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No 411722

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(Subject.)

1908

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Handcock and Abbot's Fidei Commission

Last previous Paper.

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Copy of from Commr of Lands giving reasons for grant of a further extn of time. Recommends his proposals apply for grant of land by Messrs Symonds & Grant noted, but assumes you said they have not been asked for proof of financial stability.
(Minutes.)

Mr Ellis

It is not definitely stated
I do not understand who

Send Tel 30 Nov
Write for box 28cc.

He is now asking for an extension of time, i.e. whether it is Messrs H. & A. themselves or Sir C. Follett & his associates. I presume it is the former, though the reference to 'sudden illness' seems to point to the latter. Moreover, Mr Grant says he is acting with Sir C. Follett's assistance in applying for forfeiture of H. & A's leases, so that it does not appear that Sir C. F. is interested in the application for extension. It therefore seems clear that

subsequent Paper.

1/28/09

Messrs H & A. have applied for this extension, not because they have any prospect of raising the necessary capital, but because they hope to be able to stand in Messrs Grant & Symonds's way & extract compensation from them.

If this is the case the Governor should be told to act on the 11th of the 11th inst at once there has been enough delay already

H&C 10/11

I agree the business was put off on 31st March & Messrs H & A. have had refused extension. I know then to be men of straw, & I know that Sir C. Follett is so. Messrs Grant & Symonds may not know better, but at any rate Grant produced £125 in bank notes which he was anxious to pay to me as money fees, while on the other hand he showed me promissory notes signed by Sir C. Follett & Symonds to the amount of £1185 - Do what

he said were worth life.

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So the apparent position is Symonds & Grant + £125
Follett & Symonds - 185

Difference in favour of D & G + £310
I shall therefore telegraph that the business is to be put off at once - and explain by despatch.

H&C 10/11

M^r Cantabrigia

So proceed?

H. J. R.

10/11

By all means that we see no reason to grant any extension of time and explain by despatch as proposed

H&C Nov. 28
at once



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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

14 OCT 08

October 13th 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

(No. 506.)

(Incl. J.)

My Lord,

Handwritten initials and scribbles

With reference to my telegram No. 201 of to-day's date on the subject of Messrs. Hancock and Abbott's fibre lenses I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Commissioner of Lands giving the reasons why he is of opinion that a further extension of time should be granted to these gentlemen.

2. I agree with Colonel Montgomery and have the honour to recommend his proposals for Your Lordship's favourable consideration.

6. With regard to the 2nd part of Your Lordship's telegram of October 1st I have the honour to report

that

F. M. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

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that the applications of Messrs. Dyman and Grant for
land on the Sabaki river have been noted but that no
survey fees have been paid, nor have they been asked
to submit proofs of their financial status.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,



(In the absence of H.E. the Governor).

No. 74.

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INCLOSURE
In Despatch No 50 of 20/11/1905

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Office of the Commissioner of Lands,

Nairobi.

21 October, 1905.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to report further on the fibre leases of Messrs. Chapman and Hoyt. They are pressing to be given further time, and I recommend that you be allowed on the following conditions:

(1) Delays caused in obtaining the exact area to be allotted, owing to a wrong report by the surveyor.

(2) Sudden illness of a partner of the firm at home who was prepared to finance the undertaking.

(3) The fact that a considerable sum of money has already been spent by the concessionaires in this country and at home (a) in prospecting for the fibre area, (b) in surveying, and during the special enquiry necessitated by the surveyor's wrong report, (c) in registering a company at home.

As to (1) it will be to Your Excellency's recollection that there was a dispute regarding the river crossings to be given. The surveyor had reported that there was considerable depth of sand fibre area a long way from the river. This was disputed by the applicants, and a special enquiry was ordered in which

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THE GOVERNOR,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

NAIROBI.

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The applicants sent a letter to the court, with the result that it was proved that the Governor had admitted his fault and made a proper report. The Governor was discharged.

It is also to be noted that I had two last years the highest percentage in the history of the last two or three years.

2. During the year 1900-1901 I received the highest percentage of the total number of the first class in the State. I am sure that the students have not done so well since that time. I am sure that the students have not done so well since that time.

3. I remember that the last time I was in the State of Ohio, in the month of October, he returned to the State that the State had not yet been completed, as it is now in the State of Ohio. I am sure that the State is now in the State of Ohio.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant

James M. [Signature]

Secretary

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See 4722 S.A.P.

Sent 5.22 PM 12
Wm 30/11

minutes

agenda

tel.

Sadler, Nairobi.

Nov. 30th. Ref. to your desp. of 15th

Oct. no. 506. I see no reason ~~for~~ ^{to} grant

~~extension of time to Hancock and Abbe.~~

Desp. follows by mail.

H.R.C. 30/11

Mr. Ellis

10/30/11/11

With desp. also.

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for 41722 S.A.P.

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2 Dec 08

S.A.P.
(no. 604)

H.R.C. 50/II
Mr Ellis

2/25/08

Drt. tel also.

Sir,

In confirmation of my tel. of the 30th Nov., I have ^{to} inform you that I see no reason for granting any ^{further} extension of the time allowed to Messrs Hancock and Abbott in which to pay the deposits required in respect of their concessions in the S.A.P.

The deposits should have been made by the 31st March last, and Messrs Hancock and Abbott have been granted repeated extensions; but I see no reason for supposing that there is any prospect of their being able to raise the necessary capital.

*I have yours
Crewe*

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