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would be glad to be informed whether, in the event of the proposal being approved, you would be prepared to accept the appointment for a period of three years with the salary mentioned and on the understanding that you would be re-elected in the Uganda Railway Dept. in the U.K. at the end of the three years if you so desired.

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LAND ON MOUNTAIN

Subject of the letter is the application for the purchase of land in the Uganda Railway Dept. for the purpose of the construction of a road to the summit of Mt. Ruwenzori. The Government of the Uganda Railway Dept. has received from the British Government the permission to carry out the work and is prepared to do all necessary work to native and Asiatic laborers on the Island. The Government is prepared to finance the work.

~~Dear~~ Sir J. Anderson
 The inspection does not help us in our immediate negotiations with the Treasury on 22752/13.
 I fear we have now had two sets of offers from the Treasury - one on 22752/13 and one on 22752/15. We are trying to reconcile the one list with the other but until we have received answers to our requests telegrams of 7 July - 17 July we cannot know precisely what the matter stands - we cannot prep the Treasury (who want the money asked for in our telegrams) to approve the cap. of £21500 in addition to the £27000 for which we have already obtained Treasury approval. The final reply to the Dept of 10 June must

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and we should be prepared to demand in our telegrams.

Para. ~~Accordingly~~ we should concern in Govt proposed tribute to the British.

Para. The Charlemonts land has now been acquired. but the West Angames claim is still under concern. The rest of this para should quite follow. In last

the days letter of 2nd June, we have (a) list of sites obtained for purchase of which £1500 ~~has~~ is estimated as necessary in excess of the £7000 already sanctioned.

(b) list of additional sites which may cost £3500 - or in all with parcels of Mr. B. Munnings covering dep. we have asked Treasury to sanction the purchase of these sites also. Beyond this I find no mention of additional blocks. Possibly there may be other letters from Mr. Hobley which we have not received.

Para. We do not think that in 1901/2 you contemplated setting aside savings from year to year to build up a fund for land purchase, but only that of an emergency fund for use

was former decision in principle. I think the Govt. will be willing to ask Treasury to approve the purchase out of savings in the East for that year. The arrangement proposed by Mr. Green is hardly one which the Treasury will accept, as their theory is that at the end of one year all savings go into the reduction of the next year's grant. Govt is not yet free from Treasury control, although we have not been receiving grants in aid in the immediate past. Rather than try to build up a fund of this kind, I think we should deal (at present at any rate) with individual cases as they arise & try to obtain Treasury sanction for meeting the cost from balances.

Refer to 2nd

~~Why is the money not being used? 2/13~~

② again remind Dep. Govt by copy telegram that reply is wanted at once to our telegrams of 7-11 July.

③ ask receipt concern as to intention of setting to the Board.

ask for explanation of paragraphs.
as to paragraphing say that
S.P. is not disposed to approach
the Treasury on these lines
to further present proposals to
await developments and deal
with individual cases as they
arise

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

24th June 1913.

SECRET.

Sir,

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I have the honour to make reference to your secret despatch of the 23rd of December last, on the subject of the acquisition of land on Mombasa Island, the suggestions contained in which have been receiving my careful attention.

2. As both the Provincial Commissioner, Seyidie, and myself had but recently assumed our respective positions at the time when your despatch was received, we were not then in possession of such detailed knowledge of the Island as is required in order to give full consideration to your proposals. It has therefore been necessary for us to make thorough and discreet investigation, which has taken considerable time. Mr Hobley has been engaged on it almost continuously for the last five months, and I have given considerable time to it on the occasions of my visits to Mombasa.

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3. In my confidential despatch No. 21 of February 15th, 1913, I transmitted to you a list of the areas which

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LEWIS HARCOURT, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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we decided that it is desirable to acquire at the earliest possible opportunity, and in pursuance of the approval which was conveyed to me in your telegraphic reply, dated March 28th, we commenced negotiations, the result of which was communicated to you in my confidential despatch of June 10th, to which I am referring.

4. Prior to the inception of the negotiations which resulted in the acquisition of these areas, I approached the Liwali of Mombasa and his son, Sheikh Ali bin Salim, with the view of obtaining, if possible, their co-operation in our endeavour. My representations were responded to by these gentlemen in a most cordial spirit, and I have succeeded in obtaining from the Liwali himself some of the blocks in question, at a reasonable figure, and have received the benefit of his assistance in negotiating with other owners. I feel that I may rely upon the willing help of these officers in future cases of the same description, and I should be gratified if you will permit me to convey to the Liwali an intimation of your satisfaction at hearing of the assistance rendered by him.

5. I am forwarding for your information, under cover of this despatch, a map which I have caused to be prepared showing, with as much approximation to accuracy as possible, the extent of the Government land in the Island, included in which are the areas which have recently been acquired. Having regard to the fact that the acquisition of Dr Charlesworth's

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land has not yet been completed, and that the large area claimed by the Watangana is still the subject of judicial inquiry, I do not advise that we proceed at the present time to the acquisition of areas additional to those enumerated in Mr. Hobley's letter of June 2nd, which formed the enclosure to my despatch of June 10th. I may, however, reiterate the view expressed in that despatch that it is most important that the additional blocks mentioned by the Provincial Commissioner should be acquired as soon as possible.

6. In the somewhat improbable event of a decision against the Crown being finally recorded in the Watangana case, I should have to advise that the land be obtained by purchase. That, however, is a question which need not be considered until the final stage of the action now pending has been reached.

7. Later on, if it should be considered desirable to further extend the area of Crown property, attention might advisedly be directed, in the first instance, to the alienated land lying between the railway and the sea; but in view of present uncertainty regarding the issue of the Watangana claim, and the numerous other pressing needs of the Protectorate, I feel that I should not be justified in advising that such heavy expenditure be undertaken at the present time.

8. You will have learned, from information already sent to you, that the point taken in para. 5 of your despatch under reply has not been overlooked. It is proposed to establish a native location at the Makapa

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end of the Island, and to gradually remove thereto all occupants of the huts which now impinge upon the town proper; also to collect all Government native employees in another location, and, so far as possible, to restrict Asiatic occupation outside the town itself to the area north of the Makupa Road.

9. With regard to the question of finance, referred to in para. 7 of your despatch, I agree that it would be undesirable to make provision in the annual Estimates to meet expenditure of so exceptional a nature. I consider that it would be preferable to set aside an annual sum from the savings of each year to form a fund from which the cost of such acquisition could be defrayed. I am not yet in a position to suggest a figure, but if you should be pleased to express your assent to some such arrangement I will consult with the Treasurer and submit a proposal later.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. Coura Bepur

GOVERNOR.

way in which they
have helped the
Government in this matter,
~~acquisition of land,~~
I have
+ to request that
you will convey to them
my appreciation of the
assistance wh. they have
rendered.

3. With regard to para.
5. of your report, I find
some difficulty in following
your statement that
it is important that the
additional blocks mentioned
by the Provincial Commission
(Mr. Hobley) should be
acquired as soon as
possible. I have received
from

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from you two letters written
by Mr. Hobley on this subject,
the first dated the 21st
of Feb. a copy of which
was enclosed in Mr. Bowering's
conf. disp. of the 15th of
February* & the second
dated the 2nd of June a
copy of which was enclosed
in Mr. Bowering's (conf)
disp. of the 10th of June. In
neither of these two letters
do I find mention
made of "additional
blocks" for the purchase
of which you have not
already sought
approval, & I should be
glad therefore if you
would furnish me
with an explanation.

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6. I regret that I cannot
see my way to approach
the Treasury ^{on} ~~in~~ the
lines suggested in the last
page of your letter ^{with}
the creation of a fund for
land purchase. I propose
therefore to admit
developments of the for the present
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cases as they arise.

& I have etc
— L.H.

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PLAN OF MOMBASA ISLAND

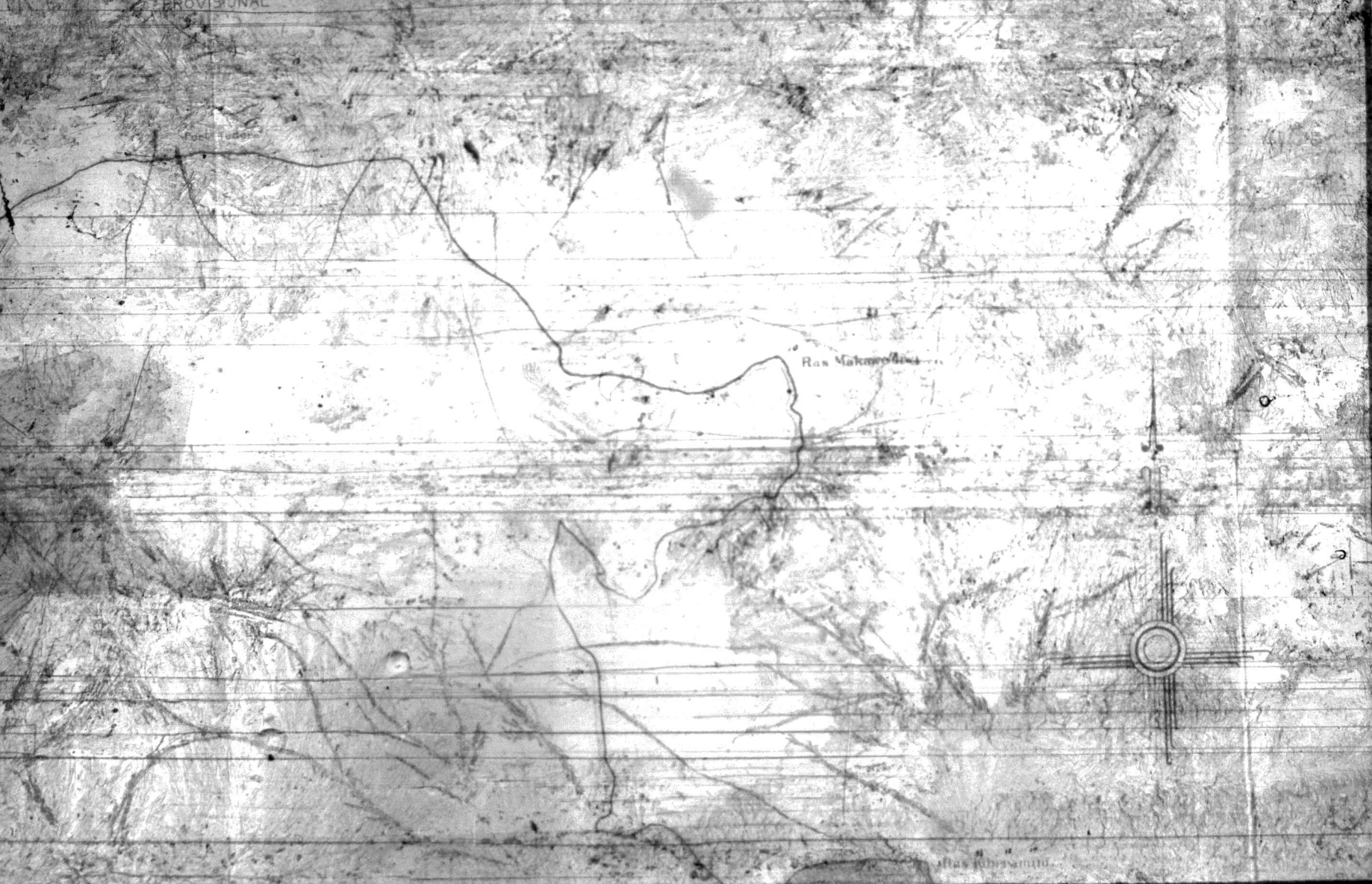
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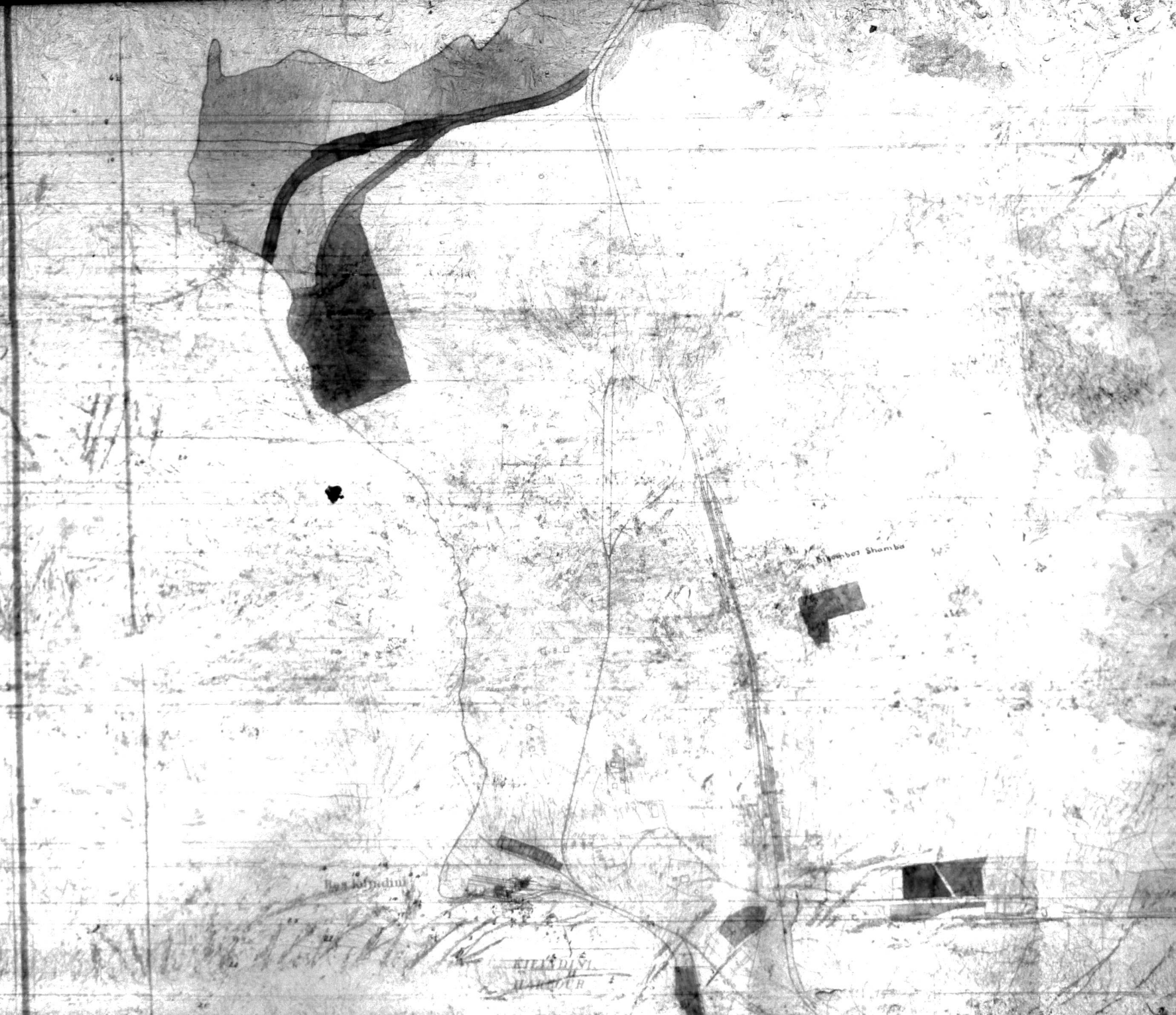


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PLAN OF MOMBASA ISLAND

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NOTE:-

The figures given below are most approximate as the particulars shown on this plan have, in many instances, been culled from old Uganda Railway Prints and various files and records.

Total Area of Island = 3360 Acres (Approx.)

Government Land	Area 411 Acres (Approx.)	Shown thus	
Railway Land	658		
Land Leased to Govt. by Private Owners	6		
Land alienated by Govt. Prior to establishment of Arbitration Board.	16		
Area claimed by Wafungwa (Bdys. most approx.)	330		

Scale - 500 Feet



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Disputed Area

Watan Bana

Claimed by Government

(for Name)