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at previous Paper.

M. W. Maxwell
Appln for land for Sugar Cultivation

Sends Comm. asks what reply has been given to Mr. Maxwell's appln.

Sir G. Fiddes

Sir P. G. was anxious to attract sugar planters to the E.A.P., it is considered that there was suitable country for sugar-growing on the Tana + elsewhere. Mr. Maxwell seems to be a substantial person (see the list from the H. Kong + Shanghai Bank) & I think that we should send out a copy of this list some to the firm he owns - & inform him that whether we are referring his appln to the firm & that a further comm. will be sent to

6700 }
30 Maxwell
30 no addis - conf - cans
Copy for 336 cans 8 Nov 11
Sent to Capt. ...
at 15 Jan 12 6700 8/6

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to him when the first reply has been
rec'd. - + inf: the C.A. that we are
communicating with not in direct?

H. J. R.

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This seems a straightforward letter

(copy)
Also ask for me a letter to Dear Mr
Addis enclosing copies of the Harbo letter
asking if they be convenient to Maxwell's
suitability

at home P.M. 1/11

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S. Asst. Sec. 5p

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON."
TELEPHONE 1822 VICTORIA.



WHITEHALL GARDENS,
LONDON, S. W.

29th October 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you
a copy of a letter which we have received
from Mr. W. Maxwell of Sydenham, enquiring as
to the grant of an area of about 12,000 acres
of land in the British East Africa Protectorate
for the purpose of growing sugar canes and
erecting a factory for the manufacture of sugar.

2. I have to request the Secretary
of State's instructions as to the reply to be
returned to Mr. Maxwell's letter.

etc.
I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature

for Crown Agents.

Under Secretary of State,
&c., &c., &c.,
Colonial Office.

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MR. W. MAXWELL TO CROWN AGENTS.

77, Lawrie Park Road,
Sydenham.
London.

27th October 1912.



Gentlemen,

Sugar in British East Africa.

I take the liberty to approach you re the above matter and am obliged to trouble you with some details of a personal character to enable you to judge of my suitability for the application I propose to make.

Java.

I have been over 25 years connected with the sugar cane industry, chiefly in Java, and consider this industry could be started in British East Africa as some 33,000 pound worth of foreign sugar is imported yearly.

I am an engineer by profession (M.I.Mech.E) and have been cane planter, superintendent, and part owner of factories. I have built some 14 factories in Java alone for different companies, having capacities of from 3000 tons of sugar to 20,000 tons per season of 100 days.

I am at present building one of the largest factories in Java for De Javasche Cultuur Maatschappij, Amsterdam, in which factory the machinery alone costs some 120,000 pound sterling. All the machinery is made by my firm in England.

My eldest son is graduated Ingenieur of Switzerland and certificated chemist of the Brunswick

Sugar Institute and is at present Technical, Chemical and Agricultural advisor to the Credit Foncier in Mauritius (controlling six factories there). My second son has had exactly the same training and is in Natal at present.

Knowing all necessary languages and having connections in the different cane growing countries, we can obtain the necessary cane seed, etc., etc.,

Financial.

I am prepared to prove my financial position is sufficient to erect and work a sugar factory of moderate size without any assistance, my references would be,

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

The London and South Western Bank, Sydenham,

The London Joint Stock Bank, London.

The first mentioned bank has had transactions with me for some 28 years.

Requirement.

There are four names:- Francis Maxwell, William Maxwell, Marius Maxwell and L. Wingate., and a government grant would be necessary of an area of some 12,000 acres:

There would have to be rivers running through the property and the distance from the coast not more than 20 miles unless along a railway when the distance from the coast could be 100 miles.

(3)

Kindly inform me if the Government is likely to assist this new industry in the Protectorate, not actually in a financial manner but to lend some moral support.

We are prepared to pay for the ground when necessary. Could you oblige with the probable conditions for obtaining land.?

Awaiting the favour of your reply.

I remain, etc.,

~~Signed~~.- W. MAXWELL.

Copy.

THE CREDIT FONCIER OF MAURITIUS. LIMITED.
PORT LOUIS.
MAURITIUS.

29th April 1912.

We desire to state that Mr. Francis Maxwell, A.M.I. Mech. E
Ingenieur Zurich, and Sugar Chemist, Brunswick, was appointed
by our London Board for the period of one year, from June
1911 to June 1912, as Technical adviser in Mauritius for
the Company's estates, and those estates in which the
Company is interested.

We are happy to be able to say that we have been
thoroughly satisfied with Mr. Maxwell's ability from an
engineering, chemical, and agricultural point of view
with his knowledge of the sugar industry, and with his
energy and social bearing during the period which is
now about to terminate.

Mr. Maxwell has applied his white sugar method with
great success at one of the factories connected with the
company, and this has become the subject of much interest
to all those interested in the sugar industry in the
island.

We hope to be able to retain Mr. Maxwell's services,
which have proved highly valuable to the Company.

Signed.- A. HUGNIN.

Manager.

A. Hugnin is Manager)
of the Credit Foncier of)
Mauritius Limited, owning)
18 estates in Mauritius.)

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
31, Lombard Street, London. E.C.
dated 6th July 1911.

TO:-

THE MANAGER.

COLONIAL BANK.

KINGSTON . JAMAICA.

Sir,

I beg leave to introduce to you Mr. William Maxwell, of Java and Sydenham, who is a valued constituent of this Bank, and with whom we have done business for some 25 years. He is a consulting engineer, largely interested in sugar cane culture, and is about to visit Jamaica for the purpose, we understand, of buying an estate and contracting with neighbouring cane planters for the supply of cane to a factory to be erected by him.

Mr. Maxwell is possessed of means and large experience in sugar cane culture and sugar manufacture, and desires us to recommend him to you that you may answer any enquiries regarding him, as he is unknown in Jamaica.

Mr. Maxwell will present this letter to you personally and we bespeak any advice or information which you may be able to afford to him.

Yours faithfully.

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22222-- THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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COLONIAL OFFICE~~
H. J. D. & Co

Communications on this subject
should be addressed to—
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,
and the following number quoted :—
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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his
compliments to the Crown Agents for the Colonies
and is directed by the Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of ^{the}~~the~~
letter of the 29th of October, enclosing a copy of a
letter from Mr William Maxwell.
A reply is being sent direct to
Mr Maxwell's letter ~~is to be replied to~~
direct from the Colonial Office.

...ing Street,

6 November, 1912.

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Downing Street

6 Nov 1912

C. Addis Esq
(H. K. P. Bank)
On quarto for
Sir G. Fiddes's signature]

Dear Mr. Addis,

Mr. William Maxwell of
77, Lawrie Park Road, Spierham,
has submitted ^a letters, of which
I enclose ^a copies, in connexion
with an enquiry respecting ^a ~~the~~

~~Grant of 12,000 acres of land in
super substitution
the S.A.P. for the purpose of securing
the planting of sugar canes on
canes & erecting a factory for
the construction of a sugar factory
the acreage of sugar.~~

I shall
be much obliged
if you ^{can} ~~would~~ let me know
anything
whether

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Mr Read 4

Sir G. Fiddes. S.F.

Shanghai Banking Corp
6 Feb 1911

~~Shanghai Banking Corp
6 Feb 1911~~

Sir G. Fiddes has
recd. a very satisfactory
reply from Mr. Addis.

H. J. L.
E.L.S.

capitally
whether you can confirm

the opinion given in these

letters as to Mr. Maxwell's resources & present

availability to engage in for

such an undertaking. Such

as the present of this kind.

I feel that I can properly

ask the question as he has

put in, as a credential, a

letter given to the Bank

on a different occasion

Yours sincerely
H.P.S.

DRAFT.

W. Maxwell, Esq.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Kenning 2/11
- Mr. Read 4
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

for the planting of
sugar canes & the
construction of a
sugar factory

~~2/11 & 2/11~~

* Encl. 1 in No.

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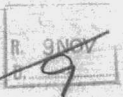
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Sir,
I am ^{directed by Mr. Sec Harcourt.} to ack the receipt of
your l^r. of the 27th of Oct. *
addressed to the C^o for the Colo. &
to inform you that your ^{enquiry} ~~application~~
~~for the grant of land in the East~~
is being referred to the Gov. of the
a report.
Encl. for his ~~reference~~. When
the Gov's reply has been received
a further communication will
be made to you.

I am

H. Read

for the Under Secretary of State



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9 Nov 1902

DRAFT.

S.A.P. for

Conf:

Ans'd 11/50/12-3

Sir, With refer to my despatch No. 736 of the 8th of Nov* I have the honor to inf: you that, as the result of confidential further inquiries which I have caused to be made, I am able to fully to

MINUTE.

- Mr. Read. S.N.W.
- Mr.
- * Sir J. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten note]

* L.F. transmitting copy of No.

confirm the favourable report of the Hong Kong + Shanghai Banking Corp.