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(Subject.)

Land Office and Prospective Settlers

Causes of dilatory methods of
the Land Office

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^(Minutes)
Mr. H. H. [unclear] ^{are being submitted}
The delays ^{of} have arisen ^{from}
the following ways:—

(1) Surveys. We have now practically
lost the strength of the
Survey Dept and have had
to incur an enormous expense
of the R.G. who is fully alive
to the necessity of obviating
delays in settling vacant lands and
proceeds for that purpose to
carry out rough surveys of lands
applied for as an interim
measure until the general
resumption of work of the Dept has
been found to cater for the
masses of applicants.

(2) Land Office. We have no means
of settling these lands as yet

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 and willing, while the whole...
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 could materially assist in...
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 that matters will be righted, we...
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 before my return home, and are...
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The land is in...

18th Jan.

...of a business character, and when I made the application to the Land Office, I requested them to ask the Forest Officer to examine the land, and I felt confident that if he did so, he would take it out of the forest reserve. I further offered that if I cut down existing trees, I would replant a similar area with good timber trees.

After waiting all this time, I have not yet received a single direct communication from the Land Office on the subject, although from what you told me, I understood that the Forest Officer had visited the land and intended to report that the Londiani land, and that adjacent Kishoso, could both be taken out of the forest reserve. Only to-day I get a letter from my son, who says:- "I don't know whether you are aware that none of the land applied for here has been granted yet. It appears that the Forest Officer will only pass 500 acres of it at present, as the rest is forest land." He is here now and I have seen him. With

...the land at Londiani, none of it is granted, although the Forest Officer tells me that he has passed all but 500 acres. The Forest Officer has just written to the Land Office about this. I received a letter from him last night and I intend to stay until a proper decision is made.