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Governor, No.
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(Subject)

1905

Plot of land opposite Custom House.

Proposes to acquire at cost of £300 for use as an open space to relieve congestion of traffic

To Read

(Minutes)

I have just consulted the Treasurer's Report with a minute as to the charge of services to suspended balances from the previous financial year, but the case is different. It is a new service, not one incomplete from 1904-5, and there is no shadow of justification for paying for that year's funds.

It will therefore have to be met from savings this year, and I think we may approve on this understanding, although 30% as you seem a lot for land in a town like Nairobi.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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MOHRASA,

August 9th 1895

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a despatch which the Chief of Customs has addressed to the Sub-Commissioner, Mombasa, suggesting the purchase of an open space of ground opposite the Custom House in Mombasa to relieve the congestion of traffic in and near Government quays.

The piece of land in question is valued at three hundred pounds, and as very great inconvenience is caused to the public by the frequent blocking of the streets by trollies, carts and other vehicles which pass between the Government offices and other portions of the town, I request your sanction to buy the same under the Indian Land Acquisition Act. Funds are at present available from the savings and excess of revenue over the estimates of last financial year should you permit me to

Secretary of State

for the Colonies.

Downing Street

London, S.W.

make use of them. Otherwise I would request that the land may be purchased from savings in the current year's accounts.

3. I enclose a plan showing the plot of land if it is desired to acquire marked in red.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Stewart

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H. M. Customs,

Mombasa, 17th May 1905.

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Sir,

I have the honour to request that representations may be made to H. M. Commissioner in consequence of the congestion of traffic in Government Square with a view to acquire as an open space a piece of ground opposite the second gate of the Custom House.

2. The area of the land in question is about 200 square yards and is occupied by a makuti hut, of which the verandah encroaches on the public road.

3. Nine years ago I made frequent representations to the Sub-Commissioner at that time when the verandah was being built for its removal, but as no action was taken I fear after the lapse of so many years that the owner will claim the space the verandah occupies, as his property. In a conveyance which the present owner Kasaji Tyebji has of the land, the verandah is included.

4. The owner is now preparing for the erection of a stone-house on the land, and when this is built the opportunity which now exists for relieving the present congestion of traffic will have passed away or at all events the land will be much more difficult to acquire.

5. On busy days it is almost impossible to move in Government Square owing to the traffic pouring in and out of the Custom House, as well as the Post Office which opens on to the Square, and the congestion is largely added to by the Square being used as a terminus for the gharry line

and

H. M. Sub-Commissioner,

Mombasa.

and during office hours about fifteen or twenty gharries.
4. The piece of land to which I have referred would cost
to acquire £ 250 to £ 300, and if used as an open space
only be an improvement for traffic but will be of great
assistance to the public in obtaining more rapid clearance
from the Custom House. In this view I believe I have not
only your support but that of Mr. Tanner when he was Acting
Director of Public Works, and Mr. Sanderson, Superintendent
of Conservancy.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) S. Marada.

Chief of Customs.

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One Document, being plan of Mombasa Harbour and
Garment Office.

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NOMBASA HARBOUR



for the
Department of Public Works

12 October 1905

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See P. 107 no. 458

Sir,

I have the hon. to acknowledge the receipt of Sir J. Stewart's draft no. 448 of the 9th of August last, and to inform you that I approve of the purchase of the open space of ground opposite the Custom House at Bombay on the understanding that the cost, estimated at £300 can be met out of savings on the authorized expenditure for the current financial year.

NOTE

- Mr. Trotter by 11/10
- Mr. Read 11/10/05
- Mr. Ambrose
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir H. Omand
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lytton