

1938

38378

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KENYA

Gift of house and grounds at Peleleza
to the Admiralty by Sir Ali bin Salim.

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		Mr Sumida		299	4/11
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Mr Sumida	5/8	C. D.	-		
Mr Sumida	5/8	R298	9/11		
Mr Sumida	9/8				
297	8/8				

FILE A.

(1007) V.L. 2584(2). 5.000. 10/37.
N.J. Co. 0.682774.

Ct gff
nominal

1. gov 385
States that Sir Ali bin Salem wishes to give his house & grounds to the Admiralty. Requests that when Admiralty consent is given, he may be notified by telegram.

7.7.38

We do not appear to come into this - except as a channel of communication.

? Copy to Army Lt. Asking what reply should be returned to the Gov.

Clotie White

W. S. J.

11/1/38

12/7

To Admiralty (w/c 1) - 6/1a

26 JUL 1938

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

3. gov 397

States the Hon. Comdr has reported that property in fishhold & the buildings are in good repair. Some arrange may be made with the Bombay Fish Club.

? Copy to Army Lt. ref (2)

Clotie White 27/7

W. S. J.

27/7/38

at once.

4. To Admiralty (w/c 3) - 8/1a

23 AUG 1938

Mr. Rowan, Treasury, heard me up about this - it appears that the Adm. are not very keen about it. I said that it seems to be a very good thing that we ought to accept contribution of the Adm. in going to sea. I said that the Adm. should have no T.S. Agn. 10/8/38

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

Sir R Brooke Popham to Sir B Parkinson 29/7/38

Requests information as to agreement of Admiralty to accept lease.

Admiralty on 20/10/38 rec 29/8/38
(9 & Glyn box 4 to Mr Parker)

Encs official reply to No 2 and copy of private note addressed to Sir Clinton Dalrymple

We discuss and on the 30th want an early reply suitable draft to go on soon.

(2) The Mr. should then be recommended to deal with the question of the honours capitaining in the R.N.V.R. and later a det. 800 go to Kenya conference

W. S. W. 28136

W. S. W. 178

Kenya draft sent to and to 2 on impud committee after discussion with Mr Jones

The draft should go off early & include by 9/10. (11/10)

H. M. W. 6.8

To Res Zanzibar Tel 36 - COYS
- Gov. Kenya Tel 97 } 6.8.38

9. Br Resol Tel no copy
- Ref 7. Sultan has no objection to proposed grant of honorary rank

Drafts submitted

Clarke White 11/8

Mr. S. W. I spoke with Mr Glyn Cox at the Admiralty as you suggested. thought it would be best in view of his poor failing health to bring the matter to inform him of his appointment. As in the draft - then records for a det. to Kenya and letter to Army.

Clarke White 11/8

As in Mr Glyn White's draft

W. S. W. 11/8/38

At Home
H. M. W.

Kenya draft to To Gov Kenya Tel. no 102. - 11.8.38

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To F. M. W. 11/8

15 For Sir Ali bin Salim requests gratitude be conveyed to Admiralty for honour.

Drafts submitted *closure* 15/8
Closely white

for *closure* 15/8

10 *closure* (Ans. enc No 6) 1/2 Copy 12. 1938

12 *closure* + 77 (78 emb 6) 2 + 12 *closure* 20 8 38

15 Sir R Brooke Popham *closure* 24/8
Encls of letter from Sir Ali bin Salim.

16 To Sir R Brooke Popham *closure* 15 ans 24/8

17 To Sir V Mackham (Admiralty) *closure* (in cont to 15) 24/8

closure Closely white 8/9
closure

18 Govs Dep *closure* 15/9/38
Enquires what steps it is proposed to take in connection with transfer of base to Admiralty and makes various suggestions in that respect. Encls have referred reports of like descs for transmission to Admiralty.

Para 2 This is presumably for the Admiralty to decide

Para 3-5 This is also really the Admiralty's affair but it might be useful to add, in the letter sending the despatch *over*

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to them, Once the S.O.S sees no objection Draft beneath *closure*.

closure 22/9

closure 22/9

closure

To: Sec. Admiralty (Ref 13) (2709 encls in 18) *closure* 27.9.38
1 Copy 1/18.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

closure
All no reply received to No 19.

of fact *closure* 24/10

closure 1/11

closure 28

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commissioner retained in R 297 3/11

29/10/38
The Admiralty do not say anything about a presentation ceremony - so I suppose his commission shd simply be forwarded to the Gov. for transmission as in d.h.

closure

4.11 *closure* 4/11/38

21 To: Admiralty (20 Nov) — 7/11/38

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22 To: Kenya 675 (w/ Commission in 20) 13. 11. 38.

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

B.H. as directed in minute of 28/10/38
Governor 626
Requests early reply to No 18.
7/11/38
DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE
12/11

Revised Admiralty Lt. ref(19).
Clothier White
24/11
above

24 To: Admiralty — B/L. — Com. — 15. 11. 38

C.S. RIVER
Admiralty

25 Admiralty 18/11/38
Ref 19: requests arrangements be made for Governor formally to take over property at Pteleya on behalf of Admiralty, and date of transfer be notified.

? as in Draft herewith
Clothier White
22/11

To: Kenya 722. 18 Nov 38. Com. 28. 11. 38

To: Admiralty (W/C. 26) B/L — 1 DEC 1938
Fonds...
No 26

C. O.

Recd. 1/39

Mr. Corley White 22/11
Mr. Parkin 22/11
Mr.

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Mr. A. J. Dawe.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir J. Shackburgh

Permt U.S. of S

Partly U.S. of S

Secretary of State.

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DRAFT.

Kenya
No 722
Gm

(18)

SIR I have etc to ask the receipt of your Dep No 529 of the 15th of September, and to inform you that the Lords Commrs of the Admiralty consider that it would be a ~~very~~ ~~most~~ ~~happy~~ suitable arrangement if you were formally to take over, on behalf of the Admiralty, the property at Pelelega which has been presented to the Admiralty by Su Ali bin Selim.

~~I would be glad if accordingly you would take steps~~

pro for the transfer to be effected in any way, & if

FURTHER ACTION.

copy to Admy
LF, No 27/

I should be glad to be, in due course
you would (informed) ~~see~~ / of the date
upon which, ^{the transfer} it takes effect.

3. The Lands Commission for the Admiralty
~~I will address you on the~~
have promised a further communication in the
subject of the future use of.

Pelegera after the property has
been taken over.

I have etc.



Any further communication
should be addressed to

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
London, S.W.1.

quoting "C.E. in C."
8856/38/5b.

Admiralty, S.W.1.

- 18th November, 1938.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th September, No. 38378/38, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that They consider it would be a very suitable arrangement if the Governor of Kenya Colony formally took over the property at Peleleza on behalf of the Admiralty. My Lords accordingly will be glad if the Secretary of State will be good enough so to arrange and to request the Governor to notify the date of transfer in due course.

A further communication will be made with regard to the future use of Peleleza after it has been taken over.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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



5374/38 L.F. No. 8

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Any further communication should be addressed to

The Secretary of the Admiralty, London, S.W.1.

Admiralty, S.W.1.

quoting "C.W./A.4013/38"

29th October, 1938

Sir,

With reference to the Secretary of State's telegram to the Governor of Kenya of the 11th August, No. 102, and in continuation of Admiralty letter E.4613/38, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to forward herewith the personal commission for the appointment of Sir Ali bin Salim as an Honorary Captain in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and to request that this may be forwarded to him.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Handwritten signature

Handwritten note: Recd by (21) Commission to Kenya (21)

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

Handwritten mark

G. O.

Mr. Corbett White 22/9
Mr. Panton Sum 28 22/9 to

27 September 1938

- Mr.
- Sir H. Moore.
- Sir G. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Parly. U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State

DRAFT.

Secretary
Admiralty

(13)

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 16th of August E on the subject of the gift by Sir Ali bin Salim of his house and grounds at Peleleza in Kenya, I am etc to transmit, for the care of the Lord Com^{dr} of the Admiralty, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of Kenya, with original enclosures, concerning ^{both} the steps which ~~are~~ are required to be taken to effect the transfer of the property in question to the Admiralty and also the future use ~~of the~~ of which the property is to be put

(13) with all enclosures in original (no need to keep copies)

FURTHER ACTION

2. Mr Macdonald would be glad
to be informed what reply should,
in their Lordships' view, be returned
to the questions raised by the ~~Second~~ ^{Governor}
~~in the third to fifth paragraphs of the~~
~~first despatch.~~ ¶ I am to add

^{on his part.}
that Mr Macdonald sees no objection
to the suggestions made in ~~third~~
~~fifth paragraphs of the~~ despatch.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant
(sd) J. P. Mackenzie



RECEIVED 75 September, 1938.
20 SEP 1938
G.O.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No.477 of the 20th August and to enquire what steps it is proposed to take to effect the transfer of Sir Ali bin Salim's house and grounds at Peleleza to the Admiralty. Sir Ali bin Salim has now left Peleleza and has taken out most of his furniture. A few of his servants still remain but it is understood that he desires shortly to remove them.

2. I am willing, should the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty desire it, formally to take over on their behalf the house and grounds, at a time to be arranged with Sir Ali or, alternatively, Commander Blunt, Officer Commanding the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, as the representative of the Navy in Mombasa, could take over the gift direct from Sir Ali.

3. With reference to the future use of Peleleza, once it has been taken over by the Admiralty, I suggest that Commander Blunt be assigned quarters there and allowed the use of the buildings on the understanding that when any of H.M. ships are at Mombasa he may have to share all these quarters, other than his own private room, with the officers of the visiting ships.

By this arrangement a responsible officer would be

Permanently/

THE RT. HON. MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.

*copy sent to Admiralty
London (19)*

permanently residing at Palaleza and would be able to ensure the proper maintenance of the premises. It is not considered that in times of peace there is any objection to housing the Officer Commanding on the mainland, with the Kilindini channel between his residence and his headquarters on Mombasa Island, particularly as the Naval Warrant Officer will continue to reside at the Headquarters. In times of emergency the Officer Commanding would, of course, move to the Headquarters.

4. For the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, I give herewith a list of the 11 detached buildings - which are all in good condition - comprising the Palaleza residences:

1 large reception room

1 dining room

4 bedrooms

1 small sitting room

1 kitchen

1 pantry

2 stores.

All these buildings are widely separated, and the area of the estate is just under 5 acres.

5. Should the Officer Commanding the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve wish, for his own convenience, to add buildings to improve his own personal quarters, I suggest that he should be allowed to do so on condition that he does so at his own expense and that the building plans are first approved by me acting on

benefit/

3.

behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

6. I enclose, for transmission to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, two certified copies of the title deeds.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. A. Adams
GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

22nd August, 1938.

Dear MacDonald,

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have had from Sir Ali bin Salim. I thought the Admiralty might like to see it. I am sure it is absolutely genuine: he may be a little tiresome at times but is a very loyal British subject.

2. You remember the position - he has handed over his house and grounds at Mombasa to the British Navy, and the Admiralty have just made him an honorary Captain in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. I may say that nothing could have been more appropriate than this honorary captaincy nor have given the old man greater pleasure. It will, in my opinion, also be valuable in helping us to stop any anti-British movement that might arise amongst the Arab population on the Coast - a reaction, of course, from Palestine. I referred to this in a previous letter to you dated 18th July.

Yours sincerely,

D Brooke-Popham

THE RT. HON. MALCOLM MACDONALD, F.C., M.P.,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W. 1.

The Office of Sir Ali bin Salim,
Mombasa.

19th August, 1938.

Dear Sir Robert Brook-Popham,

In the first place I offer you my apologies for not answering your very kind letter earlier.

For thanking you for your much appreciated congratulations, I can assure you that it has been a pleasure and an honour for me to have rendered any service at any time to the British Government to which like my father before me I have always been so attached.

Sir Robert I can further assure you that I shall never forget the manner in which I have been honoured by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. I have been honoured in a way which is far beyond my deserts and out of all proportion to the poor services which it has delighted me at all times to render.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) ALI bin SALIM.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ROBERT BROOK-POPHAM, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.B.E.,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, D.S.O., A.F.C.,
NAIROBI.

G. C.

Mr. Costley-Whits. 15/8/38.

Mr. Surridge. 15/8/38.

Mr.

Sir H. Moors.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DOWNING STREET.

20 August, 1938.

DRAFT.K E N Y A.

NO. 477

Governor.

Two enclosures to No. 6.

Sir,

With reference to your

(3) despatch No. 397 of the 18th of July

on the subject of the proposed gift by
Sir Ali bin Salim of his house and
grounds at Peleleza to the Admiralty,

I have endeavoured to ~~confirm~~ my telegram No. 97
of the 6th of August, which read as
follows:-

[Insert text of No. 8.]

FURTHER ACTION.

Transmit

A copy of the personal letter to
Sir Ali from Admiral Sir Martin E.
Dunbar-Nasmith referred to in the

~~telegram is enclosed herewith, together~~
with a letter from the Admiralty of the
4th of August is also enclosed ~~for your~~
~~reference.~~

2. I have also to confirm to you the receipt of your (unnumbered) telegram No. 102 of the 15th of August concerning the grant to Sir Ali of the honorary rank of Captain in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, which read

as follows:-

[Insert text of No. 10.]

I have, etc.

and to inform you that Sir Ali's signature of his gratitude for the honour conferred upon him has been forwarded to the Admiralty.

To the Admiralty.

a copy of this Lt. is being sent to the Admiralty.

(Signed) J. G. MACDONALD.

C. O.

- Mr. Costley-White. 15/8/38.
- Mr. Surridge. 15/8. fs.
- Mr.
- Sir H. Moore.
- Sir G. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bateman.
- Sir J. Sluickburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Privy. U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

DOWNING STREET.

16th August, 1938.

IMMEDIATE

DRAFT.

THE SECRETARY,
ADMIRALTY.

Sir,

I am etc. to acknowledge

(Enclosure to No. 6) the receipt of your letter M. 4013/38

of the 4th of August, and to state, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Governor of Kenya has been requested to inform Sir Ali bin Salim that the generous gift of his house and grounds at Peleleza has been accepted by Their Lordships with keen appreciation.

2. With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, I am to state that the Sultan of Zanzibar has signified that he had no objection to the proposal to grant to

Kenya immediately tel (12)

FURTHER ACTION.

to Sir Ali the honorary rank of
Captain in the Royal Naval Volunteer
Reserve, The Governor of Kenya ~~was~~
~~Accordingly~~ ~~was~~ requested to inform
Sir Ali that, in recognition of the
services which he has rendered to the
Royal Navy over a long period, Their
Lordships had been pleased to grant
him this rank, and that the appointment
~~will~~ ^{would} be gazetted in due course. A

Copy is ~~enclosed~~ ~~5 am, etc.~~ of a
Telegram from the Governor
conveying to Their Lordships Sir
Ali's gratitude for the honour
conferred upon him in ~~enclosure~~.

I am etc.
(Sd) M. S. S. S. S.

COPY FOR REGISTRATION RECEIVED

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12.

Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies.

AL
C. O. REGY

Dated 15th August 1956. Received 2.15pm 15th August 1956

Following from Sir Ali bin Salim telegram,
kindly convey to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
my deep gratitude for signal honour conferred upon me
of which I am deeply sensible. Ends.

Handwritten mark

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COPY FOR REGISTRATION

Telegram from the British Resident at Zanzibar to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 8th August, 1938. Received 12-40 pm 8th August, 1938.

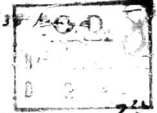
No 40 Confidential.

Your telegram No. 36 Sultan
who has been consulted has no objection to the
proposed grant of honorary rank.

G.O.

Collected

28378/37



Mr. Sewidge. 5/8

Mr. Parkin. 5/8

Mr. Campbell 6

(1)

No. 97 You ^{depos} ^{letter} B ²⁴

Sir H. Moore. ~~Admiralty~~

Sir G. Tomlinson.

X Sir G. Dutton, ^{re Dame} G. f

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Peru. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

Attorne

No 385

July ~~to~~ Parkin ^{Admiralty}

gratfully acknowledge
you and ask that you
will be good enough to
advise me as to the
date when you will be
able to return to the
Admiralty

DRAFT.

^ ^{Copy} to ^{the} ^{Admiralty}

Go?

Notice

As regards para 5
of your dep.
Admiralty

I may add for
your information
that

25/5

FURTHER ACTION.

G. M. Sewidge

Recd. in

~~to be done~~

~~to be done~~

~~R.V.R.~~

dep. 5 later

including cases

that person
regard his
vacation
at any time
that may be in the
slightest degree inconvenient

At instance of
Admiralty I am venturing

British Resident being to be
telegraphed to the

informing the
intention as usual

appreciation of his
services to Royal
Navy

honorary
Captain R. N. V.

announcement

I shall ^{be} ^{pleased}
to reply with you

Sir M. Dundas

Nasrath, Secy.

Secy Lord, has written privately to Sir Ali in letter dated 2nd August expressing his appreciation that gift should be made through him

C. O.

38378/38 Kanga

C. O.
10 AUG
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Mr. Campbell 6.8.38

Mr.

Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

X Sir G. Duttomey M. Dawe 6.8

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

Confidential

11-36

Alman

Admiralty has been

informed accepted offer made

Enough Survey Kanga # by

Sir Ali Bin Salim of

his house and grounds at

MALIBOLA as gift for use of

Royal Army. In recognition of

Sir Ali's services to Royal

Army. This Admiralty proposal to

grant offer his honorary rank of

Captain in R. N. V. R. and

have inquired whether it would

be desirable for ^{H. H.} SULTAN to

be informed of this intention

before announcement of

appointment. If you agree

consider it desirable.

Please consult H. H. in

confidence and telegraph reply.

DRAFT. tel copy ends

Dr Resident
Zanzibar

over (overlapped)
period

2565

FURTHER ACTION.

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Military Branch,
ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

M.4013/38

IMMEDIATE

Dear Paskin,

2 I am enclosing our official reply to
your letter of 26th July, No.38378/38 and also
a copy of a private Note which Sir M.E.Dunbar-Nasmith,
the Second Sea Lord, has sent to Sir Ali bin Salim
about his offer to hand over his house and grounds
at Mombasa to the Admiralty for the use of the
Royal Navy.

Yours sincerely,

A.E. Glynne Cox

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Copy made to Paskin

J.J. Paskin Esq., M.C.
COLONIAL OFFICE,
S.W.1.

DT/

2nd August, 1938.

Dear Sir Ali,

I have just had from the Colonial Office confirmation of a paragraph in the "Daily Telegraph", which reported your most generous offer to the Navy. I feel very deeply the honour that you do me by asking that the gift should be made through me.

I have the pleasantest recollections of visiting you in your delightful home and know how fond you are of it, so I am able to realise the true spirit in which it is offered to the Navy.

At our first meeting on board my Flagship you told me of your early association with the Navy when sails were more in evidence than they are now, and I realised what a regard you had for our Service. We, in the Navy, will always be grateful to you for the great kindness and co-operation which you have always extended towards us.

I hear constantly what a great boon the Headquarters of the R.N.V.R. is, and I am convinced that but for your generosity in this respect this voluntary organisation could not have achieved its present standard of efficiency.

It is, of course, not possible for me to send an official reply to your generous offer, which must go through the Colonial Office, but this

is.....

is just to tell you how very touched I am at your thought of associating my name with it, and particularly in describing me as your friend.

My wife joins with me in sending you every good wish.

Always your friend,

(signed) M.E. Dunbar-Nasmith.

quoting M. 4013/35



Admiralty, S.W. 1.

4th August 1935

IMMEDIATE

Sir,

2
With reference to your letter of the 26th July, No. 33378/35, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that they have much pleasure in accepting the offer of Sir Ali bin Selim to hand over his house and grounds at Peleleza on the main land opposite Mombasa as a gift to the Admiralty for the use of the Royal Navy, and I am to request that Sir Ali may be informed accordingly and assured of My Lords' keen appreciation of his generous offer.

(3)
With reference to paragraph 5 of the Governor's despatch intimating that Sir Ali would like, on the estate being handed over, to be allowed to live there except when the Navy is visiting Mombasa, when he would be prepared to vacate the premises, My Lords would be extremely loth to be parties to an arrangement by which Sir Ali would be put to the inconvenience of vacating the house whenever ships visit Mombasa and they therefore trust that Sir Ali will not regard his gift of the property as requiring his vacating of the premises at any time when this would be in the slightest degree inconvenient to him.

My Lords are very sensible of the services rendered by Sir Ali to the Royal Navy over a very long period and in recognition of these services they propose to grant to him the honorary rank of Captain in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. I am to enquire whether Mr. Macdonald considers that it would be desirable for the Sultan of Zanzibar to

be informed of this intention before the appointment
is publicly announced.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Lanson



13th July, 1938.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch of the 7th July, 1938, on the subject of the handing over by Sir Ali bin-Salih of his house and grounds to the Admiralty.

2. I have received the following information from the Provincial Commissioner, Mombasa:-

- (a) The land is freehold and free of all encumbrances or restrictions.
- (b) The buildings, externally, are in a good state of repair. They are of simple design and should not be expensive to maintain. The walls, dancing, eaves and parapets are also in good repair.

3. I have also received information that in the event of Sir Ali's death it would probably be possible to come to some arrangement with the Mombasa Yacht Club whereby they maintained the grounds during the periods when none of His Majesty's Ships were at Mombasa. It seems likely, however, that the Yacht Club would want to take over one of the buildings permanently and not be responsible for repairs to the remaining buildings.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

R. J. Brooke-Johnson
AIR CHIEF MARSHAL,
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MALCOLM MACDONALD, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
D WHITE STREET, S.W.1.

*Copy to Admiralty
Mombasa*

KENYA
No. 385



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

7th July, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on the 24th of June, Sir Ali bin Salim interviewed the District Commissioner of Mombasa. Sir Ali informed me that he wished to hand over his house and grounds at Peleleza on the mainland opposite Mombasa as a gift to the Admiralty for the use of the British Navy.

2. The estate comprises four acres of land with a frontage on the Harbour. I am endeavouring to ascertain the structural condition of the house. Commodore Poland, Acting Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station, is of opinion that the gift will be of much value to the personnel of His Majesty's Ships visiting Mombasa. He has suggested that in the event of Sir Ali's death, when no H. M. Ships are at Mombasa, the house and grounds might be used and maintained by the local Yacht Club, thus avoiding the expense of caretakers.

3. Sir Ali asked that his wishes should be conveyed to the Admiralty through Admiral Nasmyth. I believe Admiral Nasmyth is now on leave, and in any case the method he proposed would hardly be practicable for an official letter; but I would suggest that the Admiralty be asked to refer the matter to Admiral Nasmyth in view of Sir Ali's request and the fact that Sir Ali held Admiral Nasmyth in
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great esteem and affection when he was Commander-in-Chief, East Indies.

4. Sir Ali regards the transfer of the property with great urgency, probably in view of the fact that he feels he has not long to live, and he wishes to hand over the title deeds immediately. I would therefore request that when the consent of the Admiralty is given, I should be informed by telegram.

5. Sir Ali requests that on the estate being handed over he may be allowed to live there except when the Navy is visiting Mombasa, when he would be prepared to vacate the premises.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

R Brooke Lopham

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL.
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