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GRAVES OF MAJOR WAVELL AND MEMBERS OF ARAB RIFLES

Reports as to Mrs Wavell's desire to purchase site. Requests Brigadier General Owen Thomas be approached with a view to ascertaining if he would accede to request in event of site being found to be in his concession. Site is found to be on unalienated Crown land recommends grant of two plots.

W. Read.

So far as I am aware Genl Thomas holds no land himself. ? Explain the position to the E. A. Estates Ltd. & ask for their concurrence in the arrangement proposed by Mr. Hobley should it be found that the sites concern the concession.

W.R.B. 22.9.16

at once
H. J. A.
22/9/16

Ans: 706 - Copy above sent - 3 Oct 16 to Mrs. W.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

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August 12th, 1916.

Sir,

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FROM P.C. Mombasa with
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31-7-16

With reference to your despatch No. 308 of the 26th of April I have the honour to report that I have recently received a communication from the Provincial Commissioner, Seyidie, enclosing a copy of an application from Mr. K.H. Rodwell, Manager of the Nyali Sisal Estates, on behalf of Mrs. Wavell, for permission to purchase the site where her son, the late Major A.J.E. Wavell, and the members of the Arab Rifles who fell with him, are buried. I enclose a copy of the correspondence for your information.

2. The area in question appears to be free from native rights, but it is possible that it may be found to lie within the boundaries of the concession granted to Brigadier-General Owen Thomas when that property is finally surveyed. I am informed that the tentative eastern boundary appears to cut through Meka.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

3. I should be grateful therefore if ³¹²
Brigadier-General Owen Thomas could be asked
whether, if it is found that the site or a
portion of it is included in his concession,
he would be willing to accede to Mrs. Savell's
application.

4. If the graves are found to be on
unalienated Crown land I recommend the grant
of two plots as suggested by Mr. Hobley in
paragraph 2 of his letter. The upkeep of the
site will be arranged by him provided that an
annual payment is made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway Beckett.

GOVERNOR.

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In Order No. 195 of August 1916 313

Provincial Commissioner's Office

Mombasa,

31st July 1916

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Sir,

I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter from Mr. Rodwell applying on behalf of Mrs. Wavell for a plot of land to include the graves of her son, Lieut McIntosh and the men of the Arab Rifles who fell in the action West of Mwele. It is I believe proposed to erect a permanent monument on the site.

2. I beg to recommend that the request be granted; it will however be seen from Mr. Osborne's report that the graves of the Officers and those of the men are about 700 yds apart.

3. It would therefore appear to be reasonable if two plots were granted each say 25 yds square and a road between them.

4. Mr. Rodwell asks whether if a sum of money was paid into Government each year we could undertake to keep the site cleared as long as such payments were made. I am quite willing to undertake this as is the practice with regard to Capt. Lawrence's grave at Shimoni if you approve.

I have, etc.,

Sd/ C.W. Hobley.

Provincial Commissioner.

The Hon'ble the Chief Secretary

Nairobi.

U.T.S.

The Hon'ble the Land Officer

Nairobi.

Gazi,
July 21st 1916.

Sir,

Grave of Major Wavell.

With reference to the letter of the Manager of the Nyali Estate dated 13/6/16 and your minute of 13.6.16 I have the honour to report as follows:-

1. Major Wavell and Lieut. MacIntosh were buried together but 700 yards away from the Arab askaries 3 separate graves of whom I have found.
 2. The graves of Major Wavell and Lieut. MacIntosh are situate on the edge of a dense piece of forest some 200 yards N.NE 12° of the large tree which marks the site of the native market place due east of a small swamp lying across the road to Mkongani and Meka.
- I have cleared the undergrowth again and staked out about 10 square yards to include the graves. A large wooden cross consisting of an upright some 6 ft high and 7 inches diameter marks the grave and is inscribed "Major A.J.B.Wavell and Lieut. MacIntosh, Arab Rifles, killed in action at Mkongani January 9th 1916, banners "akyth nan".
3. The chief grave of the askaries which probably contains several of them and is probably situated on the site where Major Wavell fell is on the S.E. side of the Kikoneni main road 390 yards east of the swamp and some 700 yards from Major Wavell's. It is marked ^{by} an oval pile of stones. Further east of this site were found 2 small graves of probably individual askaries.
 4. Such being the circumstances the Family of Major Wavell will be able to decide whether they wish to maintain both sites or one only: 4 square yards of land would enclose the main askari grave.
 5. There would be ^{no} native rights to consider in the alienation of either or both of these sites.

The Nyali Sisal Estates,
Mombasa, June 13th 1916.

The Provincial Commissioner,
Mombasa.

Sir,

Mrs. Wavell has written to me asking whether it would be possible for her to purchase the site where her son fell at Karatas near Mwele Mdogo.

To include the graves of the two officers and of the men it would be necessary to acquire about 400 sq. yds. I would be glad of a reply at your early convenience in order that I may discuss the matter with the family and the best means of preserving the spot.

I am, etc.,

Sd/- K.H. Rodwell

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28 Sept 1914

Gentlemen,

DRAFT.

African Estates Limited

I am to inform you that an application has been received by the

SAP Govt, on behalf of Mrs Wavell,

for permission to purchase the site west of Ruwe where her son, the late Major A.J.B.

Wavell, with members of the Arab Rifle who fell with him, are buried.

2. The graves of Major Wavell

and Lind. Mac Intosh are stated to be

situate on the edge of dense forest some 200 yards NNE 12 1/2 of the

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 26/9/16
- Mr. Bottomley 26.9.16
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read.
- Sr. G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

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When about 4.15.12 (possibly) I may have a memory (105)