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Trs Report by the Provincial Commr Mombasa, and Attorney General's opinion respecting. States as to points explained to Manager at interview. Has since received application for removal on embargo but was of opinion that pending the completion of works to the satisfaction of the Govt M.O. it would be premature to accede to the requests.

W. B. Bromley

The report by W. B. Bromley and Mr. Gilchrist is absolutely damning to the Company. But Mr. Lamont has left the Governor with the impression that there appears to be a desire on the part of the local management to carry out all necessary improvements & that is something.

The C. maintained in their letter of the 21st of May (Mr. Webster's) that when the late Gov. the P.C. & the M.O. visited the labour camp,

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possible risk of the tribe being expropriated in the future their representatives have agreed to create a 'wakf' in connection with an area of 3,000 acres near Takaungu, i.e. a trust will be created in virtue of which this land will be reserved as a communal block for the use of the Masrui for ever. I attach a copy of the document signed by the leading members of the tribe agreeing to this arrangement, which will ensure a sufficiency of land for the needs of its members, even if the entire balance is sold to private purchasers.

4. In these circumstances I think that it would be inadvisable to interfere with the disposition of those areas in respect of which the Masrui will in due course receive certificates of title.

etc.
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway
GOVERNOR.

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Sir,

With reference to your Confidential despatch of January 7th ^{*} respecting the Mazrui lands, the reply to which has been unavoidably delayed pending negotiation with the interested parties, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. As regards the acquisition by Colonel Owen Thomas of such a proportion of the Mazrui holdings as would leave insufficient provision for the needs of the tribe I am now of opinion that no apprehension need be felt in this direction, as the land alienated would not include any of the present cultivated shambas but would consist entirely of bush and waste land suitable for planting sisal but useless for any other purpose. Such areas would not be developed by the Mazrui themselves and the purchase money can, as they assert, be more profitably employed in working their existing plantation.

3. Moreover in order that there may be no possible

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
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Concessions

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It is not to be supposed that Col. Thomas and the planters will be permanently content with the work of the land and I am by no means sure that the common sense of people who have some 200 fields to get additional land when they want it will be found against an offer that we are recognizing, not granting, & that and I agree that we should not then be free further to attach conditions to the recognition.

It might be worth while still to say that we presume to be satisfied himself that the negroes understand that there is no more land for them.

? as proposed. W.C.S. 22/9/13

Pr. 23.9.13

Ask whether the purchase money to be paid to by Col. Thomas cannot be laid up in the hands of trustees one or more of whom may be headmen of the tribe. If that is done our main objection will be gone.

W.C.S.
23.9.13

Self

W.C.S. 23/9/13
 In view of the delay which has already taken place? this enquiry should be made by tel. & include your point at A
 W.C.S. 24/9/13
 W.C.S. 24/9/13

Rather in our
 recognizing - my
 planting the
 land

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1. The common sense of the Madras
is an Abak law, not a water
rule: they may be expected to
have a due regard to their own
interests.

2. The wetland was created which
will keep 3000 acres permanently
for the common use of the
Madras. J. A. B. The class is said
to consist of about 3000 members,
so that in the unlikely event of
the class selling out all their holdings,
there wd. be left ^{only} one acre per head.

3. The complicated nature of the vegetation
etc. wd. be necessary in the event of
anyone wishing to secure Madras
lands to any large extent - see
your minute on P/40709.

Incidentally, the Gov. considers it
desirable that the "waste" lands
under the Madras should be
disposed of.

It might have been more satisfactory
if the wetland had been twice or
thence its present size, but I
think it wd. be undesirable to