

by the Syndicate to the Govt for the
grant of land.

(b) The grant of land would turn
for the Govt in any future
depreciation scheme.

That accordingly Lord Hope had
decided that no further steps
towards entering the concession
could be taken pending a report
by an expert on the cost of
the river. The Syndicate
Syndicate were invited to
the cost of this report: which
they were subsequently advised
would be about £2500.

In this letter Mr. Farnham ex-
presses the willingness of the
Syndicate to meet the charge.

provided that some arrangement
is made to provide with regard
to securing us a ~~report~~ ^{pioneer work},
we provided that a land grant
is promised before the report,
which is really what Lord

Ugion refused to do in the letter
of 14 Nov.

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I gathered from Mr. Deane's statement
(1) that they had invested a considerable amount of
capital in testing the land which they now hold
the neighbourhood of the Town, that they expected
had proved successful & that they were pre-
paring to fit more land in order to further
develop their enterprise but that they would be
content with less than they had asked for.

(2) that if they were given more land they were
prepared to enter into an agreement according
to the fullest power to the Govt. to deal
with the drainage of the marshes & to charge
rent and

that, if any feasible scheme for the
improvement of the navigation of the
river was evolved by the Govt. & if
they were prepared to give a contribution
up to a specified figure of £30,000 or
£40,000 towards its cost.

Perhaps the report would be to tell
them that the Govt. cannot pledge himself
beforehand as they desire, & that he considers that
the best plan will be to send out an expert
at the expense of the Govt. & that it is
proposed

prepared to do this - send up if correct
of the firm with refer to previous receipt, etc.

L. J. R.

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Yes see Sir J. Hopwood's and
my minutes on 36706

Wm. J. R. 21.

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prepared to do this - send copy of corresp^{ce}
of the firm with refer^{ce} to previous corresp^{ce}, &c.

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Under Secretary of State,
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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant and the interview which Mr. Huxley and I had with Mr. Boyd at the Colonial Office on Friday.

The gentlemen who are associated with us in this matter are prepared to advance the sum necessary to obtain the report of an expert upon the drainage of the lands on the River Tana, provided that some arrangement is come to previously with regard to securing us a reasonable recompense for our pioneer work.

We would like to have an opportunity at an early date of meeting the Colonial Office Committee who deal with concessions in British East Africa, to discuss the matter fully.

We may point out that we have already taken considerable trouble in investigating the resources of the River, and have shown our serious interest in the Protectorate by investing approximately £25,000 in the country, which amount we have recently arranged to increase by from £25,000 to £75,000.

Yours faithfully,
W. R. James Fawcett

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- Mr. Ambrose
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Hogwood
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

In reply to your
letter of the 17th of
January, I am directed
by the Earl of Elgin to
inform you that he
feels that he is unable
to appear himself
before - & as it is
necessary for you and
the gentlemen who are
associated with you in
business
rights a return for
you advancing the same
necessary to obtain the
report of an a report

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the strategy of the
present land on the
New Tana.

In the circumstances,
his Lordship considers that
the best plan will be to
send out an expert at the
expense of the Govt, and
to propose to adopt
this course.

Signed R. L. ANTROBUS