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APPLICATION

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Forwards petition asking for a piece of land suitable for mixed farming. Has consulted Executive Council who agree that it would create a precedent which would be difficult to justify. Unable to recommend that the request be granted.

W. Butler

I entirely agree that to grant this request would create a precedent which it would be difficult to justify. However he should have put his finger pointing out the size of the land in all directions.

" Ask what and say what the Soil Commission in the Otago Province has to report should be maintained.

[The only report, I think, has appeared in the Otago Spring, 1925.]

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W. Butler
17th June 25

S. J. Fisher

Proved as per record?

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 873.

May 30th, 1912.

Sir,

At the request of Mr. G.S. Baker, Assistant Conservator of Forests, I have the honour to forward herewith a petition by that officer for a piece of land suitable for mixed farming.

2. I have consulted with my Executive Council as to the desirability of acceding to the request, and they agree with me that it would create a precedent which would be difficult to justify.

3. In these circumstances I am unable to recommend that the request be entertained.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

L. Harcourt
ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

~~Confidential~~

Forest Office, C. O.
 Nairobi,
 April 30th., 1912.
 No 290
 RECEIVED JUN 12

Conservator of Forests,
 Nairobi,

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I am desirous of leaving the service of the East Africa Protectorate if I can obtain a piece of land suitable for mixed farming. During the course of my duty I am obliged to visit feverish localities and repeated attacks of malaria have caused a considerable degree of deafness which Sir Patrick Manson has certified will increase with future attacks and doses of quinine. This is my only reason for wishing to leave.

There are many blocks of land lying between the Forest Reserve and allotted farms and I understand that these are sometimes allotted by special sanction of His Excellency. Would it be possible to obtain a grant of such a piece of land? I believe the usual way of dealing with applications for these blocks is for the applicant to guarantee to put the usual improvements on the land and to bid at public auction for it. While I have some funds for the development of a 2000 acre farm it would not suit me to bid at auction because if the price was high my finances might be crippled.

I should be very grateful indeed therefore if in consideration of my service of 10 years at a very small salary a special case could be made on my behalf and the land granted without the necessity of a public auction.

I enclose two plans showing vacant pieces of land and have written on them the order of choice. One plan shows land available between the Eastern Aberdare and the West Kenia farms. The other a piece of land near the Railway line at Loitiani.

I do not wish for a farm in the Elgon Allotments as I fear it is too far from the Railway and a market for produce, and I cannot afford to wait several years without an income.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) Guy S. Baker

Asst. Conservator of Forests.

For
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3 July 12

Sir

DRAFT.

Ref. Prot. No. 376
The Act.

I have the honor to
ack the recd of your letter
No 373 of the 30th of May
on the subject of an
~~appli made by Mr. G.S.~~
~~Baker's~~ ^{Application} ~~Wheat Conservator~~
~~of insects~~ for the grant of
a piece of land for
farming purposes, & to
inform you that I concur
in your opinion that
the ^{re} ~~Wheat~~ ~~Conservator's~~ request should
not be entertained

MINUTE

Mr. Hatcher 29/6

Mr. Butler 29/6

Mr. Fiddes.

Mr. H. Just.

Mr. J. Anderson.

Mr. Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

[Signature]