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LUMBWA AND SOTIK RESERVES

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Is of opinion that the Lumbwa and Sotik have sufficient land for their legitimate needs and does not think that any adequate reason exists for extending their reserves.

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Sir G. F. Fisher.

This seems to be all right.

Put by?

H. J. R.

7/5/13

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I am not sure, especially if they are not to be allowed to acquire land outside their reserves. If a native can make good use of more land I don't know any reason why he should not be allowed to acquire it. I should like to ask whether there is available grazing land outside which individual natives ought acquire in the usual course of business.

J.R. 9.5.13

I agree entirely with Sir J. Anderson and I, strongly

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI, 5 MAY 1918
BRITISH EAST AFRICA,
April 7th, 1918.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 233

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Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2 of your despatch No. 80 of January 30th, I have the honour to report on the question of the Lumbwa and Sotik Reserves.

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2. I have been in consultation with the Provincial Commissioner, Nyanza, on this matter and he informs me that at the time when the reserves were formed the natives were exceedingly scattered and it was therefore considered desirable to concentrate them. This was accordingly done with the result that certain areas which they had formerly occupied, such as the Chepalungu Forest, were excluded from the reserve. There remained however very ample provision for the needs of the tribe on an agricultural basis. All the Administrative Officers concerned are agreed upon this.

The

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

3. The only difficulty now is that the Lumbwa and Sotik are beginning to exhibit strong pastoral proclivities the gratification of which would perhaps demand an extension of their reserve. I am not however at all inclined to foster this tendency in any way. It is far better both for the natives themselves and for the country as a whole that they should remain agriculturists. Pastoral tribes, as you are aware, are a great problem in the Protectorate and the continual increase of their stock, which they refuse to sell, means an ever growing demand for additional land.

4. I must therefore express the opinion that the Lumbwa and Sotik have sufficient land for their legitimate needs and I do not think that any adequate reason exists for extending their reserves.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

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Mr. J. Anderson

Lord Emmott

Mr. Harcourt

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of

your letter of April 7th 1913, on the subject of the estate of land reserved for the benefit of the landowners and tenants. Before accepting your view that it is unnecessary

to provide for any compensation demand for the taking for pastoral and other uses of grazing land

land, I shall be glad to be informed whether

available outside the reserves

which individual owners

excepted arguments on the usual

terms and conditions

Yours

L. HARCOURT

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