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MR G.R. CHESNAYE'S APPLICATION
FOR FARMS IN TRANS-NZOIA DISTRICT

Considers acquiescence would render Govt liable
to just criticism. Regrets cannot see way to according
special treatment.

Governor 987

Belfield

1914

3rd November

at previous Paper

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To: Reed

Dear Mr. C., that a reply has
now been received from the Govt. who
does not see his way to granting him
special treatment which is not accorded
to others whose claims to acquire land
has been referred out by the Govt.
Copy of our letter to Govt. for info

4/1/15

above.

Er. G. Fyler

to G.R.

4/1/15

Mr. Chesnaye called ~~the~~ ^{on Tuesday} ~~the~~ ^{see}
his letter attached. He went over the old
ground at great length that previous
assessments - that he had had the
papers looking out for specially suitable
land - that he had been very busy with
the

Mr. 23 Copy have sent up 1/11/14
to the Commission 20 Nov 14
Copy have to be 379 25 Oct 14 of 1832/15

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for some profit from some
or perhaps the same as the
with the country, & one found (I think)
was that he had found some gold
on the land in question, & had fallen
for a mineral lease, but the chance
of finding gold was so uncertain that
it would be better than useless to hand
the land to him.

He had not received one letter of
9 Jan 2, so I read it to him. I pointed out

- (a) that his bad luck was due to his
faulty manner - he could have bought
land elsewhere. He admitted this and said
that he had made big profits out of
land he had neglected.
- (b) that if exceptions were made for an
estate 10 years in the country they would
not be refused to an estate who has been 9 or 8
years in the country - it was, in fact, to
draw a line.
- (c) that if exceptions were made on the ground
of time they could not be refused for
other reasons.
- (d) as regards the gold, that if his application
to be recorded it is extremely unlikely that
a mineral lease will be granted over
his land.

The general rule to register the matter - pointed out
that if he had to work till the end of the war
he would have spent all his money & that
if he were disabled he would be helpless.

I told him I would put the matter
to you but that I felt perfectly
certain that we could not approach
the Govt again.

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I did not promise a letter, but it might
be well to write, and ref to his interview,
& say that the Supt regrets that he
cannot see his way to "open the matter
with the Govt. His decision must be
accepted as final, and enclose
copy of our letter of 9 Jan 15 for review

L. C. 15

12.3.15

H. J. D.

12/17/15

SPC for review

at once

to S. A.

12/18/15

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

November 23rd 1914.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 987

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Sir,

6/27/14

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 908 of the 6th of October on the subject of Mr. G. R. Chesnaye's desire to acquire certain farms in the Trans-Mzoia District.

2. I consider that acquiescence in his application would render the Government liable to just criticism, and I regret that I cannot see my way to according him any special treatment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Thomas Bayart

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

Gov. 94 / ¹⁹¹⁴ 1915
C.P.P.

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9 January 1915

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 29th of Sept. 1914 on the subject of your desire to acquire certain farms in the Trans-Picoria District of the East I am to inform you that a despatch has now been received from the Governor who does not see his way to granting you special treatment

DRAFT.

J.R. Chesnaye Esq

MINUTE.

- Mr. Hooper 5/1/1915
- Mr. Bottomley 6/1/1915
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fuller.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Horecourt.

Copy sent 23. 9/Jan. 1915
J.R. Chesnaye Esq

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(P.T.O.)

which is not
accorded to others applicants
whose desire to
acquire land has
been interfered with
by the ^{outbreak of} war

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PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL



RAILWAY STREET
CHATHAM

PROPRIETOR
WARD

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8th March 1915

The U.Secty of State
Downing St 470

Sir, I wish to make an
appointment for 10 am to-
morrow (Tuesday) with reference
to the letter I received from
you dated 3/10/14

I am returning in the
afternoon to my reg^t as my
28 hours leave expires in the
evening.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours obed^t serv^t
Geyer R. Channing Esq
105 Duke Street London

Gov. 94/15¹⁴ East

20 March 1915
Sir,

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With reference to
your interview at
this Office on the
9th instant I am
to inform you
that he regrets that
he cannot see his
way to re-open the
question
concerning your
claim to acquire certain
farms in the Trans-Pyrenean
districts of the East.

DRAFT

Genl. G. H. Meserve,
Col. Sherwood Forester.

MINUTE

Mr. Keppel 10/3/15

Mr. Stanton 10/3/15

Mr. ... 10/3/15

Mr. ... 10/3/15

Sir G. F. ...

Sir H. ...

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord ...

Mr. Harcourt.

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Mr. Keppel 10/3/15

and that the former's
decision in the matter
must be regarded as
final.

It is understood
that the letter addressed
to you from this Office on
the 9th of June has not been
received, and a copy is
enclosed for your information.

(sd) Walter D. Miller

for the Under-Secretary of State