

1935

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CO 533/461
KENYA

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White Settlement—

Federative Land Settlement.

Previous

Subsequent

G.A.
Land:
White Settlement
Publications
Nominal

MR. FLOOD

Please see Mr. Bromhead's letter and the letter of acknowledgment which I attach.

Is this acknowledgment sufficient in your opinion, or would you prefer that the papers should be registered for consideration by the Department?

J. H. Boyd

22/6/35.

Mr Boyd

✓ It is not urgent to Kenya (it will be in practice for it will of course fail). The reply you proposed is probably sufficient but I should like to get a copy (I see it was so long) and send it to Kenya & also to Major Dale & Col Knaggs. They ought to know about such things.

S. H. Hunt
21.6

Mr Flood,

I have sent off the acknowledgment

You will note per check with you before action?

J. H. Boyd

To W.S. Bromhead - received — 24/6/35
28th June '35.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

Can you get this copies of the print please

Mr Flood

S. H. Hunt
24.6

Three copies herewith. Perhaps we could have the copy which is

State No 1

checked to these minutes, for
record in Feb 7, when other
action has been completed?

Mitchener
4/7/35

Sir C. Bottomley

This was the first I had heard of this
scheme which is not very understandable and seems
to me to have all the marks of a swindle.
I had meant to warn Major Dale & Col. Knapp
but I find that they have heard about it - and the
latter is not impressed.

It, well I think, be advisable to send a
copy to Kenya and ask whether they have any
information or observations. (they ought to be told anyhow)
and also tell the D.O.T. asking that any engines
should be referred to the Trade & Infr. Office.

Draft to Kenya herewith
J. O. Ford
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(Whether the East African knows much about it is a
very moot point)

Graft named Mr. Moulton
was a frequent contributor to
the local Press on settlement
matters some 20 years ago.
we may have papers, but it
isn't matter as the local
govt must know all about
him. My recollection is
not such as to lead me to
expect anything very practical
from him, but I am wrong.

3 To Kenya 516 (encl. and to 1) cons. 11 JUL 1935

4 J. E. A. T. 10. (encl. 3 also encl.) R/ma 15/7/35

letter to D.O.T.
requested. 5 To Hon. Cecil Farrer (D.O.T.) 210 23/7/35
(encl. Pamphlet)

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RM

A. Edgcombe (D.O.T.) 24 July 35
Hko. No 5 & states that any engines received will be
referred to the P.O. or the E.A.T. 10.

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Put by
C. J. Somerville
29.7.35
A. Hester
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R 309

? contains warrant for copy
to (3)

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B. Hester
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7 Gov. Bygon. NO. 576 — 8.11.35
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A damning indictment!

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 (Recd. of the dep. **C. J. Ross with**
 has been sent to **3/12/35.**
 Major Dale.)

See **J.S.D.** might care to see
8.12.35 **J.P. Hunter**

Yes: I didn't need any confirmation of the nature
 of the project but thought it well to let Kenya know.
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Library
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See. a card **J.S.D.** 3.92
Edford alone
3/12/35.

in flood
 may we take the lead in (1)
 for record in lib. 4. p. 2?

J.P. Hunter
 Yes. So long as people
 are willing to consult the Kenya agent
10/12/35
J.S.D. 10.12

John
 2/1

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W. H. H. H.

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Laker
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KENYA.

No. 576



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

KENYA

NOVEMBER, 1935.

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returns./.....

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,
MALCOLM MACDONALD, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W. 1.

KENYA.

No. 576



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Wheat (p.23) 10 bags, about 30 bushels.

5 to 7 bags - 16 to 23 bushels at Shs. 15/- gross per bag f.o.r.

Lima Beans (p.23) half a ton at 230 per ton.

2 to 3 bags of 200 lbs. per acre. The price has, during the last few months, been as low as £10 or £12 in London, but the beans are now worth £22 a ton, or about Shs. 33/- a bag f.o.r. Kenya stations.

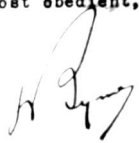
4. In the circumstances I have no hesitation in saying that I have no confidence in the scheme and I am of the opinion that any intending settlers who may make enquiries at the Colonial Office or at the Trade and Information Office should be strongly dissuaded from participating in it.

5. A copy of this despatch has been sent to the Commissioner, Trade and Information Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,



BRIGADIER-GENERAL
GOVERNOR

C. O.

Mr. Austin 7/17/35

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Approved by No. 6

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Pres. U.S. of S.

Party, U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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[Handwritten signature]

27 JUL 1935

Dear Farner

DRAFT.

Hand: Cecil Farner O.B.E.

(D. O. T.)

The enclosed pamphlet

has recently come to our notice, and possibly also to that of the D.O.T. We are in correspondence with the Govt of Kenya on the subject, and in the meantime we shall be grateful if any enquiries which may be received in the D.O.T. can be referred either to the C.O. or to the E.A.T.O. 1.0. in Trafalgar Square.

FURTHER ACTION.

Will you be so kind as to pass
this note to whomsoever it concerns
in the Department?

Yours sincerely

(Signed) L. B. FRELSTON

C. O.

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Mr. Hunt 67

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FURTHER ACTION,

Copy to P.A. & I. O. U.
without reference

Copy to anal. & C.A. 1570 (K)

Sir

I have the honour to transmit to you
two copies of a pamphlet which I have received
on the subject of a scheme for settlement
on East Kikuyu estate in Kenya.

2. I have ^{no} no information in regard to
the promoters of this scheme, but I
think it well to have no less in bringing
the matter to your notice, and I shall
be obliged if you will furnish me with
any information which you may have
and with your general observations upon
it.

3. A copy of the pamphlet has been sent
forward to the Commissioner of the
Trade & Information Office.

TELEPHONE NO WHITEHALL 3160.
TELEGRAMS "FARMERS, PAUL, LONDON."

THE FARMERS CLUB,
RECEIVED 2, WHITEHALL COURT,
S. W. 1.

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19th June 1935

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Secretary of State for the Colonies
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A record. See June 35

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