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MOMBASA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Considers, for reasons stated, that it would be advisable to defer the application of the Municipal Ordinance for twelve months. Provincial Council has been authorised to meet Chamber of Commerce and request them to nominate a Committee of some 5 representatives to consider the question and prepare budget for coming year.

W. B. Browning Esq. Esq.

It is curious that writing in March
W. Browning states that it is
eminently desirable - of considerable
importance that a Municipal Council
should be formed in Mombasa with the
power to levy & expend all rates & dues
& charges collected in connexion
with Municipal matters, & yet
as soon as approval is given
to this proposal he writes to say
that it had better stand over
for 12 months.

I think, as a matter of fact, that

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that the action proposed in this
later Dispatch is wise - it wd
be undesirable to rush things
unnecessarily especially when
Montana is in such a difficult
place to deal with at present.

ask receipt - say that
I wd. like to see a further
communication from the Secy.
on this subject when he is in
a position to proceed with the
constitution of a Municipal
Council for Mombasa -

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W. Reed
H. Bottomley

nothing further from for.
I would like to know
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NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

August 23rd 1913.

No. 862

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 366 of the 18th of May respecting the formation of a Municipal Council for Mombasa.

2. I would venture to submit, however, that it would be advisable to defer the application of the Municipal Ordinance to that city for twelve months and to state the reasons which prompt me to make this recommendation.

3. In the first place, the town is not at present in a fit condition to hand-over to a Municipal Council. There are for instance no roads worthy of the name, with the exception of that leading to the Port of Kilindini.

4. Secondly, the residents of Mombasa are lacking in that experience of Municipal matters which it is essential that they should possess before the Municipality can be effectively administered.

5. Thirdly, the town is confronted with many difficult and delicate problems which I submit require full discussion if future misunderstandings

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are to be avoided. Of these the most important are, the position of the town with regard to the water supply, the position of the town with regard to the possible formation of a Port Trust, and the assets which can be adduced as interest for any loan which it may be necessary to raise for improvements.

6. I have therefore authorized the Provincial Commissioner to meet the Chamber of Commerce and to ask them to nominate a Committee of some five representatives to confer with him and the principal officers of the Government in Mombasa with a view to considering the whole question and preparing a tentative budget for the coming year. An advisory Township Committee will then be formed with an experienced Town Clerk to organize the Municipal Office and Administration.

7. I feel sure that the formation of a Municipality will be welcomed by the residents of Mombasa but this preliminary action is necessary if they are to administer it with success from its institution.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
GOVERNOR.

Ser. 32325/1913

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Ear.
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23 Sept. 1913

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your
despatch, No 662, of the 23rd of
August, and to inform you that
I will await a further
communication from you
on the subject when you
are in a position to
proceed with the constitution
of a Municipal Council
for Mumbai.

M.A. 14/9/1913
Bottomley 18.9.13

[Handwritten signature]
SECRETARY.