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EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE'S CONCESSION

The letter from the local Manager requesting that the ten square miles shortage in their concession may be adjusted. Owing to the apathy displayed in the development of the Concession is entirely of use to any further grant. If the 10 square miles must be given would like to give it in some other district where the land is less valuable for European colonisation.

H. P. Hilly

The concession was granted in the early days when the Port^a was under the adminⁿ of the F.O.

In the face of $\frac{£}{2000}/10$ & subsequent concessⁿ a separate bundle herewith, I do not see how we can refuse to give the additional 10 square miles, & I fear that it must be taken out of land adjoining their present grant.

I think, however, that we may very well concur in the view expressed in the last para. of the despatch.

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I presume that there are local considerations with...

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Nairobi,

June 16th, 1910.

No. 379

(Incl. 1)



My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. J. K. Hill Manager of the East Africa Syndicate.

2. The additional ten square miles referred to is doubtless that which formed the subject of correspondence in 1897, vide Lord Elgin's despatch No. 457 of August 19th of that year. The extension was recommended at the time by Sir James Hayes Sadler who was in all probability under the impression that the Syndicate would develop the large area allotted to them in a satisfactory manner.

3. Any such anticipation has, I regret to say, been but partially fulfilled. The apathy displayed in exploiting this valuable property, embracing as it does a very considerable proportion of the best land in the

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THE EARL OF CREWE, K. G.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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Protectorate for the purposes of white settlement, is in my opinion an object lesson of the undesirability of the grant of large acreages to Companies without sufficient capital to develop them.

4. I trust that under the management of Mr. Hill something may be done to justify the preferential treatment which the promoters of the Syndicate originally received, but in any case six years at a critical period of the Protectorate's history will have been lost and all claim to the status of pioneers, which was presumably the pretext for so exceptional a grant, irretrievably forfeited.

5. In these circumstances I need scarcely say that I am entirely opposed to any further concession, and, if the additional ten square miles must be given to the Syndicate, I should like, if legally possible, to grant it in some other district, where land is less valuable for purposes of European colonization.

6. I would point out that due to the exertions of neighbours the Syndicate lands now largely exceed the freeholding value assigned to them.

7. I would also wish to use the utmost stringency in exacting from the Syndicate

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the maximum development in every particular
which we are entitled to demand from them.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's humble,
obedient servant,

J. Howard

GOVERNOR.

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East Africa Syndicate Ltd.

Gilgil,

June 10th, 1910.

Sir,

I am instructed by my Directors to draw your attention to the ten square miles shortage in the survey of the E.A.Syndicate property.

It is pointed out to me that the area granted by Government was 500 square miles, whereas the actual areas as surveyed is 490 square miles only.

I beg to request that this matter may be adjusted and that facilities may be given me to carry it into effect.

I am,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

sd. John K. Hill

General Manager.

To The Secretary,

Nairobi.

For East
21895

28 July 1900

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Dear Sir

I have the honor to

ack the receipt of your

desp. no 379 of the

18th of June forwarding

a copy of a letter from

the Manager of the

East Africa Syndicate.

I am ~~pleased~~ in accord

with the ~~views~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Board~~

with the ~~views~~ which you express

regarding ~~the~~ ~~proposed~~ ~~amendment~~

with regard to the Company and of

which I am ~~fully~~ ~~convinced~~ ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~interests~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Company~~

in referring to the same ~~subject~~

in para 5 of your desp.

however, I am advised that

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from the syndicate
the maximum development
in every particular which
the Govt. is entitled to
demand from them,
and you had no doubt
take the necessary steps
to this end.
~~to for that it~~

Thank you,

W. H. BREWSTER.

13, VICTORIA PARK,
DOVER.

27. 6. 14.

Dear Mr. ~~Fisher~~ Bottomley.

In reply to yours of
26th inst. you are quite right
in thinking they never got the
stratagem of 10 \square miles made up.
But speaking from memory although
the S. of S. may have ruled it out to
guess. I thought that they had al-
lowed the matter to slip. I entirely
concur with you further deductions that

The price sh^d be $3\frac{1}{2}$ per acre the

\$50000 here for

~~50000~~ 50000 miles or an

stratage sh^d in equity carry a few

Exclusion

Yours sincerely

W. Barton Wright

The Road

E. A. Syndicate

Question of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per acre

The Syndicate had to give up land for the Northern Mason & what they got in exchange was 108 1/2 miles less. They would reduce the 320,000 acres to 313,600 acres. On Jan 21/10 we said that they meant to give the 108 1/2 miles elsewhere, but I can't find that they got it & the fact that they put 313,000 acres in the draft prospectus indicates that they didn't. As a matter of fact, before the end of 1910 Sir P Guinness had started the idea, which we are still pursuing, of encouraging them to reduce their holding.

I propose to make some of the board pay for Barton Wright, but if they haven't got the 108 1/2 miles as much I think for the price per acre as if they had - i.e. $3\frac{1}{2}$. To charge the rate as if the full £50,000 purchase price applied to the reduced area