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Lord & Parker

10 August 1881

Exp. of the ... the purchase
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4. To Kenya, 1934 - 21 AUG 1934
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5. Gns. Deputy Wade 1493 - 2. Oct. 34

States the position regarding the purchase of land in the Kedong Valley forming part of the estate of the late Mr. Creswold-Williams & suggests that the trustees be asked what is the sale price of three of the farms. Retains a copy.

Lord & Parker - 4th November 34

Inquire whether a reply from Governor regarding purchase of land of the late Mr. Creswold-Williams has yet been recd.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

The position is that Messrs. Lord and Parker, acting for the Executors of the estate of the late Mr. Creswold-Williams, have informed us that the Executors are anxious to purchase the land in question, which includes an area of 15,089 1/2 acres in the Kedong Valley and 5,166 acres conveyed by Mr. Creswold-Williams to his Estate Manager, Mr. Smith.

The Executors have received enquiries from the owners of neighbouring properties and Mrs. Billyard Leuke regarding the disposal of the Creswold-Williams land. But before consulting with Mr. and Mrs. Billyard Leuke, the Executors want to know whether the Kenya Government are prepared to purchase the land in question. The Executors are prepared to suggest a very moderate figure, far less than the price paid by Mr. Creswold-Williams in 1927 by the

See X 102 1/27

Section 709 (c) of the Report.

the Kenya Government in 1934... the price... on that occasion was... of 1,242 acres.

It appears... the... of the... was for Report
part containing... 37, 378, and 379...
of 10,093 acres. This...
larger one which the Masai would like to have.
The Land Commission recommended...
leased to the Masai for...
fair rental, provided that...
it is in the European interests, the arrangements
should not be...
has been...
the European...
provided in Section 196. It should be noted that
the Commission did not wish...
reached the sense that the Masai had...
nature of an option or prior claim.

It is clear that the Kenya Government will
not be in a position to make a firm offer until the
discussion... the Masai have been concluded, and
the proposals have been approved by the accredited
representatives of the... the Governor
says, it would be...
offer slip. The Governor suggests...
... figure.

Proceed as proposed by the Governor...
to Messrs. Lord and Parker and... the Governor
has reported that the Government of Kenya could only
consider the purchase of a portion of the property
for disposal; and the Governor would like to be
informed, without prejudice, that... the...
would be prepared to accept...
property...
a total of... acres.

By air mail
21/8/34
4 To Kenya, 676 — cons 21 AUG 1934
(4/00 1/1/prop/ing, 2+3)
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5. Govs. Deputy Under 493 — 2nd Oct 34.

States the position regarding the purchase of land in the Kadong valley forming part of the estate of the late Mr. Groswold-Williams & suggests that the trustees be asked what is the sale price of three of the farms returned available.

J. Lord & Parker — 4th November 34.

Enquire whether a reply from Messrs regarding purchase of land of the late Mr. Groswold-Williams has yet been received.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

The position is that Messrs. Lord and Parker, acting for the Executors of the estate of the late Mr. Groswold-Williams, have informed us that the Executors are anxious to wind up the estate, which includes an area of 10,089.5 acres in the Kadong Valley and 5,106 acres devised by Mr. Groswold-Williams to his estate manager, Mr. Smith.

The Executors have received enquiries from the owners of adjoining property (Mr. and Mrs. Billiard Leake) regarding the disposal of the Groswold-Williams land. But before negotiating with Mr. and Mrs. Billiard Leake, the Executors want to know whether the Kenya Government are prepared to purchase the land in question. The Executors are prepared to accept a very moderate figure, far less than was paid up Mr. Groswold-Williams in 1927 by

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the Kenya Government in respect of another property. The price paid on that occasion was £1 per acre for 19,242 acres.

It appears that the Kenya Government may wish to buy a portion of the property ^{under the present} part comprising farms Nos. 373, 375, and 376, a total of 10,089.5 acres. This area forms part of a much larger one which the Masai would like to have. The Land Commission recommended that it should be leased to the Masai for a term of 9 years at a fair rental, provided that 70% of the rental if it is in the European Highlands, the arrangement should not be put in train until an opportunity has been afforded to accredited representatives of the European Highlands to enter objections (as provided in Section 149). It should be noted that the Commission did not wish the recommendation to be read in the sense that the Masai had anything in the nature of an option or prior claim.

Section 209 (4) of the Report.

It is clear that the Kenya Government will not be in a position to make a firm offer until the discussions with the Masai have been concluded, and the proposals have been approved by the accredited representatives of the Highlands, but as the Governor says, it would be unfortunate to let a favourable offer slip. The Governor suggests £1,000 as a bargaining figure.

? Proceed as proposed by the Governor. Write to Messrs. Lord and Parker and say that the Governor has reported that the Government of Kenya could only consider the purchase of a portion of the property for disposal; that the Governor would be glad to be informed, without prejudice, what price the trustees would be prepared to accept for that part of the property comprising farms Nos. 373, 375 and 376, a total of 10,089.5 acres. Request that the desired

Information may be forwarded to this
Department for transmission to the Governor.

C. G. Greenwith
of the State

Amesbury
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11.1.4. 1934

7. To ...

8. To ...

The ...
to the reservation ...
for same 374 & 377
I note the Governor ...
of the information ...
been suggested ...
negotiating ...
We are asked by them ...
to call their offer. The time
required, however, seems not of
all proportion, but if we attempt
to bargain we are possibly going
to prejudice the negotiations.

Call to the Gov. on ...

that the ...
of the figure ...
before the ...
has been ...

responsibility - ...
post office - ...
As ...
suggest that the ...
should ...
deal with the ...
of ...

Tel to Governor, No 379 20/11/34
To ... (Barnes) 21/11/34

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air mail
27/11/54

To Kenya 478 (under 80 (a)) 23 NOV 1954

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13. Governor Bygone to Sir 5th Dec 1954

Transmits a copy of a letter to Hon. Lord & Ladies stating that the Govt. is unable to enter into negotiations in view of the early purchase of the property & enquiring whether they are prepared to consider leaving the farms to the Govt.

The Governor is sounding the Exors for a long term lease of farms L.R. 373, 375 & 376

? Put by
Ch. Provan
31.12.54

See Bottomley
you may like to see as I think this
leaves scope for a trade of so a new departure
in Kenya politics

S.I.O.X.9
31.12

No doubt it will come to
compulsory acquisition eventually.

W.C.
31.12.54

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KENYA

No. 626

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

RECEIVED
C. O. REGI

5 DECEMBER, 1934.

Sir,

With reference to your Telegram No. 27,
of the 20th November, 1934, I enclose for your
information, as desired, a copy of letter No.
ND 21/10/25 of the 3rd December, addressed to
Lord and Parker.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

BRIGADIER-GENERAL,
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MARSHAL SIR PHILIP COLLETT-LISTER, P.C., G.C.B., K.C.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

3rd December,

4.

LND.21/10/25.

Gentlemen,

~~RES: F.W.G. CHASEHOPE WILLIAMS, CHIEF, MASAII TRIBE~~

I have the honor to refer to your letter with the above subject of the disposal of a portion of the Masai Estates in the Kedong Valley, 6 and 12/11/25

I am advised that the Government to sell L.M. Nos. 575, 576 and 577, subject to the reservation of water rights, if any, in respect of farms 574 and 577, for a sum of £24,000. The Government is unable however, to enter into negotiations with the Masai Tribe in respect of his property. The Government is unable to entertain any grant, considered to be for the benefit of the Masai Tribe, entertained.

The only reason for which the Masai the farms could be considered for occupation by the Masai Tribe and I should be glad to know if the Masai Tribe would be prepared to consider leasing the farms to the Masai Tribe, for a term of years, that rental or other terms.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

COMMISSIONER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
LAND AND SETTLEMENT.

MESSES. LLOYD & PARKER,
5 FORTNIGHT ST.

28227/84

C. O.

Mr. Grossmith. 9/11
Mr. Freiston 19
Mr.
Mr. Parkinson
Sir G. Tomlinson
Mr. C. Bon...
Sir J. Shackleton
Perm. Secy. of S.
Secy. of S.
Secretary of State.

C. O.
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Downing Street,

21 November, 1954.

Gentlemen,

[Handwritten signature]

I am etc. to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the

15th of November regarding

estate in Kenya of the late

Mr. Grosvalde Williams, and to

inform you that the terms of the

offer to sell the land

Nos.

comprising farms 373, 374 and 376

have been communicated to the

Governor of Kenya by telegram.

It has been suggested to

the Governor that he should

conduct any further negotiations

direct with you.

I am, etc.

(Signed) L. B. FREESTON

DRAFT.

MESSERS. BIRD AND PARKER.

FURTHER ACTION.

*copy to Kenya
to for Kenya
K. Air mail
2 minutes*

copy to Kenya (11)

C.O.

Mr. Grossmith, 19/1/34

Mr. *Frederick* 19

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. G. Tomlinson.

Mr. C. Bottomley. 20/1/34

Mr. J. Shuckburgh

Permt. U.S. of S.

Permt. C.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

orders sent 5.15 pm 20/1/34 W.G.

November, 1934.

No. 279

Your despatch No. 493. *16*

with Messrs. DICKSONS & Co. prepared to sell for \$4,000 including sporting

rights, that part of the estate

comprising farms 373, 375 and 376,

which they find to contain *10,000* M. aars.

acres, subject to reservation of

water rights, if any, in respect of

farms 374 and 377. The price

suggested in your despatch has not

been communicated to Messrs. Lord and

Parsons and I suggest that you

conduct any further negotiations

direct with them, sending me copies

of correspondence for my *information*

DRAFT. TELEGRAM.

for comment

GOVERNOR,

NAIROBI

FURTHER ACTION.

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LORD & PARKER,
Solicitors.

10, FINE LANE,
LONDON, E.C. 5.
ROBERT G. PARKER,
Solicitor.
10, FINE LANE,
LONDON, E.C. 5.

3, Foregate Street,
Worcester.

16th November 1934.

ARI/HPW.

23250/34

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. returning the copy of the plan which accompanied our letter of the 10th of August.

We observe that the Governor of Kenya has reported that the Colonial Government could only consider the purchase of a portion of the property for disposal and would be glad to be informed, without prejudice whatsoever our clients, the Executors of the Will of the late Mr. F. W. G. Grewolde-Williams, would be prepared to accept for that part of the property comprising Farms Nos. 873, 875 and 376, containing, as stated by you, a total of 10,880.5 acres, but which we find to contain 10,879.5 acres.

It will be within your recollection that in 1927, the Colonial Government purchased from the late Mr. Grewolde-Williams about 20,000 acres of land adjoining this land at the price of £1. per acre with the reservation of the shooting rights to Mr. Grewolde-Williams during his lifetime. We appreciate that the value of land in Kenya has fallen considerably during
The Under Secretary of State. (1)

2/17/35 Kenya (11)

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16th November 1934. 10

COPIES OF LETTER
Colonial Office No. 2

... all ...
... are ...
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... contain ... of any
... remainder of the land Nos. 374 and 377
... but if they are the sale must be subject to
the same.

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As we informed you in our letter of the 10th of
August we have enquiries for the whole of the land, and we
should therefore be glad if you could communicate with the
Government by cable in order that we may have their decision
as soon as possible.

We are, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Lieut. G. ...

J. A. Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
C.V.1.

CO
Mr. Grossmith.
Mr. *Houston*
Mr.
Mr. Parkinson.
Sir G. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh
Permt. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

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Answered 5/11/58

Downing Street,

14 November, 1954.



Gentlemen,

I am etc. to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
7th of November regarding

DRAFT.

MESSRS. LORD AND PARKER.

in Kenya forming part of the estate

of the late Mr. F. A. E. Greswold-Williams

and to inform you that the Governor

of Kenya has reported that the

Colonial Govt. could only consider

the purchase of a portion of the

property for disposal.

The Governor would be glad

to be informed, without prejudice,

what price the Trustees would be

prepared to accept for that part of

the property comprising farms nos.

375, 375 and 376, a total of 10,039

acres.

Plan
Also Print (attached)
Nov.

FURTHER ACTION.

I am to request that the

desired

desired information may be forwarded
to this Department for transmission
to the Governor.

~~Enclosed~~

The copy of the plan which
accompanied your letter of
the 10th of August is
returned herewith.

(10)

Yours,
L. S.

L. S. FREESTON

KENYA.

NO. 493



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

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 ... part of ...
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 ... of the Kenya ...
 ... by Government ...
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 ... of about ...
 ... 375,375 ...
 ... (ares) is ...
 ... recommended with ... it together ...
 ... with other land to ... of 99 years ...
 ... The proposal is contingent ... accepting ...
 ... certain other recommendations ...
 ... in Section 709 and being willing to ...
 ... rent (which should be assessed at ...
 ... by the cost of purchase) ...

...
 ... to be satisfied that the ...
 ... will agree to the Commission's proposals and moreover ...
 ... the ...

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
 MAJOR SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER, P.C., G.B.E., M.C., M.P.,
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
 DOWNING STREET,
 LONDON, S. W.1.

the leasing of these farms to the Massi is impossible without the approval of the accredited representatives of the Highlands, if the Commission's recommendation in section 1496 of their report is to be adopted, for the present no firm offer can, therefore, be made and in any event the purchase of farms 372, 373 and 378 only would be considered.

4. It would, however, be unfortunate if a favourable opportunity of acquiring the farms were allowed to pass and I would suggest, therefore, that the Trustees be approached, "without prejudice", and asked what sums they would be prepared to accept for the three farms comprising 10,009.5 acres. For your information I would state that my advisers have in mind a preliminary basis of £1000.

5. The map supplied by Messrs. Lord and Parker is returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Arthur
GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

Robertson
the 9th

have the honor

to acknowledge the receipt

of the sum of

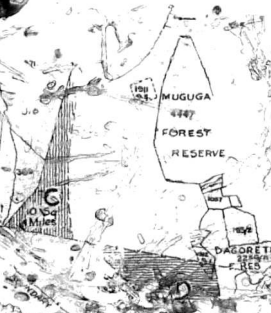
the sum of *Five hundred*

Five hundred & no/100

only in full of the sum

of \$750.00

total



33250/Col Kenya
By Air Mail

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Mr. Fleming
Mr. Parkinson

Forward by No. 5
Pis.

C. D.
R 20 AUG
D 20

21 Aug. 1934

Sir G. Tomlinson
Sir C. Bottomley
Sir J. Shuckburgh
Permt. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

I have to transmit to you, for your obson, a copy of notes with Messrs. Lord and Parker regarding the disposal of certain lands in Kenya forming part of the estate of the late Mr. F. W. G. Goswold - to the
The map ^{which accompanied} ~~inclosed~~ with the letter from Messrs. Lord and Parker of the 10th of August is inclosed in original form.

DRAFT.

Kenya

No. 676

Gov.

From Messrs. Lord & Parker 10/8/34 (1)
To Messrs. Lord & Parker 13/8/34 (2)
do 14/8/34 (3)

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FURTHER ACTION.

2. Reference is made to the correspondence terminating with Mr. Amey's letter of the 5th of April 1917. The ~~copy~~ letter & interview of 1921, referred to in Messrs. Lord & Parker's letter enclosed

has been, and will be, the
of reference to the present case.

(sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER

LORD & PARKER,
SOLICITORS.

ARTHUR E. LORD,
A. P. PARKER,
ROGER D. TENNANT,
L. J. GIBBONS.

TELEPHONE NO 283.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
PARLOR, WORCESTER.

Your Ref. 23250/34.

AKL/CA.

3. Foregate Street,
Worcester

14th August 1954

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the Colonial Government, of our letter of the 10th inst. to the Governor of Kenya for his consideration. Under the circumstances it is felt that it will not be necessary for our Mr. Lord to call at the Colonial Office on Thursday as proposed in our letter.

We agree that it will be no advantage his doing so, but we would ask you to impress upon the Governor that the Executors have an opportunity of disposing of this land now, but that they felt that before dealing with it they ought to give the Government the opportunity of acquiring it at a reasonable price, which might not be possible if they do not do so. For this reason the Government shall be obliged to you to advise us of any offer made to the Government.

Your obedient servant

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Handwritten signature

Copy to Kenya (4)

No 1

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50 Sq Miles*

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2055/34

Mr. *Erasmus*
Mr. *2055/34*
Mr.
Mr. Parkinson
Sir G. Tomlinson
Sir C. Bottomley
Sir J. Shuckburgh
Parson, U.S. of S.
Parry, U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

C. D.
R 13 AUG.
D 15

Annex No 3
1/2

13 August 1954

Dear Sir,

DRAFT.

Re: Lord Parker.

copy to Henry (2)

I am etc to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th of August in which you mention that certain lands in Kenya forming part of the estate of the late Mr. & W. G. Groszold-Williams, are available for disposal to the Government of Kenya.

2. As the matter is one for the Colonial Government it is proposed to send a copy of your letter and ~~the map (as required)~~, to the Governor, for his observations by return.

3. Under circumstances it is felt that it will not be

FURTHER ACTION.

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be necessary for Mr. Lord to
call at the Colonial Office
as proposed in your letter.
It, however, ^{is} Lord particularly
Cair, Mr. L. B. F. Director
of the East African Department
will be glad to see him.

Yours etc.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

Encl
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LORD & PARKER.
SOLICITORS.
ARTHUR E. LORD.
A. P. PARKER.
ROGER D. TENNANT.
L. J. SIBBONS.
TELEPHONE NO 283
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS-
PARLOR, WORCESTER.

3. Foreign Street.
Worcester.

AHL/GA.

10th August

1934.

RECEIVED
10th AUG 1934

Sir,

Amc
17/10/34

re F. W. G. Greswolde-Williams, decd:
Ref: YF.7315.

Referring to our letter to you of the 17th July 1934 and to Mr. Parker's interview with you on the 17th July 1934, the land belonging to the late Mr. Greswolde-Williams in Kedong Valley, Kenya, is still unsold, but the Knightwick property adjoining containing 10779.4 acres which belonged to the late Mrs. Greswolde-Williams and devised by her to her two daughters, has now been acquired by her youngest daughter Mrs. Billyard Leake and her husband.

They are making enquiries from the Trustees whether they would be prepared to sell the remaining property, which in addition to the 15089.5 acres also contains 5106.0 acres which was devised by Mr. Greswolde-Williams to his Estate Mr. Smith. The Executors cannot continue to hold this property indefinitely as it is necessary to wind up the estate of the late Mr. Greswolde-Williams. The Dept. and Mr. Leake will have to sell to them, before the 31st of the month, it only right to inform you of the position in order that the

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The Under Secretary of State.

Copy of map in case of Kenya (L)

Government may consider whether they will acquire the 20,195. acres now remaining.

We may say that in order to wind up the Estate the Executors would be prepared to accept a very moderate price, far less than was paid to the late Mr. Greswolde-Williams some years ago, and we enclose for your information the plan shewing the land in question which is coloured red, and the land belonging to the late Mrs. Greswolde-Williams coloured purple.

If you think anything of the matter we shall be very pleased to call and see you at any time upon your making an appointment. Our Mr. Lord will be in London on Thursday next, and if it was convenient to you he could call at 11.15. that morning.

We shall be obliged by your keeping the map safely and returning it to us, as it is the only copy we have.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

Lord & Parker

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Buckingham Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.