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Name of Individual.

(Subject.)

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Land Settlement  
British emigrants for E.A.P.

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17th

of previous Paper.

Submits proposals for grant to him of a concession of 100000 acres for purpose of settling British emigrants in forms of 200 acres each. Also for certain specific info. resp. climate, soil, production, labour supply to be E. Africa.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Head

Before considering this proposal the worthy minute by Mr. Lambert on 40275/08 had to read & pondered. He there deprecates the encouragement of migration of persons of the labouring & artisan class to E. A.P. on grounds drawn from history & experience.

The Gov's Dep. 8486/08 still also to read which shows that there are reports about Mr. Fawcett (the Judge who was at the time of the taxing) drew into the wilderness were brought tonight. As to the present proposal

Dec 25 1908  
Cal. City was on 605.2 Dec  
Subsequent Paper

I do not know who Mr. Whelstone  
may be - but it is clear from his  
letter (a) That he has no personal  
knowledge of E. Africa.

(b) That he has not even taken  
the trouble to acquaint himself  
with the ordinary sources of infor-  
-tion - official & other - with regard  
to that Country.

In these circumstances I am inclined  
to reply that the P. S. is unable  
to consider his proposal as he is by  
no means convinced that the  
climate & conditions of E. Africa are  
suited for white immigration  
on a large scale. And refer  
him to the E. I. O. Handbook &  
the reports on the Bluebooks for the  
information he requires. [adding]  
that if he desires further info he  
can write to the Director of  
Agriculture, Nairobi.]

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So proceed? - copy of unimp.  
to the Sec: 27?

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~~Write this +  
sent.~~

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Nov 17th 1908

To the Permanent Under Secretary  
to the Colonies

I enclose copy of proposal  
I have put before some of the colonial  
governments. In writing the other day  
with Mr. Rider Waggard he suggested  
I should try Rhodesia or East Africa  
of course such a scheme would  
require to be made first, but in the mean-  
time will you kindly bring it before  
the necessary authority and let me  
know if anything of the sort would  
be entertained.

May I ask for answers to the  
following questions regarding Transvaal  
district of East Africa -

Q. What is the proposed climate, rainfall  
& number of seasons.

2. Can this ordinary cereals be grown,  
also rice & maize?
3. What crops have been tried? Mangold wangel,  
sweets, red & white clovers?
4. What (about) is the cost of freightage to  
port and on to England?
5. Is there plenty of black labour for  
agriculture and what would be the  
cost of same?
6. Is this country suitable for all of  
our domestic animals as well as healthy  
for white settlers?
7. What are the import duties of any  
on agricultural implements etc?

Yours faithfully

Hubert H. Hobson

PROPOSAL FOR GRANT FROM THE  
GOVERNMENT OF

C/O  
42506  
REC'D  
18.10.06

1. That the Government reserve for the purposes of this concession 1,000,000 acres.
2. That the Government grant in fee simple 200 acres of the reserve for each British settler definitely placed in the proposed colony whether such settler be an agriculturist or carrying on a trade necessary for the agricultural development of the colony, blacksmith, wheelwright, carpenter, bricklayer, mason, fitter or engine driver.
3. That the Government shall allow the right of foreclosure by the Concessionaire to secure payment of land and advances.
4. That the wife, and children over 15 years shall count as settlers in estimating the grant of fee simple.  
That in consideration of the above the concessionaire undertakes
  1. That he will introduce British settlers on the land.
  2. That he will establish each settler so that he is in a position to earn his living and repay advances with  $\$ 5$  per acre for his freehold in the case of farm settlers.
  3. That in the case of necessary skilled artisans he will provide each with two-roomed cottage and fee simple after five years residence.
  4. That the number of settlers shall not be less than 100 farm-settlers established in their holdings at the end of the third year 200 at the end of fourth and so to the end of the concession.
  5. That he will establish a home farm and pass labourers through on to the land.
  6. That the other settlers shall not be more than 10% of the farm-settlers.

EXPLANATION and COMMENTS.

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1. Though 1,000,000 acres be reserved for this concession it must not be forgotten that a very large proportion of any block of such size would necessarily contain lands quite unfit for the purposes of this concession, possibly there might not be more than 200,000 to 300,000 acres suitable. Though this amount is asked to be reserved so long as the terms of the concession are carried out the remainder of the reserve not conveyed to the concessionaire would revert if the stipulated number of settlers were not placed according to agreement.
2. Though 200 acres are stipulated for as the amount to be conveyed for each settler it is not to be understood that the concessionaire undertakes to re-convey the whole of this to settlers as the intention is to create and run one or more large farms himself.
3. If this right of foreclosure were not given the concessionaire might find the position impossible.
- 1a. The concessionaire's proposal is to take emigrants from the British Isles being chiefly farm labourers who are in every way fitted for the purpose but whose financial position makes it impossible for them to act on their own account, but also he expects to take a certain number of other labourers, but these would have to go through two years labour on the home farms or farms, and the bulk of their wages would be retained to set them in their holdings and as cover for the further advances it would be necessary to make them.
- 2a. In settling the farmers, the work expended and the advances made is to be repaid over a period of ten years with 6% interest, but no interest is to be paid on the five dollars per acre which is also to be repayable over the same period.
- 4a. In this scheme it is not proposed to rush it through, but to allow things to grow more after the snowball fashion

thus it will be seen in this clause that the concessionaire only undertakes to have settlers in their holdings by the end of the third year. 467

5. The idea of the concessionaire is to have a home farm or farms for the rest of the colony to grow from and to rely upon according to the locality, the nature of the land and the climate of the concession. If in grazing district he proposes to have central dairy. If in corn growing, necessary garners to enable co-operative a. i. e. 466

General. The concessionaire relies chiefly for the success of his scheme upon the personal selection of the immigrants and on their training and supervision in the colony.

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28 Nov 08

R. B. Whetstone Esq

Sir,

I am &c. to ack. the rec. of your letter of the 17th Nov., submitting proposals for the migration of settlers to the E.A.P.

I am to state that Lord Crew is unable to consider your proposals, as he is by no means convinced that the climate and conditions of the Prot. are suited for white immigration on a large scale.

I am to add that the <sup>infr</sup> ~~infr~~ <sup>infr</sup> asked for in your letter may be gathered from the Handbook on the E.A.P. issued by the Emigrants' Infr. Office, and from the annual Reports on the Blue Book of the Prot., which can be obtained through any bookseller, or direct from Messrs Wyman and Sons, Water Lane, E.C.

*refer as it is available*

*Broadway Westminster*

*Copy for 605. 2 Dec*

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS



Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 08

Dear Sir

Would you please thank

Col. Seelye for his kind acknowledgment

of my letter of 15<sup>th</sup> September

and return me accordingly

Yours faithfully

W. W. W.

Ack'd  
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Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1908

Dear Sir Francis Newwood

Perhaps you remember me  
 as having come to you with a  
 letter of introduction from a mutual  
 friend - Grand - last year.  
 His account of an expedition was  
 of interest to your office and  
 has a direct bearing on a most  
 interesting part of Africa. I have