

1931.

Kenya

No. 17019

SUBJECT

C0533/405

Title of Prince of Wales for

European School at Kabete.

Previous

See 15619/29.

Subsequent

17375/31.

Requests H.R.H.'s wishes in matter of allowing new school at Kabete to be called Prince of Wales' School be obtained before he sails for the Argentine.

The Prince of Wales leaves on 1
thurs Saturday - This is therefore
urgent.

The Kabete school is the
new secondary ^{boarding} school for
European boys. It is proposed
to concentrate all the ^{European} secondary
education for boys of the colony there.

It has been built & designed by
Sir Herbert Baker. It will
hold 180 boys ^{Excellent boarding}
~~accommodate a ample playing fields~~
~~best independent European school in the~~
~~colony are being provided. It will be the~~
~~principal school for European boys in the colony.~~
see no reason why the

Sta. - Report
929.
h-13.

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the teacher
agrees
J.M.H.

Prince of Wales sch. will be asked
to allow the school to be called
the Prince of Wales school.

He is already patron of the
Royal Agricultural & Horticultural
Society of Kenya. see no. 16 on 15/6/31

Board should write
to Sir Geoffrey Thomas giving the
substance of the tel. & of X above

in this minute.

J. Easton

12-1-31.

The facts are stated - it is for the C.C. to advise whether this is a proper request to make to H.R.H. in the light of precedents, if any. (Whether the same have been regarded).

J.H. Allen

15/1/31

Mr. Easton's offer are usually made appropriately.

Further we note "Precedents" can trace any note of a previous application for the title "Prince of Wales" for a school or other institution. The title has, of course, been conferred upon Achimota College, I.G. where H.R.H. personally unveiled a tablet beside the main entrance. X Regy. however have been unable so far to trace any papers containing the authority for the title? which may have been given, ^{personally} by the Prince during his visit to I.G.

Other schools have been given the titles "King George V" (see 8th, 1926 2/25 N.P.) and Queen's College Lagos (see X 8th, 28) ^{Nigeria}

In both the latter cases an assurance as to the success and permanency

See p. 141 of I.G. Handbook 1928

permanency of the school was required, and presumably a similar assurance would be required before the use of the title "Prince of Wales" could be sanctioned. This could scarcely be given in the present case, as the school has not yet been opened. Otherwise there seems no objection to the action proposed above being taken by the P.S.

J. Howells

13/1/31

C.C. to Mr. Easton

I should have thought that Kenya might very well have waited until the tablet became established before putting forward this request. The title was conferred on Achimota at the start of its career but was no doubt approved by H.R.H. when he unveiled the tablet. If there is any likelihood of H.R.H. again visiting Kenya during the course of the next two or three years? the matter should be allowed to rest until then.

J. Howells
13/1/31.

If the case will be for submission to H.R.H. it is

clear that the S.P.S. is not support the
O.A.'s request since the school is not yet
established.

But the Prince of Wales may visit our
long establishment before he grants the use
of his title to an institution and, having a
special interest in Kenya, may be prepared to
accede to this request. On the merits of the case
there is therefore no reason why it should not be
put to the Prince's P.S. in a letter, ^{giving} making the
fact & pointing that the school though small is
in part a continuance of an established &
successful school in Nairobi and that in consequence
there is no reason to doubt that it will itself be
a sound successful institution.

On the other hand the wisdom of troubling the Prince
(who leaves in July) at this juncture may be doubted
he might refuse permission and it is then too
difficult to ^{and} ~~revise~~ the request. On the whole I
should prefer to turn it down, with reference to the
Prince, explaining to Kenya that it may be renewed
if and when it is possible to give an assurance
as to the success & permanency of the school.

M Lloyd
13/1/31

In view of A the fact that it's a
Sat school I don't think "B"
institutions are difficult. I think that
in normal circumstances the proposal might
be put to S.P.S. but I now understand
that he is leaving London tomorrow.
(Thursday)
The Boys tell us that is another

Camerun: Sir Godfrey Thomas has
told him that it's very difficult to
convince the Prince at present: he is
willing to try if the matter is
really urgent & can be regarded as
simple: but personally I think that
the matter should be dropped for the
present & thought of when S.P.S.
returns.

[I am sorry evolution has not
been more rapid but then matters
cannot proceed]

J. V. Allen

14/1/31

I agree that it should wait

God bless you.

I agree. Please proceed

accordingly

J. V. Allen
at once

14/1/31

been
to note
to S.P.S.
more than once
was seen on 24/1/31

Tel. to Gov. Kenya P.P. (Colonial) - 14 Jan 1931

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See page 103 _____ 21st February
Enclose letter from Director of Education with
letter from Principal of Boys' School Dublin
requesting Prince of Wales be approached to allow the
school to be named 'Prince Edward's' or 'Prince
of Wales' and to use his feathers as a badge.

Can you say when MR St is
due back in Ireland?

JW Allen
18/3/31

About the end of April or beginning
of May.

JW Allen
18/3/31

Then recirculate in a
month's time.

JW Allen
19/3 19/4/
at once

Mr. Cartwright

Please see Mr. Allen's minute of
19/3/31, above.

Thomas
21/4/31

an Allen.
New draft to the

P.S. to the Prince of Wales?
There is no hurry as he will have

P. 6.7
Proceedings
to see
when matter
decided at

for

a note of work on returning 2 it will be 5
Gordon - perhaps to wait till he has
been back 10 days or so

Gordon
23.4.31

(I take it from the previous minutes
that the principle of asking him has
been stated)

JW Allen

23/4 at once

Revisions
5/2/31
see!

certainly
see!

A sketch of the dubala (see green slip
attached) will be found on page 205 B
top of the June 1 & April - probably
MR St knows all about it

But on second thoughts
might they not to make up their
minds definitely as to the badge
before any submission is made
also send home a sketch including
the feathers for approval.

JW Allen

4/5/31

to Allen

- ① The feathers would no doubt have to
be surrounded with the name of the
School.
- ② We have no note of JWA having
approved the use of his device for such a

purpose but its use has twice
been refused though not in similar
circumstances.

Would it not be as well first
to ask for approval of the use
of the name & then wind up
by asking that if H.R.H. approves of
the ~~use~~ his name being used for
the school it is also desired that
his device may be incorporated in
the school badge. That if H.R.H. would be
willing to approve this further application,
a sketch will be obtained showing how
it is proposed that the device should be
incorporated & submitted to H.R.H. for
approval

C. P. Howell
12/5/31

Draft herewith

J. M. Allen

7/5/31

~~Received~~
~~12/5/31~~

Mr C. P. Howland

on the assumption that the
5th of principle is settled,
I have initialled the app.

But I am not very happy
about this - as the school
is for European boys - and

there is likely to be trouble
over racial questions if the
Prince's name is thus
associated with a European
school. If one school in
Kenya is to have this
honour, I wd. much prefer
to wait for an occasion
when provision for native
education at a secondary
school wd. enable us to
attach the Prince's name
to that. It is true that
the natives are not likely to
complain if Kabeti
is now given this honour -
but the Indians certainly
will.

all Parliament

18.5.31

I am not sure about the 'certainly'.

And I do not think that we can
ask H.R.H. to refer on these
grounds. He has already given in name
to an African educational institution
in the Gold Coast, and (in view of
the ground of my letter in his mind
as to the prominence of European
settlement in Kenya) I do not see
why he should not grant the request

of the wishes to

W.C.D.

18.5.31.

Sec of State.

There are precedents for giving Schools in the Colonies titles such as that proposed. In the circumstances, I think we might write to Sir Sadleir Thomas as in draft.

B.A.G.

20.5.31

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H To Sir S. Thomas % con. 21st May

5 Sir S. Thomas % _____ 26 May States W.C.D. will be pleased to allow new secondary school to be named "Prince of Wales' School" and has no objection to Prince of Wales' motto being incorporated in badge.

I submit drafts for conson.

Later C.C.D. should see, and it should be noted by Precedent's Branch.

Garbans

W.C.D. 14/6

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

To Sir S. Thomas (5 ans) - 4 JUN 1931

% Gov 376. 3 Amud. Cons - 4 JUN 1931

Notes C Precedent's

8 Gov. Byrne H20 _____ 23rd July please sketch of proposed badge for school for transmission to H.H. the Prince of Wales.

a pleasing design incorporating a fine pair of wales.

to Sir S. Thomas as in

draft.

G. Chamberlain 18/8

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

To Sir S. Thomas (Wend. 10 8 in aug) 3.0.20 AUG 1931

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

7 H.L. Thomas % _____ 24th August H.H. Prince of Wales has approved the badge, which he returns.

C.C.D.

unless you see any objection, I suggest writing as in draft. It is not safe to assume that the Colony don't want their school badge.

D. J. Chamberlain 31.8.31

the Mac Sweeney

no objection from our point of

view.

[Signature]

31.8.31.

Notes & precedents

been
10/19

H. Co. Gov. 610 - (17/10/18. 8. in orig.) - 8 SEP 1931
(8. Anceid.)

[Signature]

C. O.

Mr. McManis Sr. 8 1/2

17019/31



8 SEP 1981

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

Sir

(2)

I have etc. to ack. the receipt
 of your Dep. No. 420 of the 23rd. of
 July and to inform you that H.R.H.
 the Prince of Wales has been pleased
 to approve the design of the proposed
 badge of the Prince of Wales' School
 Halesite. I return the sketch which was
 submitted to him.
 I have etc.

DRAFT.

Kenya
 No. 610
 Gov.

Sketch
 given to (2)
 in original

(SIGNED) J. H. THOMAS.

KENYA.

No. 420



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

RECEIVED
15 AUG 1931
COL. OFFICE

23rd July, 1931.

My Lord,

No.

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 376 of the 4th June, in which Your Lordship conveyed the gracious consent of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Kabete Secondary School for Boys being named the "Prince of Wales' School" and to the incorporation of the Prince of Wales' feathers in the School badge, I have the honour to transmit a sketch of the proposed badge for submission to His Royal Highness for his approval.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

Brigadier-General,
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1

*Encl. in orig. to Sir G. Thomas. s.o. 20 AUG 1931
Forwarded (per encl. in orig) - 610 - 3 SEP 1931*

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C. O.

17019/31 Kenya

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Mr. Eastwood 1/2

Mr. Allen 1/6

Mr. ~~Tomlinson~~ 2/6

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

Downing Street,

May, 1931.

And to S

at June

2 DRAFTS for *consent*

(3)

KENYA

No. 376

Gov.

*cc'd
quite*

*I take it
that this
is still
necessary?
yes. and*

Sir,

I have, etc., to refer to your despatch No. 103 of the 21st February, and to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been ~~graciously~~ pleased to consent to the new secondary school for boys at Kabete being named the "Prince of Wales' School."

2. His Royal Highness has no objection to the Prince of Wales' feathers being incorporated in the school badge as a special case. I should be glad if you would furnish me, for submission to His Royal Highness and for his approval, a sketch of the proposed badge showing

how

how it is proposed that the device
of the Prince of Wales's feathers
should be incorporated with the head
of a "Royal Impala".

I have, &c

(Signed) RASSFIELD



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ST JAMES'S PALACE. S.W.

May 26th, 1931.

Dear Boyd,

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The Prince of Wales has read your letter of the 21st instant, in which Lord Passfield transmitted a request from the Governor of Kenya, and His Royal Highness desires me to say that he will be very pleased to allow the new Secondary School for Boys at Kabete to be named "The Prince of Wales' School."

Ans. - 4 JUN 1931

His Royal Highness also has no objection to The Prince of Wales' Feathers being incorporated in the school badge as a special case.

Yours sincerely,

George Thomas

E. B. Boyd, Esqre.,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

C. O.

Mr. Allen *1/5 see minute* X.17019/31 Kenya.

Mr. Parkinson *18/5/31*

Mr.

~~Mr. Tomlinson.~~

X Sir C. Bottomley. 18.5

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

+ Permt. U.S. of S. *B.H. 6*

Parly. U.S. of S. *20.5.31.*

X Secretary of State. *21/5*

For Mr. Boyd's signature.

Downing Street,

21 May, 1931.

ansd to S
Dear Sir Godfrey Thomas,

for conson. v. minutes.

DRAFT.

Govt.

SIR GODFREY THOMAS, */* K.C.V.O.,
C.S.I.

A request has been received from

the Governor of Kenya that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will be pleased to consent to allow his name to be associated with the new secondary school for boys at Kabete, which was opened at the beginning of this year.

His Royal Highness will no doubt remember visiting the site of the school when he was ~~sent~~ in Kenya. It is the first purely secondary school for boys erected in Kenya, and is the secondary school for the whole Colony. It has been built to the designs of Sir Herbert Baker and accommodates 180 boys. Excellent boarding accommodation is provided, and the playing fields, which extend to between 100 and 150 acres, will

be ample for the development of the school
for many years to come.

The school is a Government
institution, and there is no reason to doubt
that it will be conducted on sound and
successful lines.

It is suggested that the insti-
tution should be named "Prince Edwards'
School", or, alternatively, "The Prince of
Wales' School", as His Royal Highness may
prefer.

Lord Passfield would be grate-
ful if you would submit this application to
His Royal Highness ~~[who will remember that
he is already Patron of the Royal Agricul-
tural and Horticultural Society of the Colony.]~~

If His Royal Highness is pleased
to approve of his name being used for the
school, it is also desired that his device
should be incorporated in the school badge.
The present proposal is

that

? Omit - this
seems hardly
relevant
acep

is that the badge should be the head of a
"Royal Impala" which is, as H.R.H. no
~~doubt knows, a long horned antelope.~~ In
Prince of Wales'
that case, it is suggested that the 2
~~device~~ ^{feathers} should be inset between the spread
of the horns of the animal. If H.R.H.
would be prepared to approve this further
application, the Governor of Kenya would
be asked to furnish for submission to
H.R.H., for approval, a sketch of the
proposed badge showing how it is proposed
that the device should be incorporated.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) E. B. BOYD.

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KENYA.

No. 103

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

RECEIVED
16 MAR 1931
COL. OFFICE

2/5 February, 1931.

Amud - 376 - 4 JUN 1931

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter which has been received from the Director of Education of this Colony and its enclosure in which it is requested that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be approached with a view to his graciously consenting to allow his name to be associated with the Kabete Secondary School for Boys and his feathers to be included in the school badge.

2. It is proposed that the institution should be named 'Prince Edward's School' or alternatively 'The Prince of Wales' School' as His Royal Highness may prefer, and Your Lordship's good offices will be appreciated in making the necessary representations to His Royal Highness.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

BRIGADIER-GENERAL.
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1

108/Vol.IX/10

7th February, 1951.

"A".

The Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary,
NAIROBI.

re: Kabete Boys' Secondary School.

No. 88/51/11
S. H. S. S.

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Headmaster of the new Kabete Secondary School for Boys.

2. This school is the first purely secondary school for boys erected in the Colony. It was opened at the beginning of this school year.

3. The buildings were erected on plans drawn by Sir Herbert Baker and are admirable in every way, providing both tuition and boarding. The playing fields extend to between 100 and 150 acres. It would be a great honour to the school if His Royal Highness could be pleased to allow his name to be associated with the institution.

4. You will observe that Captain Nisholzen suggests the name of Prince Edward for the school. A possible alteration would be the Prince of Wales' School.

5. I hope that Government will see its way to endorsing this request.

M. S.
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

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COPY.

52/31/11.

Boys' Secondary School,
Kisumu,
February 27th, 1931.

The Hon'ble the Director of Education,
NAIROBI.

Sir,

I have to submit that you will request His Excellency the Governor to approach His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales through the Secretary of State with a view to obtaining His Royal Highness' sanction to this School bearing the name of Prince Edwards School.

His Royal Highness will recollect that the School was in building during his second visit to the Colony and that he inspected the site of the School.

If His Royal Highness gives his sanction I would further submit to His Royal Highness that we may be permitted to carry the Prince of Wales feathers on the Badge - the present proposal is that the Badge should be the head of a "Royal Impale" and we would then propose to inset the Prince of Wales feathers between the spread of the horns.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) E.W.L. Nicholson.

PRINCIPAL.

73.

O. O.

Mr. *Strover* 14/1

Mr.

Mr.

X Sir C. Bottomley, 14 *conce*

Sir J. Shackburgh.

Sir G. Grindale.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Party. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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17019/30 *Kenya*

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Codes + Seal
9.0 pm
14/1/31
Chd

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DRAFT. Tel case:

Taxmotor

Nairobi

*With full
particulars*

Private and Personal

Your tel to lan

following from Wilson

begins regret

impossible in any case

approach JPRST the

Prince of Wales

before departure @

Suggest you should

make official

request by despatch

for Carson a

return of JPRST

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C.C.D. 1222

Lecar

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END

ORIGINAL decode of a telegram from the O.A.G.KENYA

Dated 10 Jan. 1931 Received in the Colonial Office at 2.50 p.m. on 10 Jan. Dominions

Decoded by M.A.W.
Decyphered

PRIVATE AND PERSONAL.

Following for Wilson. Begins. Kenya would be greatly honoured if H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would allow new European School at Kabete to be called Prince of Wales' School in view of the deep interest H.R.H. has always taken in the Colony.

School is being opened almost at once and in view of H.R.H.'s impending departure for the Argentine should be glad, if at all possible, that his wishes might be taken before he sails.

Ends.

Answer. rec. 14/1/31

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