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1916

18th Aug.

MR COBB'S APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF CAPT HERON FOR LAND

Indicates negotiations which ensued re Capt Heron's land at Simba after receipt of Lord Cromer's despatch No. 347 of 26th June 1909; recommends in view of offer made to Mr Cobb by Sir Percy Girouard, that Mr Cobb's application for 5,000 acres of leasehold land should be granted on understanding that it shall be an already surveyed area and not situated on the Mau.

Last previous Paper.

20/11/16

W. Reed

I think that Sir P. Girouard was unduly easy about this in view of our despatch on 8/11/16. He should not have offered another farm in the circumstances without consulting the S. of B. But I agree that, as he did so, we are bound by the offer quoted at A in his despatch.

It is not clear whether the new farm is to be granted on the same terms as the one which Sir P. Girouard made...

Next subsequent Paper.

19/10/16

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revision of rent at 33 or 66 years  
or on the terms now approved generally  
viz. leasehold for 999 years with  
periodical revision of rent. I don't  
think we need worry about it.

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given way to the extent of <sup>having a farm</sup> specially  
surveyed for Mr. Cob on the Waa.

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offer viz. leasehold for 99 years with  
revision of rent at 33 & 66 years  
on the terms now approved generally  
viz. leasehold for 990 years with  
periodical revision of rent. I don't  
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surveyed for W. C. N. on the W. A.

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WEST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

NO 517

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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SEP 20 1916

August 18th, 1916.

Sir,

*Handwritten:*  
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20/11/16

I have the honour to refer to your  
despatch No. 847 of the 25th of June 1916, requesting  
certain land held by Captain R. M. Brown at Limuru,  
and to inform you that Mr. E. P. Cobb, that gentleman's  
Attorney, has recently applied to me for a reconsideration  
of the case.

It will be desirable that I should place  
you in possession of the negotiations  
ensued after the receipt of the despatch  
Lord Greco's decision was conveyed to  
Office in the usual course, and on the  
1916 Mr. Cobb addressed a letter to me  
to the Administration giving reasons why  
forfeiture should not be taken and asking  
my predecessor would grant him protection  
the game animals in the vicinity and during  
the period of development, or alternatively  
him to take up land in another district.

RIGHT HONOURABLE  
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

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"The action should proceed. I am prepared to recommend the grant of land elsewhere up to one farm. Inform Mr. Powys Cobb that we cannot give assurances he requests."

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*H. Conway Bayard*

GOVERNOR.

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Sir,

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No 694  
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Att. 26.9.66

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your despatch  
No 517 of the 18th of August and  
to inform you that I approve your

proposal to accede to the  
application made by Mr. E.P. Cobb  
on behalf of Capt. R.M. Hoorn for

5000 acres of leasehold land and

understanding that the land thus

allotted shall be an absewy

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