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TRANSFER OF N. KAVIRI TO DIST. N. G. FROM MUMIAS TO KAKUMEGA

1923

17th March

at previous Paper

States water at Simichwa impure and site and water at Kakumega superior so has authorized--No permanent construction will be undertaken yet. Attaches Bacteriologists Report.

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W. G. ...

See map in envelope attached to ...
relative position of ...
Simichwa & Kakumega.

In an account of Kakumega
the ... of ...
200 ... from ...
... Prof. ...
... subjected to this site

It is more than a pity that
the Dist. Govt. has permitted
officers to ...
instead of ...
approval of Kakumega given

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17th March, 1920.

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My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 1121 of the 29th October last, I have the honour to report that, in deference to an adverse opinion on the quality of the water supply at Simichwa from the Bacteriologist and Medical Officer, Kisumu, I have decided not to establish the District Headquarters of North Kavirondo in that locality.

2. The Provincial Commissioner and Medical Officer have agreed that from the standpoint of health the site at Kakumega is definitely superior. There is ample spring water to meet officers' requirements and a large river in the vicinity, whilst the general characteristics of its position and surroundings have been described fully by Sir H. Holford in the sixth paragraph of his despatch No. 456 of the 7th May 1914.

3. I have accordingly authorized the abandonment of Munda and the immediate erection of temporary buildings on the selected site.

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RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c. &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

No permanent construction will be undertaken, however, until the Provincial Commissioner and Medical authorities have agreed upon the most suitable place in the District for their respective needs. 293

4. I regret the delay, which has occurred before actual removal from Mumbias has taken place, but I trust that Kakumega will prove to be a satisfactory settlement of this long standing question and that the action taken will receive Your Lordship's approval.

5. I attach the Bacteriologist's Report referred to above, which shows conclusively the impossibility of adhering to Simichwa as even a temporary site for a district Headquarters.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's

humble, obedient servant,


ACTING GOVERNOR.

4th November, 1919.

To
The Medical Officer,
Nyanza Province, Kisumu.

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Sir,

26/11/19

I have the honour to furnish the report on the samples of water sent from the proposed new site for Mumias Station.

A. Sample from Well.I. Organisms growing on Gelatine Media at 20 C.

Average 100 liquefying and 210 non-liquefying organisms per c.c. in 24 hours. The whole plate liquefied in 48 hours.

II. Organisms growing on Agar Media at 37 C.

Uncountable in 24 hours.

III. Organisms growing on Bile Salt Media at 37 C.

Uncountable in 24 hours.

IV. Presumptive B. coli Test.

Typical B. coli 100-1000 per litre.

V. Streptococci Test.

Streptococci less than 20 per litre.

B. Sample from Spring.I. Organisms growing on Gelatine Media at 20 C.

Averaged 120 liquefying and 220 non-liquefying organisms per c.c. in 24 hours. Whole plate liquefied in 48 hours.

II. Organisms growing on Agar Media at 37 C.

Uncountable in 24 hours.

III. Organisms growing on Bile Salt Media at 37 C.

Averaged 40 non-lactose fermenters and 184 lactose fermenters per c.c. in 48 hours.

IV. Presumptive B. coli Test.

A typical B. coli 1000-10,000 per litre.

V. Streptococci Test.

Streptococci less than 20 per litre.

Remarks. The counts of organisms are enough to condemn the water at once, but insufficient analyses of waters in this Protectorate exists to show whether these samples are worse than those of waters ordinarily drunk by Europeans in bush stations. The results must be interpreted in conjunction with a sanitary survey of the collecting area.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) W. H. Kauntze.

I forward a copy of Bacteriological report on water/ from proposed new Mumbias site. In my opinion this settles the matter. The water is unfit to drink. Some other site will have to be found.

If the water is so highly polluted with only a small number of natives around, the outlook is bad if the area is thickly populated.

10/11/19.

(Sd.) P. A. Clearkin.
Medical Officer.

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28 April 1900

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Sir

I have in order the receipt of

your letter of the 26th of a 17th inst

of March regarding the transfer of the

British Headquarters of the Kaimosi to

from Munnai to Kakimaga, and with

(1) I am in the opinion that you are

transacting the matter, and

I shall be glad to be kept informed

of the progress of the same.

When permanent construction

of the new station buildings

is

- Mr. Murray 26.3.1900
- Mr. Parkison
- Mr. ... 27/4/1900
- Mr. ...
- Sr H. ...
- Sr H. ...
- Sr G. ...
- Col. ...
- Lord ...

Why do I mention 29 April 1900

to Mr. Murray
signed.