

1932

Kenya

No. 18324

SUBJECT

C0533/427

Grant of Leases under the Mining Ordinance

Previous	
17319/31.	
Subsequent	
- 3006/33 + sub-files.	

Governor Byrne, 21st Tel.

22 Nov. 32

2 State that is satisfied that provision for compensation is adequate; gives reason due necessity for addition to draft; states what action has been taken to make law provisions of Bill in Reserve.

\* Done with  
Frank Ross

The former telegram throws fresh light on the reasons for the addition proposed in his telegram at

16 n 17 319/31 Under section 36

of the Mining Ordinance 1931, the holder of a claim shall have the right to enter upon the land the subject of the claim and to exercise right to prospect or mine thereon etc. - it seems impossible a prospector to prospect a lease, even if he holds with another object; it appears who has the greatest right to prospect on the land; because and who has prospecting claim.

The question whether a prospector can enter & shall be accepted or not seems to me in view to furnish here should be accepted and carry the action proposed in no doubt the most convenient in the country

? by telegraph approving the action in the draft Bill enclosed in

9 n 17 319/31 of the addition proposed

16 i stat file.

a telegram has been sent back for a copy of the same please, to those which appear to meet the point mentioned in the S. J. S.

minute of 7/11 m/17319/31

75 Paras 1  
23/11/32

What rights does the holder have  
in respect of minerals? How can  
control be given to him?

You have spoken to me about the  
passage marked 'AP' in (1). The Governor  
presumably means that no one will contemplate  
prospecting unless there is almost a certainty  
that if he complies with the provisions of the  
Ordinance, he will, having pegged out a claim,  
be granted a lease (he cannot work minerals  
unless he has a lease or, with the permission  
of the Commissioner, he has applied for one -  
see section 26 of the Mining Ordinance); that  
it is therefore necessary to give applicants for  
prospecting licences an assurance on this point;  
and that when that has been given, a lease cannot  
without very good reasons be refused.

The Mining Ordinance does not in terms  
give the holder of a prospecting licence or a  
claim a right to a lease. Sections 20(2) and  
48 provide that a lease may be granted. Under  
section 48, however, an express power is given to  
the Governor to refuse an application for a lease  
in specified circumstances. This suggests that  
he cannot arbitrarily refuse to grant a lease,  
but must show good reasons for his refusal, and  
if a fact which is outside the prospector's

control, and which is known when the prospecting  
licence is granted (i.e. that the land is in a native  
reserve) is to be regarded as sufficient reason, there  
will clearly be some difficulty in giving the  
assurance mentioned above or granting a lease without  
due warning.

Sir J. Shipton W.

24/11/32.

Sir J. Shipton R.

Dear Sir, I have

order to save time

for points.

The Govt. has now the  
page with the Bureau  
not authorised for prospecting  
which exist in behalf of  
is proposed that the right  
a bona would be merged during  
any in connection  
subsequent to bring, and  
each hearing.

The position is as follows:  
certified. I have  
chance to be given a prospecting  
one of the following ways:  
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or the gold working area. In a  
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and this. But this is being prepared  
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other way to work the  
interests, and

...atives have as good a show as possible.

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25 Novr. 1904

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28/10/22 16:00

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and plotting it out,  
you can obtain the  
approximate position  
of the center of mass.

2 Tel 1420+ to Ar. Lya (no answer) }  
3 Tel 1420+ to Ar. Lya (no answer) } - 2 Dec. 1932

*H. Allen*

This might go independently of  
action on the file. P.G.'s are almost  
certain, and the pamphlet may be  
very useful.

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✓ Allen

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~~DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE~~

5. Environs Byrne 566 Au 2/4/41 26 Nov 32  
Trans. 3 copies of pamphlet & statement mentioned  
therein has been increased to £25.

6. To Dr. J. C. Ward % (see under No 5) - 9 Dec 32

7. Extract from News of the World dated 2 Dec 32

8. Copies of "Notes on Prospecting" by E.A.T. 10

9. Dr. J. C. Ward % 9 Dec 32.  
Enclosed copies of "Notes on the Makemanga Goldfield"  
by Prof. H. F. Hawks

T. Allen

There may be 7 put by

*Breedin'*

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J.W. Allen  
16/12/2000

Private Notice Question by Sir R Hamilton

No. on P.O. file

Parliamentary Question by Mr. Allen

No. on P.O. file G

10. To Governor Tel. 248 Part I 20 Dec 52  
10A II

Mr. Allen

In accordance with S.O.F.'s undertaking  
to the H/C Commons, copies of the original  
Ordinance, the amending Ordinance and  
(in N.A.) pamphlet are to be made  
available in the Library of the House.

The Chairman of communication to  
from Rihman, C.O. to Librarian, H.C.

? Librarian may send two copies  
of the documents appended hereto  
(I have inserted the necessary commas  
in para 7 of the pamphlet)

24/12  
P.D.

Sir R. Allen

2/12

Mr. Freeling

attn: se

I have sent the documents  
to H.C. Librarian - see letter attached  
for reference

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Press Extracts are contained  
in file 3006/4/33 Kenya

The Library.

Colonial Office.

Downing Street, S.W.1.

September, 1932.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the undertaking given by Sir P. Gunliffe-Lister during the discussion on the Kenya Native Land Trust Amendment Ordinance in the House of Commons on the 20th instant, I enclose herewith to be placed in the Library of the House, two copies of each of the undermentioned documents:-

Kenya Native Lands Trust Ordinance, 1930  
and Rules thereunder.

Draft Bill to amend the Native Lands  
Trust Ordinance.

Memorandum for circulating to natives  
explaining the process of prospecting  
licences and the safeguarding of native  
interests.

Yours faithfully,

*John Stedman*  
Assistant Librarian.

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(Note:-)

Printed copies of the Bill  
as introduced into the Legis-  
lative Assembly have not yet been  
received. This draft will be  
replaced by a copy of the  
Ordinance as passed as  
soon as prints are  
received available).

MACHINARIES FOR THINNING AND  
CIRCULATION IN RIVERS IN THE  
HYUNA PROVINCE.

SIMIO.

SIMIO is hand worked and suitable for small streams.

There appears to be much necessity for  
among natives to use because of the lack of tools  
for dredging fine sand and sand which is not because  
of this they are willing to use their hands.

2. Tools are not always fit enough and in many  
cases are necessary for the dredging beds to be cleaned but  
they are rare. Therefore other methods and series of  
processes and by methods of reserves and for safety  
traces of mines then the ground for their use and  
employment but does not give them strength and so, being  
found underground the ~~mines~~ mines just as used to be  
estates of Europeans as it does to Native Americans. In  
this latter there is no difference in the treatment of  
English and other people.

3. In Calabagan and in some other places, gold  
which is one of the most valuable of all metals has been  
found and the government therefore cannot allow the  
gold to remain hidden and idle but must allow it to  
be dug for it and take it out when they find it.

4. Gold is found either in the soil or in  
rocks. When it is found in river beds it is obtained by  
washing and when all that can be found has been taken  
out of the river the miners, who may now leave the

river as it was before and no one is any the worse. This does not take very long; usually not more than a few months.

6. Digging for gold in rocks however is a different matter. This takes much longer, probably a number of years.

## 11. WHY DO PEOPLE BUY PEGS IN A HUT?

6. Many people when they see Europeans putting in pegs in among their shambas and near their huts are afraid because they think that these pegs mean that the Europeans are going to claim the land marked out by these pegs. This is not so. Pegs do not mean a claim to any land; they only show the area in which a man may dig for gold.

7. What happens is this - a man who wants to look for gold buys a permit from the Government to do so. Before he is granted a permit the District Commissioner sees that he understands the provisions of the law. He has to deposit Shgs. 200/-<sup>x</sup> with the Provincial Commissioner as a guarantee that he will pay the natives all wages, all money due on any account and compensation for any damage that he does. When he has obtained his permit he is then allowed to look for gold. When he thinks that he has found gold he then has to mark out his claim by putting in pegs and digging trenches at each corner so that all may know exactly how far his claim extends.

8. He then has to pay a fee to have his claim registered. This does not mean that he has bought the land. All that it means is that he has bought permission

<sup>x</sup> Since increased to Shgs. 500/-.

mission to dig for gold. He is however allowed to pitch a tent or put up a temporary house to live in while he is digging for gold.

9. He has to pay to the native occupier a fee for staying on the land and he has to pay also compensation for any land spoilt by digging pits or trenches, and also for any valuable trees that he cuts or for any crops that he destroys. If the minor finds only a little gold he will soon give up his claim and go away. If, however, he finds much gold he will want to stay on the land to work it. He will probably want to sink deep shafts and put up machinery, and build more permanent buildings. In such a case he will apply to Government for a lease of the claim or claims which he has already marked out by his pegs.

### III. LEASES.

10. If a European requires a lease Government will allow an area to be surveyed and marked out for him only large enough to allow him to live on it and to put up his machinery and necessary buildings. This may mean of course that some huts may have to be moved off the area leased and some shambas may have to be spoilt, but in this case the owners of the huts and of the shambas will be paid full compensation. All that they will have to do will be to move and build new huts and make new shambas among their neighbours, and Government will take care that neither they nor their neighbours will suffer any loss.

11. The European will, also, have to pay the full value of the land required for his mining lease and this

sum will be paid to the Local Native Council.

12. When a European has finished his work and the lease comes to an end he will go away and the land will go back to the natives.

13. It will be seen then that pegs do not mean that the European has any rights at all over native land except to live on it in a tent or temporary building. It is only when he obtains a lease that he has any rights to land and then he only has the right to the small area necessary for his work, and when he has finished working the land goes back to the natives.

#### IV. CONCLUSION.

14. There are many advantages in having mines in Native Reserves. Not only is full compensation paid for any disturbance but the young men will be able to find work near their homes and get good wages without having to go far away. Others will be able to get good prices for such things as meat, chickens, eggs, milk and firewood without having to take such things to some distant market.

15. It is not every native that is literate so that many will not be able to read these words. Those who can read therefore should explain these words to the old men and others who have not learnt to read.

A. de V. TADE.

CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER.

17th October, 1902.

C.O.

Mr. Fisher 29/12

Mr. Cliffe ~~9/12~~ struck

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson

Mr. Johnson

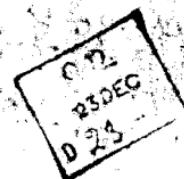
Mr. G. Bammer

Mr. J. Shandor

President U.S. & S.

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Secretary State



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20/12/32

No. 178 Part II. It is my to

supplementary to that stated

in effect. Voluntarily gold has been

delivered on ~~a~~ tract of land in

a native Reserve. That gold is vested

in the Crown. It is going to be

sold. It is in the interest of

~~the~~ and not least of the natives

that it should be worked, and I should

be guilty of the greatest dereliction

of duty if on a technical point

I held up a development which is

primarily in the interests of the

natives.

All minerals belong to the

Crown; therefore it will be for the

Crown to grant the leases and to

secure in such leases proper terms of  
remuneration for the ~~man~~ as any other landlord would.

The Governor has explained matters  
to the natives personally, and the Chief

Native Commissioner has issued a memorandum  
which is really simplicity itself. I

never saw a better document setting out the  
whole ~~principle~~ thing.

I am quite certain that nothing  
more can be done by the Government - not  
to let the natives know but to safeguard  
their interests.

Certainly wherever land is available  
the natives will be settled on other land.  
If there should be cases where it is not  
possible to find the land for them, they will  
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G.O.

Mr. J.W. Allen 20/12

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson

Mr. Lamont

- SD C. Bureau 20/12/32

SD J. Signature 20/12/32

Permit C.S. 42

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- Secretary of State

DRAFT. Censor

Important

Governor

Secretary

(Australia is part of the

to apply to Australia)

Why do you not buy

an M24? A shell will

lasts because we believe

I have given fully

answer

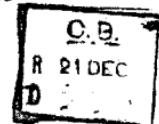
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Letter

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~~Not to~~ unless  
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Statement made in  
in House 1



20 Dec.

To D.P. Confidential May

Important to be given only

to Governor or Lieutenant

General I now state that

either Canada or has

given to Gold in a

understanding that it is

now open season

on dogs moreover is

Refugee to Canada

Letter

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PRIVATE NOTICE QUESTION FOR TUESDAY 20th JUNE 1944

SIR ROBERT HAMILTON to ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether a Bill has been introduced into the Legislative Council of Nyasaland to provide for the sale of Sazani Reserve on 1st August, 1944, so that it is proposed to extend the Native Law Trust Reserve, so that, (1) land leased for mineral development is temporarily excluded from Native Reserve areas, (2) the provision of equivalent areas of land in exchange, and (3), the requirement of notice to the Local Government Council concerned is repealed; whether these proposals agree with the proposal of the Secretary of State, and whether the question of amendment of the existing law, in trust occupancy, has been considered by the Native Affairs Commission.

In reply to my question, Sir Philip Denning reported, with

(1) that the Native Minister will issue, on 1st August, 1944, Native Land Trust Regulations dealing with surface rights.

The recommendations which he referred have been integrated with my proposal in that it provides for the immediate practical effect of which can operate towards the development of the Native Reserve, the present situation is restored in the Upriver. The provisions of the new law are referred to both by the Native Affairs Commission and the Central Land Trust Board and it is felt that the two accept the first provides that damage to temporally excluded from a Reserve for mining leases, and that compensation for such temporary excisions may be paid in money instead of in the form of an addition of land. Under the second amendment

to my amendment proposed to the previous proposal, the first provides that damage to temporally excluded from a Reserve for mining leases, and that compensation for such temporary excisions may be paid in money instead of in the form of an addition of land. Under the second amendment

it will not be necessary for the Central Land Trust Board to bring a proposed temporary exclusion to the notice of the Local Native Council or the natives concerned; but each particular exclusion will have to be considered by the Local Board, on which the natives of the location or section concerned must be represented.

Moreover the Chief Native Commissioner has already circulated to natives in the Province a Memorandum explaining in clear and simple language the process of prospecting licences and mining leases and how the interests of the natives will be safeguarded, and the Governor has himself met the natives and explained matters to them. I think it will be agreed that no separate ~~measures~~ measures ~~will~~ have been taken to bring the whole policy to the notice of the natives concerned.

reserve, and the owner were transferring such land to the Governor or sole ownership.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in subsection (1) of ~~the section~~ where land is excluded from a Native Reserve under this subsection, it shall be necessary for the Central Board to bring the proposed exclusion to the notice of the Local Native Council or of the natives concerned.

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TRADE & INFORMATION CENTRE  
GRAND STATIONERS LTD.  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.C.2



G Dec 1932

Dear Franklin

Enclosed you will find my  
check with two copies of  
Note on the Kedron  
Gold leaf which  
I certainly have got a  
copy of. If you will  
see that the fee of £25  
be a present to Mr.  
The same has been  
incurred.

Yours sincerely

F. J. G. Wood

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NOTES ON THE GOLD FIELD

KENYA COLONY

The district of Kakamega lies in Northern Kavirondo to the north-east of Lake Victoria, and the goldfield covers an area of approximately 4,000 square miles, ranging in altitude from about 4,000 ft to 6,000 ft above sea-level. The rainfall is between 70 and 100 inches a year, most of it falling between March and November.

Kakamega is reached either via Nairobi (16 miles) or Kisumu (38 miles) which are both on the main line of the Kenya & Uganda Railway, 577 miles and 307 miles from Mombasa respectively.

First Class 1/-  
Second Class 1/-  
Third Class 1/-

Mombasa to Kisumu 1/- 10/- 6/- 10/- 9/- 9/-

There are hotels, tea-storing houses, banking facilities etc. at both places and regular motor service has been started from Kisumu to the goldfields (Fare 15/- single, 25/- return).

Kakamega is a Native Reserve and all miners claiming the field are entitled to free mining permits from the Government Office (Minerals & Geology) at West deposited with the Native Authority before the issue of a license.

From England to Kenya the passage would be £10/- each time, the voyage to Mombasa taking 5 days.

First Class 1/- 1/- 1/- 1/-  
Second Class 1/- 1/- 1/- 1/-  
Third Class 1/- 1/- 1/- 1/-

All prospectors must be in possession of a valid prospecting or day labourer's permit from the District Officer of the Colony and are not going to initiate employment under a permit, legal agreement, and this will be enforced until the indigenous communities have had the satisfaction of its implementation. Prospecting may not proceed in Mombasa on the Gold Field.

Miners must be registered with the District Officer giving full details regarding their names, address, occupation, place of birth, age, marital status, and the name of any employer, and also the name of any agent or manager of the mine.

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In Kenya in addition to the native African population there is a large Asiatic population from which a number of posts in clerical, artisan and trading work are filled.

Practically no agriculture is carried on being used at present for grazing and getting in touch with the natives by means of their own chief administrative territory.

KENYA COLONY

MINING

NOTES ON PROSPECTING

The Commissioner of Mines or other prescribed Officer may issue to any person a prospecting right upon payment of the prescribed fee; provided that a prospecting right shall not be granted -

- (a) to any person who is under 18 years of age;
- (b) to any person who is unable to read or to any person who is incapable of understanding the Mining Ordinance in such a way as to form a reasonable guide to and certification of his actions.

2. A prospecting right may be granted to an individual as agent for another individual.

3. A prospecting right shall not be granted to Company or partnership as such, but may be granted to an individual - a member of the Company or partnership.

4. A prospecting right shall not be transferable and shall be in force for a period of one year from the date of issue and may be renewed for another year on payment of the prescribed fee.

5. The fee for a prospecting right is £2.

6. Certain lands are excluded from prospecting e.g. Land dedicated for public purposes, Township lands, Land covered by exclusive prospecting rights, land reserved for Railway purposes etc., land within Native Reserve, except with the consent of the Native Land Board etc.

7. The holder of a prospecting right may, subject to the provisions of any law as to forests or so to the regulation of natural water supply, prospect for any minerals on any land in the Colony with the exception mentioned in 6, but in the case of private land, should justify his occupier and, if required by him, shall give security for the payment of compensation for the disturbance of surface rights and for any damage done to lands, trees or crops.

8. The holder of a prospecting right may apply for an exclusive prospecting licence, and in such case, the applicant must satisfy the Governor that he has sufficient capital to ensure the proper prospecting of the area in respect of which the application is made, and that the payment of any compensation that may be payable to begin immediately.

9. An exclusive prospecting licence shall be valid for one year subject to renewal at the discretion of the Governor for further terms of the year, such up to a maximum of three years in the case of an alluvial deposit, and of six years in the case of a lode deposit.

10. For every exclusive prospecting licence there shall be paid a registration fee of ten shillings and a corresponding fee of seven pounds, ten shillings.

11. Exclusive prospecting licences are not transferable without the consent of the Governor, but the Commissioner of Mines may permit the amalgamation of any number of duly registered adjoining exclusive prospecting licence areas.
12. When the holder of a prospecting right pegs out a claim of land, he is required to apply for registration within 30 days.
13. Claims are granted for one year from the date of pegging and may be renewed for further terms of one year each.
14. No person may hold more than one alluvial claim for precious metals or stones.
15. The above is a brief summary in regard to prospecting. Further information can be obtained from the Commissioner of Mines, Nairobi. Copies of the Mining Laws and Regulations will shortly be available at the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4, Millbank, Westminster, S.W.1. (price 7/6d.).

H.M. EASTERN AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INFORMATION OFFICE  
SCAMMEL BUILDINGS,  
Trafalgar Square,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

10th November, 1932.

News of the World dated 4 Dec 34.

# KENYA PREPARING FOR GOLD RUSH.

## How the New Eldorado Will be Regulated.

("News of the World" Special.)

Kenya's gold fields, which the late Lord Delvershaw stood, but the precise location of which he disclosed to no one, are now known by reports from Sir Albert Kitson, the veteran expert sent out by the Colonial Office to extend the initial surveys and explorations.

Local Government fears of a gold rush are realized on the fact, and already the authorities are preparing to meet the situation by enacting strict mining laws.

Major-General Ward, of the East African Mounted Rifles, who has been granted a leave of absence to command the Guards Cavalry Regiment, London, and Major-General Appel, have been appointed to superintend the new mining laws.

These officials are expected to arrive in Kenya on December 10th, and to inspect all the areas of potential gold-bearing ground in the country. They will be given full powers to prohibit all mining operations if they find that there is no prospect of a large amount of gold being recovered from the soil.

At present, the Government is faced with the problem of whether or not to allow foreign miners to work in Kenya. It has been decided that they will be allowed to do so, but under strict regulations.

The new mining laws will be based on those of Rhodesia, which have proved to be very successful. The Rhodesian laws provide for the registration of miners and the payment of royalties.

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This has been done, as it is widely expected, and many believe that it will be a success, though others feel that the mining costs will be too high.

The law of gold is certain to attract a great deal of attention to Kenya.

### WOOD-GREEN MAN'S LUCK.

They may repeat the triumph of a Wood Green man named John Tandy, who passed his fortune and his life in a single effort to realize his dream of a millionaire, which was the purchase of gold in quantities still unimagined. He went to America in 1924, 1925, and 1926, and became a millionaire in less than five years. He had a record number of letters, and when he arrived in Britain, he sold off his fortune for £20,000, and other buyers of original British gold coins for them, as the Americans had not yet produced enough.

Wood Green is an extremely wealthy man, and every Wood Green millionaire of Wood Green is bound to be envied by his neighbors.

The secret of his long durability lies in the realization of more of their wealth, who are anxious to buy their gold. Whether or not they have been able to do so, is not known.

Wood Green is a man of great power, and his influence is felt in every quarter of the world.

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### NATIVE BARBES.

Kenya's new mining laws have been signed and will be implemented from January 1st.

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Mr. Gossman & Co.

Mr. Perkins

Mr. Tammes

SU Co. Board

SU J. Shedd

Prof. U.S. H.S.

Prof. U.S. H.S.

Secretary of State

to finance

T.P.

2 DEC 1932

Dear Cobell Ward

enclosed

forward by teleline.

copy of the annual work

by the Mayo Govt for

distribution among natives

In the despatch forwarded

copy (dated 26 Nov) the

Government's

report of £10 returned to  
in hand, & has recently  
been increased to £25.

DRAFT.

Dear Mr. Cobell Ward GEE

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Parable (min)  
(city annual) 5)

*Kenya*

KENYA

NO. 566



GOVERNMENT HOUSE

NAIROBI

KENYA

26 November, 1952.

Air Mail

COL. OFFICE

Sir,

In compliance with your telegram No. 250  
of the 23rd November I have the honour to enclose  
three copies of the pamphlet therein referred to.

2. The deposit of £10 (Ten Pounds) referred to  
in paragraph 7 of the pamphlet has recently been  
increased by order of the Central Lands Trust Board  
to £25 (Twenty-five pounds), and the pamphlet is  
being altered accordingly.

3. The pamphlet before circulation was  
shown to and approved by the Carter Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

servant,

*H. J. G.*

SECRETARY TO THE  
COLONIAL OFFICE.

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KENYA.

NO. 566

*Air Mail*



GOVERNMENT HOUSE

NAIROBI

KENYA.

26 November, 1932.

COLONIES

Sir,

In compliance with your telegram No. 250  
No 4 dated 23rd November I have the honour to enclose  
three copies of the pamphlet herein referred to.

The deposit of £10 (Ten Pounds) referred to  
in paragraph 7 of the pamphlet has recently been  
increased by order of the Central Lands Trust Board  
to £25 (Twenty-five pounds), and the pamphlet is  
being amended accordingly.

The pamphlet before circulating was  
carefully approved by the Carter Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

His Majesty's Servant,

W. J. G.  
GENERAL SECRETARY,  
COLONIES.

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MEMORANDUM FOR TRANSLATION AND  
CIRCULATION TO NATIVES IN THE  
NYANZA PROVINCE.

Mining.

WHY IS MINING ALLOWED IN NATIVE RESERVES?

There appears to be much needless alarm among natives in those Reserves Europeans are looking for and digging for gold, and some think that because of this they are going to lose their land.

Metals are not only valuable and in many cases are necessary for the daily needs of people but also they are rare. Therefore when Government sells or leases land to Europeans, or reserves land for Native tribes, it gives them the ground for their use and enjoyment but does not give them the metals that may be found in the ground. This applies just as well to the estates of Europeans as it does to Native Reserves. In this latter there is no difference in the treatment of natives and other people.

In Kakamega and in some other places gold which is one of the most valuable of all metals has been found and the Government therefore cannot allow this gold to remain hidden and idle, but must allow people to look for it and take it out when they find it.

Gold is found either in river beds or in rocks. If it is found in river beds it is obtained by washing, and when all that can be found has been taken out of the river the water goes away and leaves the river as it was before and no one is any the worse. This does not take very long; usually not more than a few months.

Digging for gold in rocks however is a different ...

different matter. This takes much longer, probably a number of years,

Q. WHY DO PEOPLE PUT FOGO IN?

6. Many people when they see Europeans putting in fogos in among their shambas and near their huts are afraid because they think that these fogos mean that the Europeans are going to claim the land marked out by those fogos. This is not so. Fogos do not mean a claim to any land; they only show the area in which a man may dig for gold.

7. What happens is this: a man who wants to look for gold has to get a permit from the Government to do so. Before he is granted a permit the District Commissioner sees that he understands the provisions of the law. He has to deposit £10/- with the Provincial Commissioner or as a guarantee that he will pay the natives all wages, all costs, etc., on any claim and compensation for any damage that he does. When he has obtained his permit he is then allowed to look for gold. (So he thinks that he has found gold) i.e. then has to mark out his claim by putting in fogos and digging trenches at each corner so that all may know exactly how far his claim extends.

8. He then has to pay a fee to have his claim registered. This does not mean that he has bought any land. All that it means is that he has bought permission to dig for gold. He is however allowed to pitch a tent or just one temporary house to live in while he is digging for gold.

9. He has to pay to the native owner a fee for staying on the land and he has to pay also compensation for...

to land and then he only has the right to the small area necessary for his work, and when he has finished working the land goes back to the natives.

IV. CONCLUSION.

14. There are many advantages in having mines in Native Reserves not only is full compensation paid for any disturbance but the young men will be able to find work near their homes and will get wages without having to go far away. Others will be able to get good prices for such things as meat, chickens, eggs, milk and firewood without having to take such things to some distant market.

15. It is not every native that is literate that many will not be able to read these words. Those who can read therefore should explain these words to the old men and others who have not learnt to read.

A. de V. WADE.

CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER.

17th October, 1932.

Adv GFR

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location or section concerned

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and (d) that it is to be made

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no way prejudice consideration

of Carter Commission Report.

I agree with you that

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economic resources with  
reasonable expedition, and in all  
the circumstances I agree to the  
addition proposed in your telegram.

No. 207.

C.O.

(H.T. Allen)

Sir G. Bottomley 25.11.32

want to discuss

this with you at

all

Keep to word

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir G. Bottomley

Sir J. Shuckburgh 28/11/32

No. \_\_\_\_\_ for telegram No. \_\_\_\_\_

Permit U.S. of S.

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addition proposal for telegram

Secretary of State.

DRAFTTel. *for censors*

18.203. owing to rapidity of

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open to criticism virulent.

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prospectors and miners

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of necessary delay in issuing

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native rights prospectors have been

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of Mining ordinance to remove the

gold which they have found.

Justice

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Report on general question.

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NOV 22

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Dated 22nd November Received 5.5pm, 22nd November, 1932.

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After leaving and ~~informing~~ all concerned of the probable developments. I have also explained this personally at Harera.

When the Bill is introduced into the Council it will be explained that it is ~~an~~ an interim measure which will in no way prejudice consideration of the Carter Commission report.