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Paper.

(Subject)

Application for Lease of Land

Captain M. Murray reserves lease of 2000 acres in Kenya Province, to order to turn it into a private Game Reserve. Recommended advice.

(Minutes)

Mr. Reed

The lease at $\frac{1}{2}$ grazing rates will bring in £1200 p.a. = $\frac{1}{45}$ £80

I do not think this is sufficient by any means. We are not

told the exact position of the proposed reserve, but we have been lately told that the Kenya province contains some of the best agricultural land in the Province.

The privatisation of a reserve creates in proximity to agricultural land a doubly mischievous to a nascent agricultural and pastoral industry. It is far apart from the actual

1/2 acre to be reserved for...

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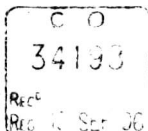
Commissioner's Office,

Nairobi,

August 1921 1906.

~~AFRICA PROTECTORATE.~~

No. 468.



My Lord,

I have the honour to report that a Captain Mackenzie Murray, who has made two shooting trips to this Protectorate, is anxious to take up an area of approximately 120 square miles in the Kenya Province with a view to turning it into a private Game Reserve on the lines of a Scottish Deer Forest.

2. The land applied for is unsuitable for agriculture or grazing though it is possible that it may encroach on one or two grants already made. Such encroachments which will be revealed by survey will have to be deducted from Captain Murray's application.

3. The lessee is prepared to go to considerable expense in the way of fencing and maintaining a staff

of

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies

Whitehall, London, E.C. 4.

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of rangers. I am therefore inclined to recommend this application to Your Lordship's favourable consideration as it seems improbable that the piece of land will ever yield us revenue in any other way.

4. In accordance with the views expressed by the Deputy Commissioner, the Commissioner of Lands and the Sub-Commissioner of the Kenya Province I would propose that the following conditions be laid down:-

- (a) The land to be leased at half grazing rates for ten years.
- (b) Native rights to be protected and access to water to be allowed in time of drought to natives and their cattle.
- (c) A sufficient breeding stock of each species of game to be maintained.
- (d) The area to be open to inspection by the game ranger.
- (e) A record of all game killed to be kept and sent in to the game ranger.

5. In the event of these arrangements proving satisfactory, on the expiry of the lease the lessee might be given the option to renew on such terms as might then appear desirable

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or, if any of the land should be required for allotment, he might be allowed to choose a block on the prevailing conditions.

6. Representations were made to me by persons interested that, if the indiscriminate slaughter of game were permitted during the negotiations, the value of the land for the purposes to which it was intended to apply it would be greatly reduced. I have accordingly caused a notice 20/62 published in the Official Gazette of the 15th instant closing this area to sportsmen for the present.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect;

My Sir,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant;

J. G. Jackson

In the absence of H. M. Commissioner.



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G. A. P. No 640

11 October 1958

Commander Col. Padua

Ans 8-15365

MINUTE.

- Mr. *W. H. 9 Oct*
- Mr. *Read 9*
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Ommanney
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

Per
 The above
 touch receipt of
 Mr. Jackson's draft
 No 458 of the 18th
 Augt. on the subject
 of Captain Murray's
 application for a
 lease of 1200 square
 miles in the Kenya
 Province of the G. A. P.
 for the purposes of a
 private Game Reserve.
 2. The exact position
 of the proposed reserve
 is not clear to me

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1180

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but as you recently in-
formed me that
the Kenya Province
has some of the best
agricultural land in
the Protectorate, I shall
be glad to learn how
of the ~~settling in~~
first part land so are
likely to suffer from
the incursions of the
wild animals which it
is proposed to preserve
in the neighbourhood.

3. Apart from this question,
the proposed rent of
£80 p.a. does not
appear to me adequate
for a private game
reserve of 5000 acres
area, especially in
view of the fact that a
large amount of

apartment to hold
only a limited number
of certain animals
costs £50 p.a.

4. Before I can
recommend I ~~must~~ have
to report that you will
furnish me with
an expression of your
own views on the
subject before I
can write at a
decision as to
whether it shall be
sanctioned or not

I have etc
J. G. M.

Games of the Country & such
being able to speak from
the point of view of a Settler
with regard to the concessions,
inasmuch as I have applied for
a considerable area of Agricultural
land on the borders of the
proposed Estate.

On landing in England I went
to the Colonial Office &
interviewed the Private Secretary
[who

RECEIVED
GENERAL SECRETARY
1914

Nov. 28

Dear Lord Elgin

I must apologise
troubling you on a Sunday
at a time when you
will surely be extremely busy
so however in accordance
with a promise made
to my friend Colonel Harrier
whom I met from the command
of the K.A.R. while I was in

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of game in large tracts
such as there are now on the
tract of land in question, may
be prejudicial to neighbouring
settlers.

With regard to this it must
be borne in mind that it is
intended to fence the one
side of the area, not leaving
a river as a natural boundary.
Also that the opinion of the
few genuine settlers near

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promised that I should hear
further from him on the
subject but as I have
done so it appears to me
that it will be what is
accordance with my promise
if I write directly to you.
The advantages of the
scheme appear to me to be

the preservation of
species of game which
the action of a
wanton & lawless
of the population appear
shortly become extinct
protection.

as bringing into use
a stretch of land

other purpose.

Merely as bringing into the
country a class of men,
the Sportsmen whom it
is hoped would be attracted
whose money, intelligence &
loyalty the Protector can
ill afford to spare.

The one objection that I
imagine can be urged against
making this small grant

TELEGRAMS DIRECTOR
STATIONS (SURREY) C.E.P.

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These boundaries is not
unfavourable + also that the
argument surely applies
greater extent to the Govt
Reason from which it
present endeavour or desire to
keep out school... parties.

If there is any further information
I can give to the Colonial
Office, I shall be very pleased.