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17th November 1925.

CIRCULATION

MEAT CANNING FACTORY.

Submits proposals for establishment of

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Secretary of State.

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Send interim acknowledgment LE and recirc.

(Intd.) W.C.B. at once
18/11

(Papers borrowed from Mr. Green 23/11)

This is a case in which (as in previous nibbles of the same kind) we must take a hand in order not to quench the smoking flax.

You will see from the minutes on K/36995 that there has been active discussion between Mr. Kennedy and Colonel Franklin, but this letter differs in two important respects from the draft I saw on November 3rd:-

(a) The grazing area required increases with the scale of operations instead of being a definite 5000 acres.

(b) Mr. Kennedy do ask for a certain degree of monopoly.

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On the other *subject* hand, he does not ask for anything further beyond "whole hearted support".

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Previous Paper

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Subsequent Paper

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He had put to Colonel Franklin various points about Government cold storage, cold cars on the railway, etc. I suppose that he is asking for Colonel Franklin's answers.

The latter has told me that

(i) Mr. Kennedy proposes, with any encouragement, to go to Kenya in the new year to arrange matters.

(ii) He has asked for the name of the Crown Agents' suppliers of cold storage plant for Kenya, so that he may buy from them and co-operate with the Government over spares, etc. This looks like business.

The important point is the grazing land for construction of a road. See sketch plan

attached which shows the Masai farms. The main Masai farms are marked

It is not I think out of the question, in a matter directly for native benefit, to consider a lease of land at the corner of the Masai Reserve coming up to Athi Station - that would mean a 3½ mile journey to the Masai farms. The consent of the Masai would be necessary, and the rent would go to their Trust Fund. The lease, whether here or elsewhere, would be for the period of the factory's activity and the use of the land would be limited to the particular purpose.

There would have to be a rent, and as it would be native land the rate would have to be one for which there is precedent - e.g. the scale which Sir R. Coryndon proposed for grazing farms in North Laikipia, namely, 5c for the first 10 years, 10c for the next 10 years, and 20c thereafter.

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Thus

Mr. Kennedy would begin by paying \$11.5 on his ^{maximum} minimum of 4,500 acres and end by paying \$225 on his/ of 22,500 acres. New areas leased as the work expanded should ^{I suggest,} count for rent as if they had been leased from the start - i.e. a new area leased in the 11th year would be charged 10c.

This would not, surely, unduly burden Mr. Kennedy's operations.

The only practicable alternative to ~~the~~ land in the area ^{marked "vacant crown land"} ~~surrounded by the dotted line~~ on my plan - immediately touching the Hutchinson Farms. ~~But this is a game "reservation" - not "reserve" - of a sort and I suppose we must keep our hands off it.~~

This is shown as vacant crown land ^{maps} ~~small~~ ~~appears~~ but on the map - is N/2045 1/24 introduced by James H. ... for a book by the late ...

There it is part of an area (most of which is certainly covered by farms, including Capt. Hutchinson's) marked as a "reservation" - but a reservation for land & male ...

The gazetted game reserve ... throws any light on the matter.

I think we have to telegraph ... almost drift. Its form does not ... think ...

See also ...

Private
Letter from Mr. Franklin would I did
not have the way being up the opening 60,000,
but it is in the good.

The main point is that of
progress is made in other respects -
we shall have to be very careful
about the standard of continued
working which is to justify a claim
of the growing rights and the
'10.20.1915'.

Wait for tel.

W. B. Foxworth,

28/10/15

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE

(DEVELOPMENT AND INTELLIGENCE),

35, OLD QUEEN STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.



Ref. No. 8028 TC

27th November, 1925.

Dear Bottomley,

I enclose replies from -

Sir Thomas Paxton, Bart.,
3, Devonshire Gardens,
Glasgow.

Sir Thomas Clement, K.B.E.,
Andrew Clement & Sons, Ltd.,
64, Albion Street,
Glasgow.

The Union Bank of Scotland, Ltd.,
Eglinton Street Branch,
Glasgow.

in answer to my enquiries about Mr. R. Kennedy, Junr,
which I think you ought to see.

The replies are far from good but I expect
Mr. Kennedy will have made arrangements to finance
the business if he goes into it, and if the Government
are careful not to promise him that any extra facilities
will be given him until the factory is erected and

then/

J. Bottomley, Esq., C.M.G., C.B.E.,

COLONIAL OFFICE.

then only in exact ratio to the work being done at
the factory, I cannot see Kenya takes any risk.

Yours sincerely,

Will H. Franklin

3, Devonshire Gardens
Glasgow, W.

18th November, 1925.

Mr. Franklin,

Dear Sir,

From what I know of the Kennedy family, very
popular and most enterprising, I have not the slightest
doubt that Mr. Robert is able to carry out any undertaking
he may enter into.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Thos. Paxton.

ANDREW CLEMENT & SONS, LTD.,
64, Albion Street,
GLASGOW, C.I.

23rd November, 1925.

W.H. Franklin, Esq.,
Department of Overseas Trade,
35, Old Queen Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of yours of 16th November re Mr. R. Kennedy, Junr., and regret I am unable to give you much information concerning him. I know his father to be a very reliable and successful business man, but I know little concerning his son beyond that he has had a somewhat chequered career having at times done very well and then lost it again. From what little I know of him, I should think he has considerable initiative and ability but may lack steady tenacity of purpose.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Thomas Clement.

TELEPHONE NO. QUEEN'S PARK 712.
TELEGRAMS ADDRESS: "STERILIZED, GLASGOW."

Memorandum.

CITY DAIRY, Eglinton Toll. 03

Tuesday, 17th. November 1939

To The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
London, S.W.1.

H. Kennedy Limited,
Milk Contractors,
346 POLLOKSHAW ROAD,
Glasgow.

C.O.
51766
18 NOV 20

Sir, I have the honour to inform you that I have under consideration the erection of a meat canning factory in Kenya.

The proposal is to acquire the farms shown on the accompanying plan No.51, 52, 53 1280/1, 1280/2, Athi River now in possession of Captain Hutchinson, who is an old personal friend, and to erect thereon a canning factory, cold store etc., to take care of the slaughter and packing of cattle etc., It is proposed meantime to "gang warily" till the pulse of the Masai and the Wahamba tribes, both of whom are entirely cattle and pastoral people and who own vast herds and whose Native Reserves surround these farms, can be guessed and the manner shown in which they may express, tangibly, their willingness to part with their cattle. If this shows up well then additional plants will be erected to cope with what may be considered a reasoned expectation of incoming cattle to the factory.

An important point is the acquiring of sufficient grazing land in the vicinity of the factory on which the beasts could be conditioned. In this particular I would respectfully apply for the setting apart of certain Government lands to the westward of the above mentioned farms and that I be given grazing rights over the land as long as I continue running my factory.

In my estimate for the amount of grazing land needed it is necessary to make provision for a large area, to be fenced in, to act as a quarantine ground. From this area the seemingly sound animals would be herded on to another adjoining area from which they would finally be brought into my own farms for slaughter. Under a process of this kind I consider that enough land to allow the cattle to be under my own observation and care for six weeks would be required so that my estimate of

*without plan
to be given in future*

H. Kennedy Limited.
Milk Contractors.
 346 POLLOKSHAW ROAD,
Glasgow.

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17th November 1925

the amount of land needed is made up on the assumption of five acres per head per day for forty five days, as follows:-

Factory killing 20 beasts per day...	4500 acres
" " 50 " 11250 acres
" " 100 " 22500 acres

I would ask that the grazing rights of this land be given me free or at a small yearly rental nominally. I would not need this land till about two months before the factory starts operations but would like the area defined with permission to get ahead with the fencing while the cannery is being erected.

I would also look for some assurance from you that no other meat canning establishment would be allowed in my area, which would be defined and if it were deemed prudent to help develop the industry to open up another canning factory in some other part of the Colony that I be given the opportunity of putting up an offer before a license be granted to others.

If this proposal is acceptable to you I would ask nothing further than your whole hearted support, as I feel that such an undertaking would be one of the great means of utilising a dead capital of natural wealth and assisting the prosperity of a coming great country, which Kenya undoubtedly is.

REFERENCES. I am a Member of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of this country.

I controlled the firm of Lawrence & Kennedy till 1918 when I sold all my interests in the firm to the Lawrence family, who are the patentees and pioneers of the milking machine business and whose machines are sold in this country as the Lawrence-Kennedy and Vaccar, in Australasia as the L.K.G. (Lawrence-Kennedy-Gillies), in the United States of America and Canada as the

B.L.F. /

CITY DAIRY, Eglinton Toll.

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M. Kennedy Limited,
Milk Contractors,
346 POLLAKSHAW'S ROAD,
Glasgow.

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17th. November 1925

B.L.K. (Burrell-Lawrence-Kennedy) and which are used and are a household word in all the dairying countries of the world. In connection with this milking machine business I have been all over and round the world several times and consider myself quite "au fait" where cattle count.

Since 1900 I have been an active partner and shareholder in this dairy business, which is of considerable magnitude and has been established for close on fifty years. Our Bankers are The Union Bank of Scotland, Eglinton Street Branch, Glasgow.

For personal references I would mention Sir Thomas Paxton, ex Lord Provost of this City and Sir Thomas Clement, Chairman of Andrew Clement & Sons Ltd Produce Merchants of this City and London and Chairman of The United Creameries Ltd., Mr John McCosh, Chartered Accountant, Glasgow, with whose farm I served my apprenticeship for my C.A., can also testify to my ability and standing to undertake a matter of this kind.

I may also add that I have no connection whatever, nor do I act indirectly for, or with, any meat combine in this country or any other. The scheme is entirely a private one, at present, amongst my friends

I am,

Sir,

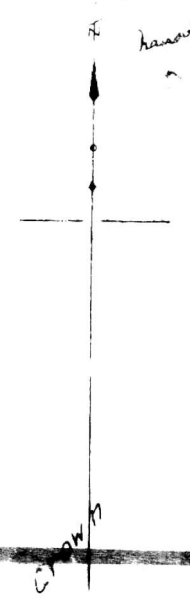
Your obedient Servant,

M. Kennedy Limited

K. HILL, 100th Ave. N. W. 1/4
R. 100th Ave. N. W. 1/4
S. 1/2 P. 100th Ave. N. W. 1/4
GLASGOW

PLAN OF ATHI RIVER FARMS

Scale 1:25,000
Very Approx. Scale = 24 1/2%



Land

L.O. No 50
Area 970 Acres

L.O. No 50

L.O. No 342

L.O. No 51
Area 3019.0 Acres

L.O. No 1280/1
Area 554 Ac.

L.O. No 341

L.O. No 1280/2
Area 805 Ac.

L.O. No 340

L.O. No 53
Area 339 Ac.

L.O. No 52
Area 519 Ac.

Crown Land

Zion Cave
Fool R. Cave

Bad Man's Drift

Hippa Pool

ATHI RIVER

REFERENCE

- A. Nine Roomed Wood & Iron House and usual outbuildings. Stables. Stone Cottage
- B. Concrete Cattle Dip.
- C. Stone Quarry
- D. Stone Dairy. Three Stone Calf Houses. Stone Store. Stone Butter Store. Iron Store. Cattle Pans. Boys Houses.
- E. Lime Pit

See map of Athi River

Resounding 24/11

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12.35 pm
25th Nov 89
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Director
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25/11/89

Your despatch of 20th March

347 proposals have been received from
Kennedy Glasgow as a result of communica-
tion with Franklin. Subject to your
preliminary views he will visit Kenya
early next year. He would acquire

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Conf. Code. Tel.

AFT.

Hutchinson's farms Athi River for
canning factory cold storage etc. and
asks for grazing land in neighbourhood
for conditioning purposes estimated at
4500 acres on basis of 20 beasts a day
and so on in proportion. Also asks for
reservation of district and priority of
consideration in other districts on
lines of paragraph 2 (a) enclosure in my
despatch of January 1st Confidential

58827/24.

presume no objection to such an arrangement

As regards grazing area would

it be possible to obtain consent of Masai
Council to lease of Reserve land in
neighbourhood of Athi River station land

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not mail

to

to revert to them in event of ceasing to

be used for this purpose rent which would

be paid to Masai might be on same lines

as in your despatch of 9th January 1927

para para 10.

~~Telegraph your views~~

Sw.
(10358/2)

situation down land to

best of available farms marked as

in maps is it available

delight your views.