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(Subject)

Memorandum of 19 Settlers Nkanya District

Delegates respecting Land Regulations
Has informed them that Amend^d of Regs
must await news of Land Commr

(Minutes)

Mr. Antrobus

Let Mr. Lambert see - spot by?

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Mr. Lambert

Mr. Justice of
Peace

Mr. Antrobus

Any objection according to E.10 for after
Court martial?
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As. Send by all means

Mr. Jane G.
at once

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Commissioner's Action.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to submit copy of a Memorial,

signed by nineteen of the settlers of the Kilifiyu

district which has been submitted to me,

2. After the Regulation yesterday, which was fairly representative of the interests concerned, and told them that I would bear their requests in mind, but that I did not propose to take any action towards amending the Land Regulations till the Land Commissioner, who is shortly to be appointed, has had time to study the land question and submit his views on the situation.

3. I have personally visited most of the farms

belonging

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and I am of opinion that there is a great deal of truth in
the representations that have been made, particularly on the
part of Mr. H. C. L. Smith, who has been here recently, and
who has informed me that there is a large amount of
idle labour available in the district to allow of the
development of agriculture. In brief, the forest land and un-emptied land, as
is now the case, is not suitable, being out under cultivation and
not being able to bear a heavy stem owing to the
extreme thickness of the vegetation. Also as regards
the soil, it is of fair quality, being a deep forest loam
of fine clay, the rainfall is consequently absorbed and no
water rises from below in the dry season. Without
a long rest, the soil will not yield productive crops after three
or four years without a long rest, the cost of laying down
the land and applying manure is too heavy, and
a certain amount of stock should be kept if only for the
purpose of manuring. But one of the conclusions
arrived at in the course of my tour was that the prospects
for Agriculture by white settlers in this district were not
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obliging to the signatories to the Memorial and made myself acquainted with their conditions.

4. I am of opinion that there is a great deal of truth in the representations that have been made, particularly on the point that was urged at the meeting yesterday that there is not sufficient labour available in the district to allow of the quantity of land, on both the homestead and pre-empted land, required by the Regulations, being put under cultivation and kept clear, clearing alone being a heavy item owing to the rapid growth of thick grass and other vegetation. Also as regards the soil, which is of fair quality, being a deep forest loam with no subsoil, the rainfall is consequently absorbed and no moisture rises from below in the dry season. Without manure the land will not yield productive crops after three seasons without a long rest, the cost of laying down chemical manures under present conditions is too heavy, and a certain amount of stock should be kept if only for the purpose of manuring. But one of the conclusions arrived at in the course of my tour was that the prospects for Agriculture by white settlers in this district were not bright and that there would be a better outlook in the direction of

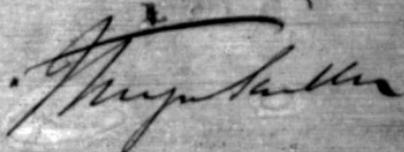
stock and dairy produce. I may say in ~~most~~ in
homesteads where the land is found to be more suitable for
grazing than for Agriculture, Agricultural conditions have
already been relaxed and grazing conditions substituted.

The matter referred to in the Memorials will be brought
to the notice of the Land Commissioner and will be discussed
later in connection with the general question of the Land
laws.

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I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,



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Hooke Farm Kimra
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J. Aneworth Esq M.A.

H.M. Sub-Commr.

Nairobi

See Land Regulations

Sir

We the undersigned have the honour to inform you that at a meeting held here the following resolutions were agreed to.

That you be good enough to arrange for an interview with H.M.'s Commr on the 9th May for the purpose of laying this before him and discussing the Land Regulations.

That four settlers be appointed to interview H.M.'s Commr and that a copy of this be sent round to the settlers in this District for their signature.

That after our experience here of from one to two years we find that it will be impossible to carry out the present Land Regulation
1st Because of the excessive amount of land required to be cultivated & kept in good order.

2nd Because of the uncertainty & expense of native labour.

3rd Because of the poor crops owing to the poor quality of the soil.

4th Because the Capital required by the Regulations is quite inadequate to keep more than thirty acres continually in good order, exclusive of cost of house, tools & implements.

That we consider the cultivation conditions should be done away with entirely so that settlers can go in for stock & by this means have the land well manured. In this way the land will be in a condition to produce crops in a few years.

That we consider free transfer of land should be granted & the freehold of the 600 acres should be granted to those settlers desiring it.

That

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That Messrs. Garrison, Sulzki, Timpay & Quist be appointed
to determine the Commons on the 9th of May

& trusting that the foregoing will receive your favorable

Answer the honour to be given

Your obedient Servt

Liquor

M. Davis

C. A. Hill

A. B. D. Quist

N. Sulzki

R. Garrison

A. Johansen

C. D. Timpay

J. W. Ruffin and
Erving Simonsen

John

John Board

H. H. Price

and others

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