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At Leach's application for Land Commission

Report interview with At Leach & Hester
 & conditions which must be satisfied before
 lease is granted. Hester's lease has been given to delay for
 Commission pending his return & pending decision
 as to Coast Settlement

W. ~~Frank~~ Zolke

Copy of 355 - our letter of 14/11
 1911 to W. G. G. for info (C. B. G.)

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
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14th January 1911.



SIR,

I have seen Mr. Leach M.P., on the subject of a grant of land near Kilili. I told him that his request should be forwarded to the Secretary to the Administration at Nairobi, as it was necessary to enquire into any other claims to these lands before he could be given any reply. At the same time he was told that if the area applied for came within the 100 mile strip, nothing could at present be done until the location of land titles and native rights was cleared up.

The intention apparently is largely that of collecting wild rubber over the same area formerly granted to the Sakoki Concessionaires, which proved abortive.

I pointed out that under no circumstances could I recommend the granting of an exclusive right to collect wild rubber where natives had previously held or were holding rights. He contended that his notice was clear of the areas, &c., but I pointed out to him that this same argument had been frequently used in the Congo, with ~~the~~ results only too well-known. I asked him also to furnish for the Secretary to the Administration, proof of want to develop any 5,000 acres - which was the limit of area which it was my intention to recommend to the Secretary of

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The Under Secretary of State

to the Secretary,

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Sir,

I have seen Mr. Leach, M.P., on the subject of a grant of land near Kilifi. I told him that his request should be forwarded to the Secretary to the Administration at Nairobi, as it was necessary to enquire into any other claims to these lands before he could be given any reply. At the same time he was told that if the area applied for came within the 10 mile strip, nothing could at present be done until the question of Land titles and native rights was cleared up.

The intention apparently is largely that of collecting wild rubber over the same area formerly granted to the Sekoki Concession, which proved abortive.

I pointed out that under no circumstances could I recommend the granting of an exclusive right to collect indigenous rubber where natives had previously held or exercised such rights. He contended that his action was cleaning up the areas, &c., but I pointed out to him that this same argument had been frequently used in the Congo, with ~~the~~ results only too well-known. I asked him also to furnish, for the Secretary to the Administration, proof of means to develop say 5,000 acres - which was the limit of area which it was my intention to recommend to the Secretary of

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State as an individual grant, upon the Coast, of tropical lands which could be cultivated without recourse to irrigation.

I have instructed the Secretary to the Administration to give the consideration of this matter until the return of the report has been furnished upon the Coast, and discontinue the Committee at the Colonial Office last week.

Yours obediently,
[Signature]

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