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Governor. No. 526

(Subject.)

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Africa Inland Mission Land

Last previous Paper.

M/95
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To remembrance by Comr of Lands & Customs inquiry info asked for consider that the Mission has not been hardly treated

Read (Minutes)

Mr Ellis

Perhaps it would be best to send this privately to Mr Mallet.

WSC

Put in re. his letter was a private one addressed to Ch. Selby

M/95

Mr. Selby

To Colonel Selby?

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Col. Selby

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Mr Ellis

Copy of Colonel Selby's letter to Mr Mallet attached

Paul Bay

Subsequent Paper

Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner.

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

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November 2nd 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 526

(Incl. 2)

My Lord,

In reply to Your Lordship's despatch No. 484 of September 25th enclosing a letter from the Africa Inland Mission, I have the honour to transmit herewith Memoranda by the Commissioner of Lands and the Chief of Customs which give the necessary information. I agree with Colonel Montgomery in thinking that the Mission can scarcely be said to have been hardly treated.

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30/11/08
Col. Montgomery
Oct. 23rd
Mr. Major
Oct. 20th

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,



H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

R.

LONDON, S.W.

4th December, 1908.

My dear Sir,

We sent out to the Governor of East Africa the letter from Mr. Harlburt which you sent me in your letter of the 21st September. I now enclose a copy of the Governor's reply.

With reference to the second enclosure, I am afraid the suggestion "that the Mission should be accorded privileges not granted to the general public" is not one which we could entertain. I think the papers show that they are treated very fairly and reasonably.

Yours sincerely,

H.P.No. 2336/1908.

In Despatch No. 526 of 10. 2. 1908

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Office of the Commissioner of Lands,

Nairobi,

23rd October, 1908.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to record the following note on the case of the Africa Inland Mission, referred to in Colonial Office Despatch No. 484, dated 25th. September, 1908.

2. It is true that freehold is not now given to Missions; they obtain their grants on 99 years leases, which most people consider a sufficiently permanent basis to justify the erection of good houses. In cases where a church is built a clause is inserted in some leases at the request of the denomination building the church, that at the end of the term the leases will be renewed if the land is still used for a church.

3. The present rule is that when a Mission asks for a rent of land inside a Native Reserve, it is allowed enough for a dwelling house

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THE GOVERNOR,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE,

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house or houses and a garden. If the Chiefs generally, ordinarily these grants are restricted to 5 acres, for that is usually ample for a small Mission Station. But only the other day I allowed 10 acres to this Mission at Ntara when it was shown that it was intended to erect a school and several other buildings.

I am of opinion that the limit of 5 acres is right to begin with. It is seldom that any new station is so strongly equipped as to justify the grant of more, and if the work expands and more room is needed for buildings, and if the Mission is doing really good work, doubtless the Chiefs will not object to an additional area being given.

4. It can hardly be said that the African Inland Mission has been ~~generally~~ ^{generally} invested. It holds a nearly 4 square miles of forest land on the railway at Kisumu; 100 acres at Mbariti in the Mbari Reserve, and a dozen smaller plots ranging from 5 acres to 31 acres; and some of the older plots are freehold. The forest land was given in the old days when the value of the forest was not so much considered as it is now; no such grant would be permitted now.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's
most obedient servant

Johnstone

COMMISSIONER OF LANDS.

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MEMORANDUM.

Industrial Machinery is allowed in free of duty and the Mission should, I suggest, be so informed. Unless any "appliances, &c." come within the meaning of any exemption at present provided for by law they would not of course be allowed in free of duty. If it is desired that no Mission shall be accorded privileges not granted to the general public special provision would have to be made by Law providing accordingly.

DA - P. W. HAZEN.

Nombasa,
October 29th 1908.

Chief of Customs.