

It says in the letter
to clear the stamp
with the Govt.

the Reichs message (see your minutes
on 56891/19).

But this need not, certainly,
interfere with the action proposed
by Mr Jeffries in order to clear
the ground.

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15.10.19

Mr H. P. ...

So proceed? But we had to make
progress here or we may lose this capital, which
I believe would be of importance in the
E.A. I think therefore that they should
at this stage be invited to furnish evidence
of the capital which will be available.

On points of detail: -

- (1) It should be made clear that failure
to develop will involve forfeiture.
- (2) Also that the Govt. is not in a position
to fix any date by which it can
supply more communication to the
Exchange - top of p. 2 of the letter of
August 8. ~~... have to~~
allow for the amount, as a matter
of fact I rather think that the amount
although it is not necessarily different
from its face value, is that they
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C.O.S. 15.10.19

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C.I.J. 29.12.19

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W.C.S. 31.1.20

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2, Stanley Park Road,
Wallington,
Surrey.

Oct. 7th. 1919.

Sir,

Further to an interview accorded yesterday to the writer and Mr. P. Ejnar Ekman by Mr. Bottomley, I now have the honour to enclose the following documents in connection with the Swedish Land Settlement Scheme in the East Africa Protectorate.

1. Copy of Mr. Ekman's reply to a letter from Lord Kilmarnock enclosing your memorandum.
2. Memorandum shewing the proposals on which the Swedish financiers are prepared to negotiate.

I understand from Mr. Bottomley that on receipt of the above the matter will be proceeded with and as Mr. Ekman and other of the financiers concerned are at present in London, I trust that this communication will be treated as urgent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Hany

For J.C. Coverdale & Partners,
Agents in E. Africa for the
Swedish Financiers.

The Hon.
The Secretary of State for the Colonies
Downing Street,
London.

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Stockholm the 8th August 1919.

To THE BRITISH LEGATION,

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(2) That the promoters certainly not would agree to pay all 100 settlers a fixed salary of at least £ 10/-, but would give preference to these settlers as employees. I understand that Lord Delamare has forwarded this reservation to His Excellency the Governor.

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The promoters also understand that the exchange between pounds and Rapes will have no influence on capital sent from Sweden because of the Scheme. As the B.E.A. Government is sincerely discussing the standard of currency with the Home Government, I hope this very vital question will arrange itself. And also hope, that the promoters will be able to discuss the whole matter with the Colonial Office through a representative after a general Meeting expected to be held this month.

A final decision has been delayed because of the difficulty to gather all interested parts during the summer months, as many of the financiers have also been abroad. As soon as any definitive news will come forth I shall have the honour to communicate with His Majesty's Legation in Copenhagen.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

(Sgd) P. B. Ekman

ON

PROPOSED SWEDISH SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT SCHEME

IN

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

1. The Government of the East Africa Protectorate to grant an area of approximately 100,000 acres of good land suitable for the settlement of ex-soldiers. The area to be in a locality approved of by the Promoters of the Scheme.
2. The Promoters guarantee to develop and plant with coffee 30,000 acres of land in such manner that, when eventually cut up into farms of 300 acres each, about 100 acres of the coffee planted shall form a portion of each individual farm.
3. The Promoters to have the following rights in regard to the 30,000 acres which they are to develop and plant:-
 - (a) To postpone until the first planting season in 1923 (presuming the agreement to start on the 1st January 1920) the planting of Block A. (10,000 acres) of coffee below referred to;
 - (b) To be allowed to plant and reap for their sole benefit such annual crops as may appear to them to be most easily handled and profitable.
 - (c) To plant the coffee in areas of 10,000 acres each per annum commencing with the first planting season in 1923; thus, during 1923, 10,000 acres of coffee shall be planted; during 1924, a further 10,000 acres shall be planted and during 1925 the final 10,000 acres.
 - (d) The Promoters to be entitled to all profits accruing from each successive crop of 10,000 acres of coffee for a period of five years from the date of planting.

During the sixth, seventh, and eighth years after planting, the Promoters to share equally with the Settlers on whose farms such areas of coffee may be : thus, of profits derived in Block A. (the first 10,000 acres planted in 1923) the Promoters are entitled in full to any profits accruing during 1923 - 24 - 25 - 26 - and 27; in 1928 - 29 - and 30 the Settlers concerned to share equally in the profits but to bear half the cost of the working expenses during these latter years. After 1930 the 10,000 acres represented as Block A. to revert to the Settlers concerned.

Blocks B and C to be handled on similar lines

(e) Eight years after the planting of each area of 10,000 acres of coffee in succession, the respective areas (Blocks A. B. and C.) shall revert to and become the property of the Settlers concerned.

(f) It shall be incumbent upon the Promoters to provide such internal roads and means of communication as may be required, as also a hospital which it shall be the duty of the Government to furnish and provide with Staff.

(g) The Settlers under the Scheme are to be chosen by the Government and whilst they will be allowed to occupy the remaining 200 acres out of each 300 acre farm allotted to them, no guarantee is given by the Promoters that employment will be available for all or any of such Settlers, nor is it expected that the Settlers shall be required to work for the Promoters unless they so desire.

(h) The Promoters to erect a bungalow of at least four rooms on each individual farm of 300 acres such bungalows to be at the disposal of the settlers concerned. The Promoters also undertake to provide factories for dealing with the products of the land.

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Downing Street,

Mr Ekman, Esq.,
Abbotsford Hotel,
Russell Square,
London

21 October, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your recent call at this Office, I am directed by Viscount Milner to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum embodying revised conditions for the proposed Swedish Land Settlement Scheme in the East Africa Protectorate.

2. I am to point out that many of the clauses contained in the original Government terms are not referred to, or are only briefly summarised, in the memorandum which you submitted to H. H. Munro at Copenhagen.

3. The revised memorandum embodies these omitted clauses, ^{and} ^{also} it has been amended to meet your wishes with regard to the date for commencing planting and your objection in respect of ~~the employment by the promoters of~~ the settlers under the scheme ^{being employed by} _{the promoters}.

4. If you are now prepared to accept these revised terms as a basis for negotiation, the Governor will be consulted in the matter without delay and will be requested to signify his approval or otherwise by telegraph.

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5. With regard to the question of exchange, which you raised in your letter of the 8th of August, to the British Legation at Copenhagen, I am to state that the matter is being very carefully considered, but that Lord Milner is not in a position to *give any* pledge that the exchange position will become normal within any defined period.

I am, etc.,

Signed: *HEAD*

MEMORANDUM.

PROPOSED SWEDISH SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT SCHEME IN
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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1. The Government of the East Africa Protectorate to reserve up to 100,000 acres of good coffee land in a healthy area suitable for the settlements of ex-soldiers, and approved by the Promoters of the Scheme.
2. This area to be subdivided into 300 acre farms.
3. The promoters to develop and plant one-third of the area either with sisal or coffee in such manner that about 100 acres of the land so planted shall form a portion of each individual farm. The remaining two-thirds of the farm to be available for development by the settler for his own advantage.
4. The promoters to have the following rights in regard to the area which they are to develop and plant.
- (a) To plant the area to be cultivated in three blocks, each one-third of the total area, in three successive years.
- (b) To postpone until the first planting season in the fourth year after the operation of the agreement the planting of the first block to be cultivated.
- (c) To receive all profits accruing from each successive crop for a period of five years from the date of planting each of the three blocks respectively.

(d)

(d) To share equally with the settler concerned the nett profits accruing from the portion of his farm cultivated by the promoters during the sixth, seventh and eighth years after planting, the entire farm becoming the settlers own property at the end of that period.

5. The promoters to provide adequate roads and bridges for internal communication and to maintain the same for the period of the contract.

The Government to provide main communication to the area at such date and in such manner as it may be in a position to do so.

6. The promoters to erect a bungalow of at least four rooms on each individual farm for immediate occupation by the settler concerned. Such bungalow to be maintained in repair by the promoters for the first five years, at the charge of working expenses during the sixth, seventh and eighth years, and thereafter to become the property of the settler.

7. The promoters to provide a School and hospital to become Government property immediately and to be staffed and maintained by Government.

8. The promoters to provide factories for raw materials and also bacon and flax factories and creameries.

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Such factories to be acquired at a valuation by the settlers or otherwise to be removed by the promoters and their sites to revert to Government.

9. The settlers to have the right to purchase at a valuation implements, beasts etc., provided by the promoters.

10. The Settlers under the scheme to be selected by Government. No guarantee to be given by the promoters that employment will be available for all or any of such settlers, nor shall the settlers be required to work for the Promoters unless they so desire.

11. An Arbitration Board to be set up consisting of a President nominated by Government, one member nominated by the settlers and one member nominated by the promoters to settle all disputes arising under the contract e.g. dismissal of settlers, appointment of auditors and fuel reserves.

12. 999 year negotiable leases to be issued to the settlers subject to prohibition of transfer before six months occupation, but otherwise on the conditions contained in the Crown Lands Ordinance 1915. Rent at the rate of 10 cents per acre to commence from the end of the fifth year after planting. Survey expenses to be payable by the settlers in ten yearly instalments.

13. Failure to develop the land in accordance with
contract to involve forfeiture thereof.

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2d 9 Feb 1920

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Sir,

With ref. to your letter

your letter of the 7th of

Oct. 1919, regarding the

Swedish - Land Settlement

scheme in the E.A.P., I

am directed to request
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you to inform Mr. P. E. Ekan

Ekman that the Gov. of

the Prot. does not wish

any arrangements

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Mr. Jeffries 6.2.20

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