £225 per annum. The total annual cost, including interest and sinking fund would be £625 or 1/1 per 1000 gallons. I do not, however, recommend this scheme, for even with the increased capacity of the reservoir and the rising main there would be a constant risk of a failure and a consequent water famine, through a long spell of insufficient wind, or a breakdown of the machinery.

Naivasha

(c). During my stay at Naivasha I was unable to visit the Kinangop plateau to see this possible source of supply. I have not got any analysis of the water. Providing there is enough water available this is the most promising of the schemes and would be particularly so if it were possible to find springs from which a sufficiently pure water could be obtained without any

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Water Supply
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main for about 12 miles. The total cost of this scheme would be quite £12,000.

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Conclusions

The best alternative source of water is a gravitation supply from the Paranguisho or some other stream on the Kinangop plateau. A careful series of gaugings of the stream in that district is necessary, with chemical and bacteriological analyses of the water, and if sufficient water is available a survey of the pipe line would be required. If enough water cannot be obtained from that source, the question of the possibility of pumping by water power from the Morondat might be gone into, and if this is not possible at a reasonable cost the best alternative would be to pump the lake water. In any case with a possible exception of the water from the Kinangop plateau, the water should be purified by efficient filtration.

Drainage

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There is no apparent prospect on any drainage scheme being required for Nativasha. If a separate foul water system is at any time required, the natural outlet will be into the lake at a point about a mile to the north-west of the railway station. This would be more than 1/2 miles away from the intake of the water supply if that is pumped from the lake, and with proper filtration of the water there should be no serious danger of contamination. The sewage could also possibly be purified by using it for irrigating the land near the Lake.

GENERAL.

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In discussing the various possible methods of supplying Naivasha with water, I have endeavoured to show approximately what expenditure will be necessary on this work if it is proposed to develop the town. Whether Naivasha will ever be a very successful health resort is open to question, owing to the bracing air and fine scenery, for the winds are certainly sufficiently trying to make it unpopular with many persons. I am informed that the opposite shore of the lake is free from this objection, and it may be that the future health resort will be on that side with small steamers connecting it with Naivasha station. In any case further investigations and surveys are required before any scheme of water supply can be definitely decided upon, and in the meantime a decision will have been arrived at with regard to the proposed removal of the headquarters of the Province.

SECTION II.

NAKURU.

Nakuru Town
Lake.

Nakuru is 449 miles from Mombasa and 122 miles from Nairobi. It is the principal railway station town, is the headquarters of the District of the Uganda Railway, and has a population of about 500 persons. The height of the railway station above the sea-level is shown on the railway plans as being about 5,070 feet. The land on which the town is situated has a gradual slope towards the lake Nakuru, the nearest point of which is about 2 1/2 miles away in a south-westerly direction. The surface of the lake is shown on the published maps as 5,980 feet above the sea-level, or about 90 feet below the town. Some calculations which I made, from the results of some rough observations of the levels, made the difference more than this. The lake has an area of 23 square miles; the water in it is salt, and not fit for drinking.

Railway Buildings.

The railway authorities have reserved an area of 500 acres round the railway station for railway buildings and other purposes.

A corrugated iron fence encloses an area of 20 acres in the centre of the reserve containing the railway station, running shed, District Engineer's Office, store etc. Outside the fence, but on railway land, are the District Engineer's and Medical Officer's houses, Subordinate's bungalows, dak bungalows, post office, police quarters, hospital, cemetery etc.

Private Houses.

The private houses are those in the Indian Bazaar and two small bungalows built by settlers. Nearly all

The buildings are of the usual corrugated iron type.

SANITARY CONDITION OF THE TOWNSHIP.

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Conservancy.

The conservancy of all the railway houses is looked after by a board consisting of the District Engineer, the Medical Officer, Station Master, Locomotive Foreman and Permanent Way Inspector. The night soil is regularly removed and buried in a spot about a mile away on the south west side of the town; a closed single bullock wagon being used for the purpose. The refuse is carried away and dumped at a spot nearer the town.

Latrines.

The latrines for the lower class of railway servants, the police and the inhabitants of the Indian bazaar are deep open trenches. The subsoil is very suitable for this system and no offensive odours could be detected near any of those I visited.

EXISTING WATER SUPPLY.

Supply.

The present water supply is brought about 4 1/2 miles from the Njoro river. A small concrete dam is built across the stream and a 2 1/2 inch galvanised iron pipe conveys the water to Nakuru. About 35,000 gallons a day is made available in this way.

The water main delivers into four tanks each 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet, holding together 12,000 gallons which supply the running shed and are fixed ^{on} columns 30 feet above the ground. They overflow into a second set of eight, 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet tanks also holding 12,000 gallons which supply the water cranes in the station. From these the overflow in turn feeds four tanks each 4 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet holding together 1,600 gallons, which form the service tanks for the town supply, and overflow into a concrete tank below the station, used for washing clothes; below this tank a marshy place is formed which might be a breeding place for anopheles mosquitoes, and which it would be well to get rid of.

By this arrangement the tanks which supply the town only get water after the wants of the running shed and the engine have been satisfied.

The average daily requirements of the locomotive department are at present 10,000 gallons, leaving a balance of 22,000 gallons for the inhabitants of the township. As the traffic on the railway increases the amount of water used by the locomotives will naturally increase also. I do not think that the present supply can be depended upon to do more in the future than provide water for railway purposes. The railway authorities have taken this view and are, I understand, not prepared to allow their water to be laid on to private premises.

If the inhabitants of the railway town continue to get their supply in this way, they are likely to suffer some inconvenience from the method of distribu-

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Cost.

The total cost of the scheme would be about £9000 and the working expenses £160 per annum. The total cost including interest on capital and sinking fund works out to £664. per annum or $\frac{1}{24}$ per 1000 gallons delivered.

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Comparison with Meroroni scheme.

If the water is properly filtered this scheme offers certain advantages over the Meroroni river scheme. It is somewhat cheaper, and it will be advantageous as far as maintenance and inspection are concerned to have the whole of the water supplied from one source instead of having two pipe lines in two opposite directions. The maintenance of the railway water supply could be handed over to the municipal authorities, the railway contributing their share of the working expenses, and this would materially lighten the cost of maintaining the new works.

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The houses in the bazaar are of corrugated iron and built on rough plinths of stones and mud, the floors being covered with a layer of cement which has peeled off in some places. Many of the houses have inside closets, the buckets being placed in 4 sunk recesses with a trap door opening out at the back of each. The condition of these recesses is filthy beyond description. Several of the houses have wash-places from which the effluent flows out on to the adjoining ground. In some cases there were short lengths of cemented drains which had no proper outlets and were accordingly worse than no drain at all.

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At the back of the houses there are five public latrines, each containing 12 buckets, with cemented floors, which although of a primitive type and somewhat offensive on approaching near to them, did not appear to me to constitute any danger to the public health. There is no separation of the sexes in these latrines.

On the whole there was no reason to believe in spite of the great efforts of the resident medical officer the bazaar is in a thoroughly unsanitary condition.

Railway town.

There are a number of overcrowded and unhealthy landhies on the railway property. In some of these there are rows of small rooms about 9 feet square in each of which two men and two women sleep, whilst in others 30 or 40 people sleep in a one roomed building which should not be made to accommodate more than half that number. The latrines near these buildings are often filthy. The worst landhies and also

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In many aspects the present arrangement of the town so far as it has gone is a good one, especially of the European quarter on the hill.

The intention at the time of my arrival at Kisumu was to move the Indian Bazaar from its present position to another site at the end of Victoria Road near the Native Market. The occupants of the bazaar had been offered compensation for disturbance and removal, amounting I understand to Rs 800 for each house, and were to pull down their shops and rebuild them on the new site.

I took an early opportunity of informing the local authorities that in my opinion the scheme was not a good one. The proposed new site is one of the flattest pieces of land in Kisumu, and has the disadvantage that half drains in one direction and the other half in the opposite. Moreover the bazaar would have been inconveniently far from the station. The trade of Kisumu is always likely to be chiefly in the hands of the Indians, so that their shops should be near the station if possible. The present site is a very good one; the fault in the bazaar consists with the houses have been built and with the persons who inhabit them. The net result of the removal, if carried out

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The intention at the time of my arrival at Kisumu was to move the Indian Bazaar from its present position to another site at the end of Victoria Road near the Native Market. The occupants of the bazaar had been offered compensation for disturbance and removal, amounting I understand to Rs 800 for each house, and were to pull down their shops and rebuild them on the new site.

I took an early opportunity of informing the local authorities that in my opinion the scheme was not a good one. The proposed new site is one of the flattest pieces of land in Kisumu, and has the disadvantage that half drains in one direction and the other half in the opposite. Moreover the bazaar would have been inconveniently far from the station. (The trade of Kisumu is always likely to be chiefly in the hands of the Indians, so that their shops should be near the station if possible. The present site is a very good one; the fault in the bazaar site lies with the houses which have been built, and with the persons who inhabit them. The net result of the removal if carried out

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The first step would be to condemn the whole of the present buildings as unsanitary and to prohibit their being inhabited unless certain structural alterations are made. I am doubtful whether any power exists under the Public Health Ordinances for the local authorities to make such an order, especially as the rules published in the Gazette of October 15th, 1905 for Nairobi do not appear to be applicable to Kisumu; but it is most essential that such power should be given. Any of the inhabitants who are in a position to do so should if possible be induced to build a better class of house in the new streets. Those who are not should be compelled to take steps to improve the condition of their houses. The plots on which the present shops are

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Whether the Government would be prepared to assist the occupiers financially in doing these works or not I do not know. The greater number of the Indian traders of Kisumu are poor men and the miserable condition of the bazaar is to some extent the fault of the officials who were responsible for letting the land in the first instance.

These improvements will however be of little use in themselves unless the principle which I have recommended in the case of the Indian bazaar at Nairobi is adopted here also. A special district rate should be levied and expended on keeping a sanitary gang to scavenge and clean in the bazaar. The back premises must also be under constant and

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On the plan the native town is shown divided up into squares. I recommend that the native villages should only be erected on the alternate squares, leaving the intervening ones unoccupied. After a square has been built on for a certain time the mud huts could be pulled down, and the inhabitants could migrate to the adjoining one where they could build a fresh village, returning again to the first square after a further interval of time. In this way the ground would be prevented from becoming exceedingly foul. A large area of land will be required for 10,000 natives if this system be adopted, probably nearly 200 acres, but much more than this is available.

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I estimate the cost of the drains required in the bazaar and along Victoria Road together with the outlet into the lake at £3150.

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The pumping plant would consist of low lift pumps to pump the water from the lake to the filters and high lift pumps to pump to the service reservoir. Both pumps should be in duplicate in case of a breakdown.

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This is the only water in the neighbourhood of Kisumu which in its natural condition approaches potability, but even this water is not really fit for drinking without filtration. Including filters the works would cost about £19000 and the cost of each 1000 gallons supplied would be about 4½d. There is a good supply of water in this stream quite sufficient for the requirements of Kisumu.

After my return from Kisumu and it was suggested to me by Mr. Currie the General Manager of the railway that water might be obtained from the gravel beds near Kibos station by sinking a well into them and using water power from the river to pump up the supply from the well to the town. Unfortunately I have not enough information to pronounce definitely on this as a scheme.

The chief advantage would be if the water could be used without filtration. For unless it could the first cost of the works would be nearly if not quite as great as the water gravitation scheme; the shorter

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New position for intake.

I am of opinion that this can be done without an extravagant outlay; and I recommend in the first place that, in order to lessen the danger of sewage contamination, the intake pipe at the pumping station should be extended along the Connaught Parade for some 400 or 500 yards and then as far as possible out into the lake.

Suggested removal of Nairobi purification plant.

In order to get rid of the vegetable organic matter I further recommend that the purification plant now lying idle at Nairobi should be removed from there, erected near the pumping station at Kisumu and made use of to filter the lake water.

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New position for intake.

I am of opinion that this can be done without an extravagant outlay; and I recommend in the first place that, in order to lessen the danger of sewage contamination, the intake pipe at the pumping station should be extended along the Connaught Parade for some 400 or 500 yards and then as far as possible out into the lake.

Suggested removal of Nairobi purification plant.

In order to get rid of the vegetable organic matter I further recommend that the purification plant now lying idle at Nairobi should be removed from there, erected near the pumping station at Kisumu and made use of to filter the lake water.

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The Nairobi water purification plant was designed to deal with water of a similar nature but not quite so impure as the lake water at Kisumu. It is a modification of the Anderson process. The water is passed through an Anderson Purifier and afterwards aerated by allowing it to flow out in thin jets from a series of small nozzles. It is precipitated with aluminium sulphate and lime and then passed through a "Torrent" filter. The apparatus had never been worked at Nairobi, but there is reason to suppose that it would greatly improve the quality of the Victoria Nyanza water. It was apparently designed to purify 50,000 gallons a day so it should be capable of coping with the Kisumu water for some time. The system will be an expensive one to work, and I am by no means convinced that anything so elaborate is really required, but the apparatus is now in the country and it would be better to use it than to let it lie idle at Nairobi; moreover the experience gained in working it will be useful in designing filters for water supplies in other places in the Protectorate.

Improvement of
purification
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The best arrangement of the Kisumu purification works would probably be to put in a new pump to lift the lake water to the filters, to construct a new clear water tank, and to use the existing pumps for lifting the filtered water from this tank to the town tank on the hill. An arrangement would also be necessary by which one or two of the same pumps could be used for pumping unfiltered water to the railway station.

Estimated cost
of removal.

The total cost of these works including removing the purification plant and re-erecting it at Kisumu, laying a new suction main at the pumping station, providing and erecting a new clear water tank at Kisumu, and also constructing a new service reservoir at Nairobi should be about £1300 so the cost should not

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In 1908 the drains should be taken in hand they will cost about £180. Another £500 may be required for the bazaar making a total of £2350 during 1908. These sums do not include anything for the cost of making the Connaught Parade for which estimates have been prepared by the Director of Public Works.

SECTION IV.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion it is only necessary to say a few words on the subject of the general programme which I have suggested.

With regard to Naivasha and Nakuru I do not see the necessity for expending money on any important public works in these towns until it is clearly decided on what lines it is intended to proceed in developing them or if they are to be developed at all. In the first place it will be necessary to decide finally which is to be the capital of the Province; Administrative reasons must finally decide this question. It must also be decided whether the towns are intended to be health resorts or market towns or both. When these questions have been settled a site board would be appointed to lay out either or both places. It is therefore unlikely that any large sum of money will be required during the next financial year for either of these places. During the following year an expenditure of from £5000 to £6000 will probably be necessary to provide either Naivasha or Nakuru with a proper water supply. In the meantime investigations on the lines I have suggested will have definitely decided where the water is to come from.

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			Fe	Alumina		Total		
1	Nawasha Lake 100 yds from shore	Oct 12	015	0225	416	7	3	4	1.5	Muddy water. Much vegetable contamination and signs of sewage contamination.
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3	Wabungu River near Government farm	Oct 27	0025	0062	240	3	2	1	5	Muddy water. Considerable vegetable contamination and some animal pollution.
4	Stream near Synical Farm Buildings across from Nawasha	Oct 27	0025	0312	140	3	2	1	2.5	Muddy water. Some signs of animal pollution.
5	Mbaroni River near Pleasants farm	Oct 17	007	0190	300	15	1	5	Trace	Very soft water. Signs of vegetable contamination but not of animal pollution.
6	Co.ellos stream	Nov 11	0025	0337	170	1	1	0	Trace	Considerable vegetable contamination.
7	R. Njoro at intake of water supply pipe	Oct 14	005	0150	290	4	1	0	Trace	Exceedingly soft water. Some signs of sewage pollution.
8	R. Njoro at mouth of Nandi Gorge	Oct 26	005	0263	276	3	2.5	5	Trace	No apparent animal pollution.
9	Victoria Nyanga at intake of water works	Oct 28	0025	0412	1936	4.4	4.3	1	Trace	Much vegetable contamination.
10	Victoria Nyanga at intake of water works	Oct 28	0016	0506	175	4.4	4.3	1	Trace	Much vegetable contamination.

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No of Sample	Origin of Sample	Date	Total Solids	Inorganic		Oxygen absorbed at 80° F	Biomass			Chlorophyll	Microbes	Remarks
				Free	Albumin		Total	Protein	Carbohydrate			
1	Narokora Lake Edge of swampy area 100 yds from shore	Oct 22		0.15	0.025	416	7	3	4	1.5	Marked trace	Highly vegetable contamination and signs of sewage contamination
2	Narokora Lake 100 yds south of town 600 yds from shore	Oct 22		0.25	0.025	216	7	3.5	3.5	1.4	Marked trace	do
3	Volendal River near Government farm	Oct 27		0.025	0.062	240	3	2	1	8	Marked trace	Considerable vegetable contamination and some animal pollution
4	Stream near Synical Farm Buildings 100 yds from Narokora	Oct 27		0.025	0.012	140	3	2	1	2.00	Marked trace	Some signs of animal pollution
5	Narokora River near Steamers firm	Oct 27		0.07	0.190	300	15	1	5	8	Trace	Very soft water, signs of vegetable contamination but not of animal pollution
6	Costello's Stream	Nov 11		0.025	0.037	170	1	1	0	9	Trace	Considerable vegetable contamination
7	R Njoro at intake of water supply pipe	Oct 16		0.05	0.130	290	1	1	0	8	Marked trace	Exceedingly soft water shows signs of sewage pollution
8	R Njoro at mouth of Narok Gorge	Oct 26		0.05	0.065	276	3	2.5	5	6	Trace	No apparent animal pollution
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10	Victoria Nyanza at intake of water works 5 miles from shore	Oct 28		0.016	0.050	175	4.4	4.3	1	7	Trace	Highly vegetable contamination

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Origin of Sample	Depth	Total Solids	Composition		Dissolved Solids	Total Solids	Chloride	Sulfate	Nitrate	Remarks
			Free Alkalinity	Acidity						
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M. Tawani - Do -	0'		0025	025	188	2.0	5	7	do	do
Stream near Roman Catholic Mission	0'		00125	02	144	0.0	4.5	1.5	5	not so much contamination but it is not a good drinking water

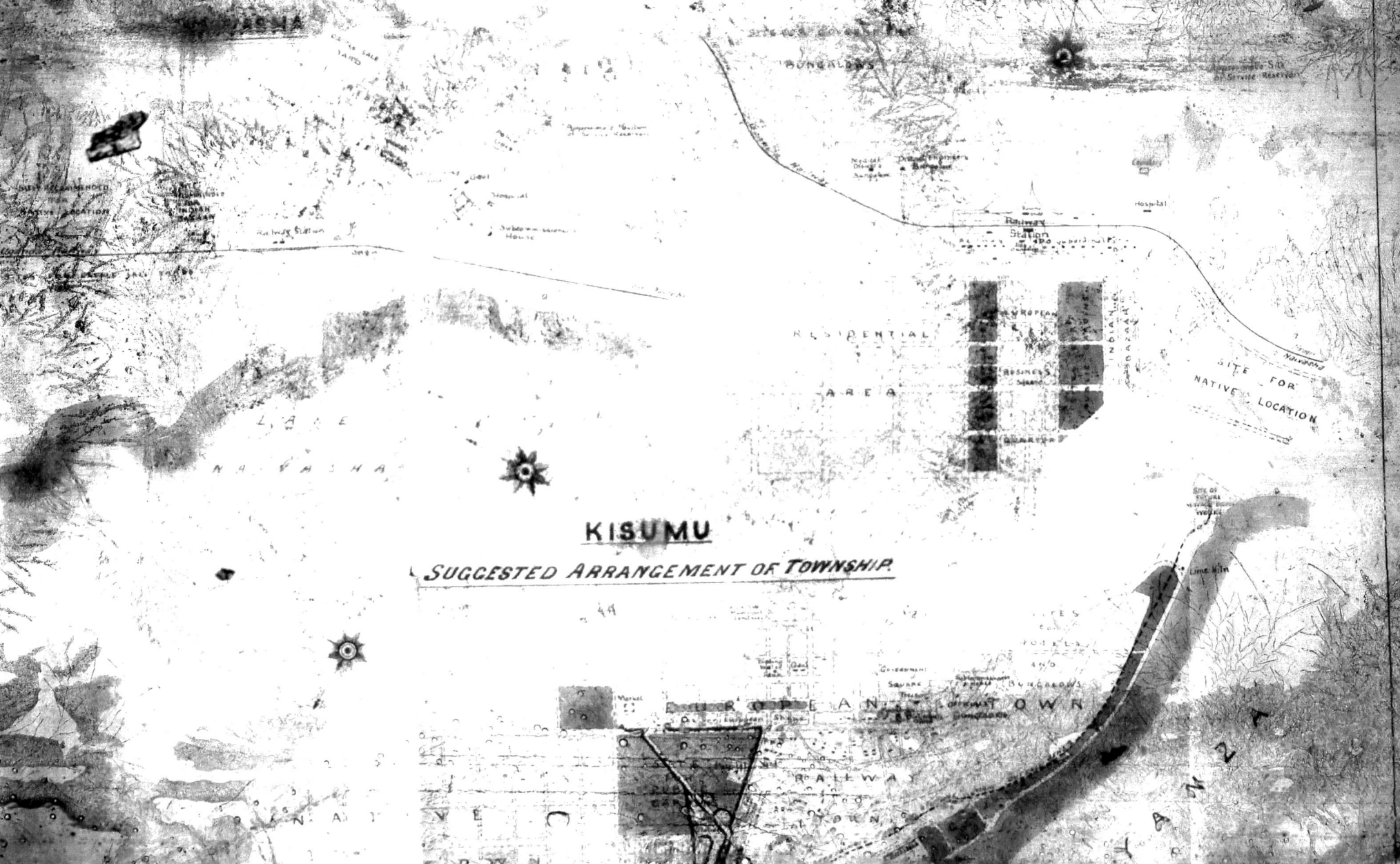
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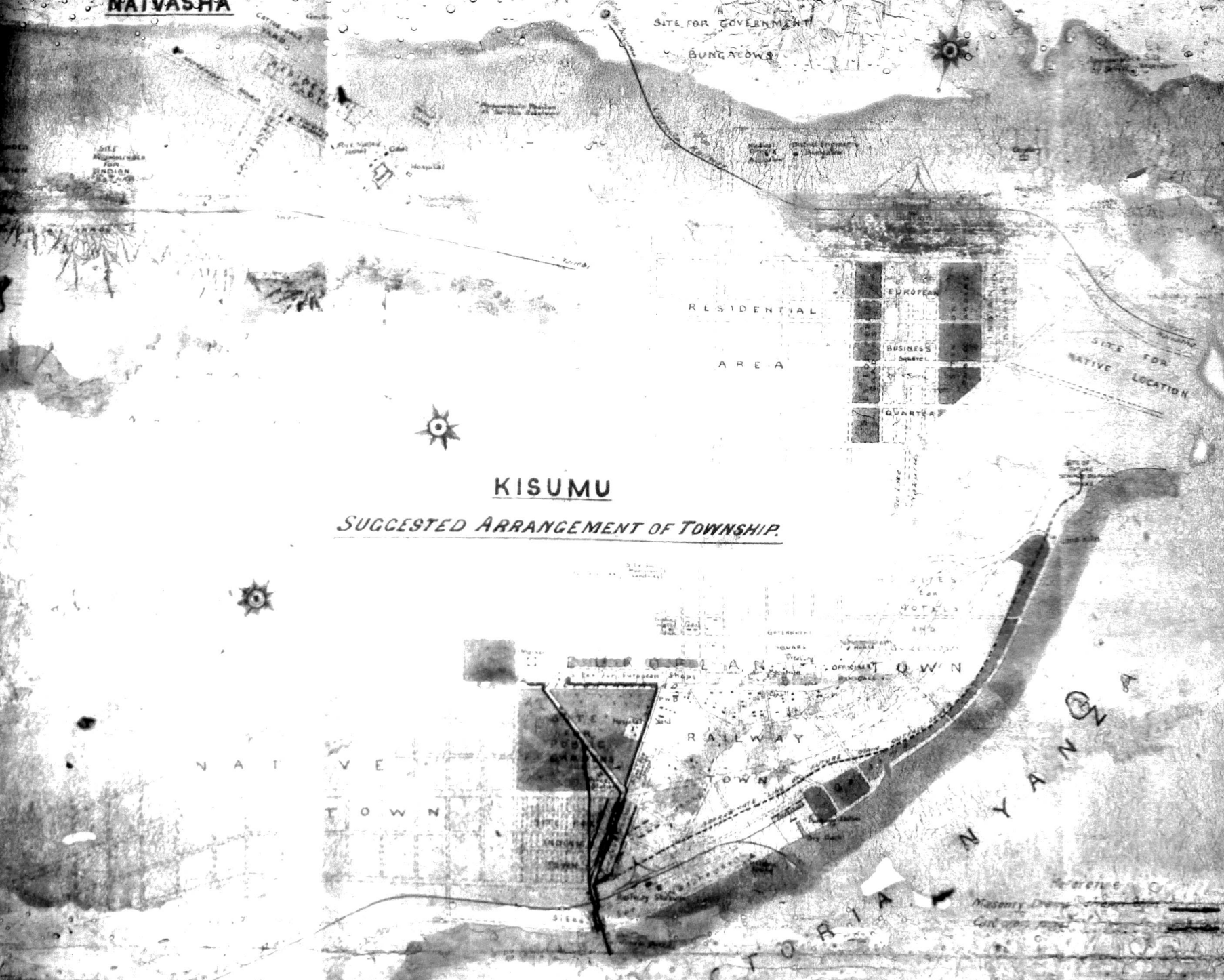
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With reference to the letter from this department of the 2nd instant, I am to request that the G. B. Williams report on the townships of Navada, Nakuru, and Koinon in the E. Africa Prot., a copy of which was forwarded to you some officially on the 7th instant, may be printed with the Williams report on Navada forwarded with the above mentioned letter.

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(Copy given to the General) 9/3

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