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(Subject.)

Col Montgomery

Forwards & recommends his request that he shd be continued in his appt as Commissioner of Lands at end of present arrangement.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

Jeanos I am a little disappointed, with Col. Montgomery's work so far as I can judge of it. To take 2 instances - he wanted the P. of S. to appear by title of the grant of 3500 sq. m to the Goldmin Thomas Syndicate before the value of the land had been ascertained. I am sure the P. of S. had been in any way ascertained, & recorded by the court. I am sure by title at 4 days notice to the release of land tenure which the had prepared which gave

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along all along the line to the
demands of the willies, & not
inside the instructions of the P.P.S.
I have no doubt that he is getting
the Land Office into better order
but the cost has gone up from
£3000 (1906-7) to £10347 (1908-9)
Do not see that we can bind
himself to extend his term
beyond May 1909.

W.C. 19/2

W. Chamberlain
W. Chamberlain has seen Col. G's
work - the spot & will be able to
give useful advice in the matter.
H.J.R.
20/2

At any rate Col. Montfomery
should not be judged solely by these
two incidents to which he
refers. Some if he has not turned
out as strong a man as we hoped
he would, it is he very difficult
to find a better one. On the
whole I think that he has done
well and probably to something
that W. Chamberlain may say I do
propose that his service should be
extended for the time that he

subject - a few beyond
May 1909
W.C. 20/2

Low Spin Feb 23:00

I have spoken to Mr. Churchill
and he agrees that the arrangement
may be made

£ 4.3

I have written accordingly to Mr. J. Hanger
and said that I supposed that he
will now write officially
H.J.R.
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Nairobi

9th June 1908

Dear Mr. Peart

I enclose to you I
have received from Mr
Montgomery -

It may not be convenient
to come to a decision so
soon regarding the continuation
of the app^{ts} of Com^{rs} of
Lands, but you will
see the reasons why it

Montgomery would send
I know, of course, of course, of
his personal of course is
to be understood -
I have no recollection
on the morning that he
should be. Let Montgomery
has also been somewhat
less and send to his
length of the position as some
months in a very difficult
one very early has a
week to follow at the
same office, but a very

great deal of good work
has been done, let Montgomery
has worked out of
Chaos and we are now
engaged in the preparation
of some regulations which
should be free to remove
the continued discontent
that has been so permanently
shown for the last 4 years.
I find that yet remains
to be done & in my opinion
it would be a thousand
times to make any
change in the office

of leave of absence a year
and a half from the
Office of the Surgeon
Major and Surgeon
Major.

My dear Sir

Thyrs. K. L. L.

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4th Jan. 04.

Dear Sir James

According to the
terms of my agreement
I am allowed 4 months
leave in full pay at any
time during the three
years for which I have
been sent out.

Next May I shall have
been in the country 2 years
and feel I should like
to take my leave about

that time.

Would there be any objection
to this?

I understand that both
Combe & Baring are likely
to be absent all the summer
and if that is the case
probably there will be little
or no legislation for the
Council to deal with during
that season.

So perhaps it would be best
if I did take the leave at
the time mentioned.

I do not know if I am inter-
fering in asking now whether
it is proposed to continue
my appointment when
my present agreement to
expire in May 1909.

I honestly think it will
not be possible to carry on
the land and survey work
of the country satisfactorily
without supervision by a
Commissioner of Lands.

It is unnecessary to say whether
I shall be considered good
enough to continue in the
post. At this point you will

naturally advise the Secretary
of State as you think best.
I ask for information now
for personal reasons. If I am
to leave the country for good
in May 1909 it will hardly
be worth while taking
my leave at all.

I may mention that I was 56
when I took up my appoint-
ment, & shall there fore
be 59 when the three year
expiry.

I feel as if I could do at
least one year's more
undupic that.

Yours sincerely
Montgomery.