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Proclamation of Resumption of Revenue
in closed districts

Submits enclosed memo. by Secy for
Native Affairs & requests approval &
action

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Sir J. A. Wood

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My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No. 285 of May 29th, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Secretary for Native Affairs on the subject of proclaiming the districts of Kisumu and Ugaya to be closed districts. In view of the reasons put forward by Mr. Hollis, which have since been partly realised, I considered it most important that his suggest ons should be carried into effect, and I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the Notice which I caused to be published in the Official Gazette. I trust that under the circumstances my action will meet with Your Lordship's approval and that the boundaries will be considered satisfactory.

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,

LONDON, S.W.

Mr. Hollis
May 29th
Notice

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Governor's Office, AUG 1909

Nairobi,

May 22nd 1909.

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Sir,

When Mr. Ainsworth was in Nairobi at the beginning of the month, I discussed with him the question of proclaiming the Districts of Kiambu and South Kavirondo (or Uraya) provisional native reserves and closed districts.

Mr. Ainsworth is very anxious to have the boundaries of these districts gazetted as soon as possible as difficulties are frequently experienced by the Police and by the Administration owing to no ruling having been given on this matter. But at the present time it is even more important that the two districts should be closed. Gold and graphite have recently been discovered South of Kiambu and a few claims have already been pegged out. If the gold find turns out to be a valuable one there will be a rush, and it is most important that prospectors and others should be provided with permits before they are allowed to wander over the country. Both districts are densely populated. Kiambu district covers an area of 1,200 square miles and has a population of 250,000

The Secretary to
the Administration,
Nairobi.

250,000 inhabitants; South Kavirondo is 4,000 square miles in size with 200,000 inhabitants. The revenue from hut tax collected in these two districts last year amounted to close on Rs. 400,000.

In course of time when we know ^{more} of the country it will be possible to split up the districts into definite native reserves, but until a survey has been made this is impossible. It would be most useful if a reconnaissance survey could be made of Kisii as a start, and I have the honour to suggest that the Director of Surveys be approached to ascertain whether this is possible. Kisii covers an area of about 200 square miles and has a population of about 70000.

I enclose herewith two draft proclamations for His Excellency's signature, one proclaiming the Districts of Kisumu and South Kavirondo closed districts, and the other excluding certain areas from these closed districts. I am aware that it is necessary to submit to ^{the} Secretary of State the boundaries of districts and native reserves before they are gazetted, but in view of the urgency of this matter I would ask that the two districts be proclaimed closed districts in next Official Gazette and the matter reported home.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- A.C. HOLLIS.

Secretary for Native Affairs.

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Mr. Antrobus.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

The Earl of Crewe.

Sir,

I have the honour to
ack. the receipt of your despatch
No 370 of the 5th of July, & to
inform you that I approve
of your action ^{in proclaiming} ~~with regard~~
~~to the proclamation~~ of the
districts of Kisumu and
Ugaya to be closed
districts.