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the grant of... whereby natives are excluded from the gathering of natural products is forbidden by law, and if any modification of this were allowed it would only be to enable Europeans to establish plantations of moderate size, compensation being given for the necessary loss of the rights of gathering wild fruits within such areas.

13. As regards the scientific

development of the land, this is the task of the Forestry and Agricultural Departments of the Colonies, whose work lies practically entirely among native owners and cultivators of the land.

(Signed) H. A. READ.

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Native Reserves; in the case of Uganda the issue of a formal pronouncement has been approved, guaranteeing to the natives the setting aside of land sufficient for their requirements, present and future, and in Nyasaland recommendations have been formulated with a view to giving the native a feeling of security of tenure in the area on which he has chosen to settle.

5. Turning now to the four features to which, apart from the three general principles, your letter draws attention.

(1) In East Africa, the only dependency in which there are native reserves is Kenya, and the Secretary of State is constantly urging on the Government the importance of accelerating the setting aside of the native reserves at the earliest possible date. The Government has, at his instance, taken all steps possible, and will continue to take

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... since the foregoing was ... and sanctioned by our
... we have received a copy of the Report of the Land
Tenure Commission of the Kenya ... and
... interesting to observe that one of the recommendations
... the creation of a Native ... page (1) the
... of the recommendation reads:

... consider, that ... that a Native Land
Trust should be ... This Trust should
... and should administer
... the Reserves. The
... is not a matter on which
... called upon to recommend. The
... should have power to grant leases for land
... without reference to
... the governing principles
... direct benefit to the
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... purposes as posho mills
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... page (21) the Chief Native Commissioner says:

... however, in full agreement that a
Native Land Trust should be established. The
definition of Crown Lands should be altered to
exclude native reserves, which should be ...
in this Trust. Revenue from leases and occupation
should be paid into the Native Trust Fund ...
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 politically unfranchised could rely upon
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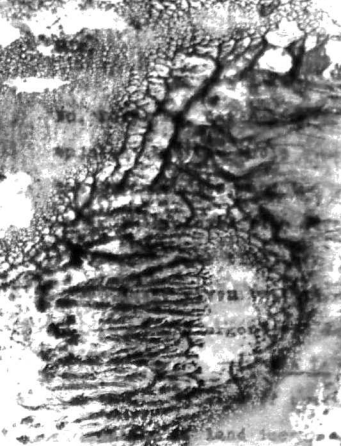
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 some lines of a new departure in dealing with land questions
 which they believe to be of political importance. Within the
 limits of the present order of things, where the
 land is held by the natives, the Committee has been
 successful in securing the cooperation of these people
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