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REC: 12 JAN 1922

FROM: VERNON NORTHBY.

TEL. 8.

DATE: 10TH JANUARY, 1922.

FOR CIRCULATION :-

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- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Road
- Sir J. Masterlon Smith
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

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Sir H. Road.

It is best clear whether approval is required or not, but we must do what we can to help, so

? Approve by tel.

W.S. 21.22

at once  
H. J. R.  
12/1/22

Approved - 13 Jan 22  
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11 March 22 1922

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Telegram from the Governor of ~~Malaya~~ to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 10th January, 1922.

(Received Colonial Office 10.46.p.m.11th January, 1922)

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x R. G. H. Disabled Officer (Comd)

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BRITISH EAST AFRICA DISABLED OFFICERS COLONY.

This co-operative settlement, usually known as "Boned", was formed in 1918, to enable ex-officers to make a start in agricultural work in Kenya.

Twenty-five thousand acres of good land at Kericho were provided by the Government of Kenya on easy terms, and a capital of £40,000 was put up by the members themselves. The original number of members was 75, but this has been reduced by various withdrawals.

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The difficulties of the Society have been due partly to bad management in the initial stages but chiefly to the fall in the price of flax in this country. It was hoped that flax - an annual crop then commanding a high price - would give the Society the necessary start towards success, and the position has been entirely changed by the fact that flax has become practically unmarketable.

A loan of £5,000 was received from the Officers' Association who have, however, not been able to find any further funds. The Society has been assisted by the Government by the reduction of the premium of £1 per acre to 10/-, and later by the premium being waived altogether.

Sum amounting to about £9,000 have been provided by the local bank, and the Society's liabilities to the bank and other creditors amount to £14,000 or £15,000, in addition to the loan from

the Officers' Association.

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He was assisted by the Director of Agriculture, Kenya, who was then on leave, but his efforts were unsuccessful. Since then, the Director of Agriculture and the London Office of the Bank, in co-operation with the Colonial Office, have used every endeavour to find funds for the Society.

The late Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies took a keen interest in these efforts and endeavoured to enlist the sympathies of friends who might be able to help, but it was eventually only possible to prepare a scheme of reconstruction of the Society, under which the Bank would find the funds required under a Government guarantee. It was hoped that of the total sum of £30,000 to be guaranteed, £15,000 would be covered by a guarantee of the Government of Kenya and the remainder by a guarantee under the terms of the Empire Settlement Act, 1922. The question as to whether the powers given under the Act could be applied in this case gave rise to considerable discussion and was eventually referred to the Law Officers of the Crown, who advised against it.

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Governor of Kenya on the basis of a sum of £26,750 being guaranteed by that Government, but the Governor has taken exception to the scheme on its general merits and has expressed the opinion that, even with this assistance "Beadoc" could not be expected to attain permanent success. The Governor has made proposals with regard to the assets of the Society and the land with a view to the best interests of the members and the creditors, but on the basis that the Society, which has already gone into voluntary liquidation, shall be wound up.

It has to be borne in mind that, as the difficulties of the Society increase, its capacity <sup>is diminished,</sup> finding work, members have taken every opportunity of obtaining other employment in Kenya, while many of them have left the country permanently. It is not probable that anything like the whole of the members would wish to return to Kenya, or that at the best, <sup>Acrida</sup> land would support them for a long time to come.

The Secretary of State has decided that, in view of the Governor's representations, the attempt to re-establish "Beadoc" as a co-operative Society must be abandoned and correspondence by telegraph as to what should be done on the lines indicated by the Governor is still proceeding.

  
BUCKINGHAM PALACE

30th. November, 1922.

*See it thoroughly*

*See*  
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Dear Marsh,

Very many thanks for your memorandum about the Kericho Colony. It is a very sad look out for those who put their money into it. In the case of my relative it is £800, which could be badly spared.

Yours very truly,

*Stanfordham*

E. Marsh Esq.,  
D.B., C.M.G., C.V.O.,  
Colonial Office.

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10<sup>th</sup> January  
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Resolutions approved

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