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(Subject.)

European and Settlers

It was stated that a no. of settlers came out in connection with BSA Masora scheme and by arrangement with Mr. Deane were assigned an area of 2500 acres in Masora District which was waterless and useless. Many have become disaffected. Deane was advised verbally (Commons) him as an inaugurator of a large scheme of land settlement.

(Minutes)

Mr. Read

As far as the B. & A. Commission is concerned we understood from 40275/06 that was the intention. - strong settlers would send out a delegate to report on the country before the main body emigrated. The people referred to in this despatch appear to have been invited to go out privately by Mr. Deane & Lord. The despatch

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to have found themselves entirely
unable to do any good on the
unsuitable land furried led to
them by Mr. Fawcett.

As Mr. F. is an applicant for
commissions in other directions it
might be worth while to inform
him that Lord Elyon has been
informed that - giving the
substance of this despatch &
asking if he has any objections
to make.

1801 5/11

Mr. Antrobus

I agree - of Mr. Fawcett's
reply - not satisfactory. I think that
it will be well to send a copy of the
concepts to the F.O., as he has applied
for commissions in Zamboanga.

With regard to Mr. Fawcett's
Terra Firma scheme it has been decided
to keep the whole matter - subsequent
until we have obtained a proper
survey of the river - the despatch appears
to justify my reply that decision. H. J. R.

1801 Antrobus

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Mr. J. Hopwood

I understand that Lord Elyon
has spoken to Lord Hindlip about
the treatment of these soldiers,
and is doubtful whether it
is necessary to write to Mr.
Fawcett.

It will be seen on reference
to the despatch that the Govt
suggests that Lord Hindlip may
not have been aware of the
way in which the soldiers were
treated but says that he
can hardly recommend Mr. Fawcett.
In these circumstances, I am
inclined to think that we
ought to write to Mr. Fawcett
- both because we have to
show the Govt that we are
not indifferent, and also
because it is hardly so
fair to Mr. Fawcett not to
give him an opportunity of
offering explanations.

Wm. Pitt

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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My Sir,

Your Lordship will doubtless recollect the
 evidence submitted by the British East Africa Association
 last year which was admitted to Your Lordship's
 despatch No. 10 of October 25th 1906 and subsequent
 correspondence. It was a programme which had for
 its object the establishment of a number of European
 small farms in the country, I have no fault
 to find, so far as the Association in its corporate
 capacity is concerned, with the principles it advocates
 for European settlement in East Africa. But in this
 particular case the Labour has proved an utter

1. It appears that a number of the intending
 settlers, being perhaps diffident as to their prospects

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of securing suitable Government land immediately on arrival, made a private arrangement with Mr. Paus by which they were to be granted homesteads of 320 acres (and in one case 640 acres) on the estates belonging to these individuals. The terms of this arrangement seem to have been very vague but there was a definite understanding that the grantees would be in a position to settle upon immediately on suitable land.

The strength of this understanding is borne out by the fact that the portion of the St. John's estate, amounting to 2,500 acres, set aside for them was a useless area devoid of timber and good as far as agricultural point of view. The result was that these people soon exhausted their savings and many of them were reduced to a state of destitution. They are all respectable and industrious, capable of earning a livelihood had they been given a fair start, but for the most part quite unacquainted with the rudiments of farming.

4. Employment has been found for some of them on the Railway and as Clerks in various offices, and Lord Selkirk

has been kind enough to assist others, but they are all generally disillusioned and discouraged at the loss of their capital and have written to dissuade other intending immigrants of the same class from coming here.

It is somewhat difficult to fix the responsibility for this state of affairs. I can scarcely suppose that the Government was aware of the way in which these settlers were treated, but I can hardly exonerate Mr. Fawcus, with whom these people were in communication before leaving Ireland, and who does not appear to have interested himself at all in their welfare. Mr. Fawcus must have known that the farms allotted to them were not adapted for the purpose for which it was intended that they would be suitable, and in this matter would scarcely recommend himself as the author of any large scheme in connection with land settlement, such as that proposed in the Bill now before the House, ending with my despatch of the 17th June last.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

Thompson

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I am directed by
the Earl of Elgin to
inform you that he
has received a despatch
from the Gov^{rs} of the
G.A.P. on the subject
of the condition of
certain persons who
were encouraged to
emigrate to the West
by the British West
Africa Office.

MINUTE

- Mr. ~~Wells~~ 15/10
- Mr. ~~Read~~ 15
- Mr. ~~Just~~
- Mr. ~~Andrews~~ 15
- Mr. ~~Law~~
- Mr. ~~Lewis~~
- Mr. ~~Hopwood~~ 15.11
- Mr. ~~Churchill~~
- Mr. ~~Earl of Elgin~~

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3 On the strength of
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4 Some of the families
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