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Crown Lands Order
Transfer of Land to Reserves

Is principle of Sect 58 enabling for. to regulate transfer of land in highlands to Reserves approved? if so it is important that it should be extended to land in highlands already granted freehold. Suggests legislation to prohibit sale of land beyond Coast Strip to Reserves or natives without previous consent.

Mr Porter

This was considered at the meeting of the East African Law Law Committee yesterday. The Committee recommended that the Bill should be approved by the House but that the House should not sanction the introduction of the proposed Ordinance, but that the matter should be dealt with in connection with the general matter of the Lands Ordinance, the Bill should be sent to the House of Representatives.

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See extract from Minutes herewith.
? Telegraph to the Govt. regarding
Matters etc. for Dec. 1897

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(This has been delayed to approval
of Minutes MSB 5/7)

W. Read Fildes.

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I agree with the Com^{ee}'s view.

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Yes, Dept. as fast as
is practicable by Telegram as
possible for consideration.

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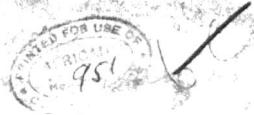
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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF FOURTH MEETING OF THE EAST
AFRICAN LAND COMMITTEE.

They then proceeded to consider Sir P. Girouard's telegram of the 18th of June as to the prohibition of law of the transfer of land in the highlands to Asiatics and natives.

As regards lands already granted, it was pointed out that, if the recommendations of the Committee were approved, the object sought by the Governor would be attained, but in another way to that proposed in the telegram, viz. by insisting as a condition of transfer that no fewer white persons should be maintained on the land by the transferee than by his predecessor. As to lands hereafter to be granted, the Committee were of opinion that the Secretary of State should adhere to the position taken up in paragraph 20 of Lord Elgin's despatch of 19th March, 1908 viz: that it is not consonant with the views of His Majesty's Government to impose local restrictions on any particular section of the Community, but that, as a matter of administrative convenience, prohibitions in the highland area should not be made to Asiatics. The Committee recommended therefore that the Governor should be informed by telegram that the Secretary of State could not sanction the introduction of the proposed Ordinance, prohibiting the transfer of land to Asiatics and natives, but that the matter should be dealt with in accordance with the views of His Majesty's Government.

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PARANAME of a Telegram from the Governor of the West Africa
protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
(Received Colonial Office, 6.32 p.m. 18th June, 1910).

June 18th Confidential Is principle involved in
provision of Section 56 Crown Lands Ordinance, now under
your Lordship's consideration enabling the Governor to
regulate transfer of land in the highlands to Asiatics
approved if the principle is approved it is important
that it should be extended to land in the highlands already
granted freehold. My sanction has been asked to intro-
duce bill to prohibit sale of land beyond coast strip to
Asiatics or natives without permission of Govern r
suggest your Lordship's sanction for introduction of bill
and if passed assenting to ordinance.

GIRGARD.