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3rd March, 1921.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your Petition, undated, I am directed to inform you that the African Methodist Episcopal Church Act, 1921, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 1st day of March.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Messrs. Ebenezer Smith and

George W. Basken,

Tucker's Town.

Copy of Act in Enclosure



TO HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL SIR JAMES WILLOCKS,
G. CM. G., D. C. B., K. O. S. I., D. S. O.,
L. I. D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Islands of Bermuda.

THE PETITION of EBENEZER SMITH and GEORGE W. BASDEN humbly
sheweth as follows:-

1. That an Indenture dated the 12th day of June 1876 vested in your Petitioners and seven others now deceased a small parcel of land measuring fifty by twenty-eight feet at Tucker's Town in St. George's Parish in trust for the purpose of erecting on the said land a church or place of worship for the use of the members of the British Methodist Episcopal Church in Bermuda.
2. That the erection of the said church was commenced, but that the structure was demolished by a gale in the year 1880.
3. That in the month of May, 1885, the denomination known as the British Methodist Episcopal Church ceased to exist, and became merged in and a branch of the church or denomination known as the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which denomination has since erected a more commodious place of worship elsewhere in Tucker's Town, and that therefore the trust created by the deed above referred to has fallen into abeyance.
4. That your Petitioners, as surviving Trustees under the said deed, have been approached by the Bermuda Development Company, Limited, who have acquired the lands surrounding the aforesaid lot, with an offer to purchase the premises.
5. That your Petitioners consider it desirable that a sale of the lot should be made to the Company, but are unable to proceed, as the trust deed above mentioned gives them no power of sale.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY that
Your Excellency will be pleased to assent

to any Bill passed by the other branches of the Legislature authorizing and empowering your Petitioners to effect a sale of the said lot of land, vested in them in trust, to the Bermuda Development Company, Limited, and to pay over the proceeds of such sale to the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in aid of the building fund of that church.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS WILL EVER PRAY, ETC., ETC.

Shays Smith

George W. Barwell

(29)

2302/2

13th December, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies a copy of a letter addressed by you to the Private Secretary to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the 29th October relating to the legislation authorising the compulsory acquisition of land in the Tuckers Town area by the Bermuda Development Company. This letter was received by His Royal Highness and referred by his direction to the Secretary of State for the Colonies who requests that you should be informed that as the matter to which it relates has been decided by the Legislature of the Colony it does not appear to be one in which the Secretary of State would be able to interfere.

2. His Excellency instructs me to add that it is within his recollection that in personal conversation with him prior to the Prince of Wales' visit you expressed your strong approval of the

A. B. Bourne, Esq.,

Hamilton.

development in question. He also understands that since the legislation of which you complain was projected you have been at some pains to conclude an agreement entered into by you some years ago for the acquisition of a parcel of land in the area affected which has now passed to the Bermuda Development Company with very great profit to yourself. The Governor is quite unable to reconcile the sentiments expressed in your letter as to the "iniquitous" character of the legislation in question with either your statements to him or your conduct in respect to the parcel of land referred to.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Sir.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the
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appear to be one in which the Secretary of State would be
to interfere.

2. His Sey. has directed me to add that it is within the
jurisdiction of the Privy Council emanation with him as the
Secretary of the Privy Council, and at the same time to inform
you that you expressed your strong approval of the ~~proposed~~
development in question ^{since the realization of which you complain has retarded} - the also understands that you
have been at some pains to exclude expenditure on
agreement entered into by you some years ago in the ac-
quisition of the parcel of land in the area affected which
has now passed to the Bermuda Development Coy with any
great profit to yourself. The Governor is quite unable to
remove the sentiments expressed by you ^{with regard to}
the "iniquitous" character of the legislation ^{in question} in the
letter your statement that a good conduct is required
in the handling of parcel of land referred to.

Yours
A. S. B. B. B.

A. S. B. B. B.

Yours
A. S. B. B. B.

BERMUDA

NO

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(21)

Downing Street,

26 November, 1920.

Sir,

29-10-20

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter addressed to the Prince of Wales by Mr. A. B. Bourne, of Bermuda, regarding the compulsory purchase of property at Tucker's Town.

2. I have to request that you will inform Mr. Bourne that his letter has been received by His Royal Highness and by him referred to me, but that, as the matter to which it relates has been decided by the Legislature of the Colony, it does not appear to be one in which I should be able to intervene.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

REGINALD MERR

BY TELETYPE

GENERAL SIR JAMES WILCOCKES, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
K.O.S.I., D.S.O.,
Esq.,
Esq.,

R. E. BOURNE,

General Merchant,

61 Front Street, Hamilton,

Bermuda.

October 29th 1920.

Sir,

Will you kindly lay the enclosed clipping from the Bermuda Mid-Ocean of October 23rd before His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, as this is the only way I know of to bring the attention of His Majesty's Advisors to the dark deed now being enacted in Bermuda which gives certain private interest the power to take the freehold property from owners by a law which has passed our Legislature. Most of the owners of this property are poor people, not able to take any action to defend their rights. This iniquitous law has been passed under the guise of developing Bermuda, by men who/mostly public officials and who have claimed that there is a precedent for their action as they claimed that Messrs Harland and Wolff acquired property in England to extend their shipyard, since this bill passed it has been said but not publicly that this was not the case, as the owners of that property agreed to the sale.

His Excellency the Governor of Bermuda is in favour of the scheme as he has been advised by these same men that it will be beneficial to Bermuda, but I know that these men are buying up all the land they can in Bermuda and have passed this Bill to take 500 acres and if they are successful will get another bill through to take all else that they wish. If His Royal Highness wishes to get information from an unofficial source the best way I think would be to send a naval officer

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in plain clothes to the homes of the people at Tuckers
Town to ascertain if they are being justly treated.

His Royal Highness may remember speaking to
me at my Gate at Prosperos Cave when he drove through
to St. Georges the day he left Bermuda.

I am, &c.,

(Sgd) A. E. BOURNE.

SIR GODFREY THOMAS, Bt.M.V.O.

SECRETARY TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

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2302/2.

28th September, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th September, relating to the appointment and remuneration of the Commissioners under the Bermuda Development Company Act (No 2) of 1920.

2. His Excellency concurs in the interpretation of the term "sitting" as applied to the Commissioners given in the 2nd paragraph of your letter, viz, any hearing as defined by Section 5 (2-) of the Act and any other necessary meaning of the Commissioners.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,

Bermuda Development Co., Ltd.,

Hamilton.

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HAMILTON, BERMUDA

HAMILTON, BERMUDA, Sept. 27, 1920.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Sir:-

I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd. instant, informing us of the appointment by His Excellency the Governor of the Commissioners to carry out the provisions of the Bermuda Development Company Act (No. 2) 1920., and to inform you that the Company has given direction for the payment of the sum of £500. into the Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son, Limited, to the credit of the Commissioners as provided by Section 2 (2) of the Act.

I am also to inform you that the Company agrees to the rates of remuneration to the Commissioners proposed in your letter, in addition to their necessary travelling expenses. It is understood that a "sitting" of the Commissioners means any hearing as defined in section 6(2) of the Act and any other necessary meeting of the Commissioners.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

A. S. Green
Secretary, Bermuda Development Co., Ltd.

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2302/2.

22nd September, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith the accompanying Commission issued today by His Excellency appointing you and the Worshipful J. J. Scott Pastern, J. P., H. C. J. P., and Mr. C. E. Astwood, H. C. J. P., Commissioners, and appointing you to be Chairman of the Commissioners for the purpose of dealing with applications for the acquisition by the Bermuda Development Company Limited of the land described in the First Schedule to the Act and generally for the purposes of the Act.

A copy of the Act in question may be obtained on application at this office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Work: R. W. Appleby, J. P.,

Chairman of Commissioners under the
The Bermuda Development Company Act, 1920.

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2302/2.

22nd September, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th September, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has selected the following Gentlemen for appointment as Commissioners under the provisions of the Bermuda Development Company Act (No. 2), of 1920, viz:

- Worshipful R. W. Appleby, J.P., Chairman
- Worshipful J. Scott Hartman, J.P., ^{MCB} Member
- G. E. Astwood, Esq., M.C.P., Member.

2. Before the Commissioners enter on their duties I am to request that the Company will pay into one or both of the local Banks to the credit of the "Commissioners under the Bermuda Development Company Act" as provided by Section 3 (2) of the Act the sum of £500 and that you will notify the Chairman of the Commissioners when this has been done.

3. The Governor is prepared to approve of the remuneration of the Commissioners being paid at the following rates, viz: for each day on which the Commission sits the Chairman to receive five guineas and each of the Members present three (3) guineas, in addition to their necessary travelling expenses. I am

The Secretary,

The Bermuda Development Company, Ltd.,

Hamilton.

to request you to inform me whether the Company agree
to those rates.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

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2302/2.

21st September, 1920.

(14)

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will attend at this office at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow the 22nd instant in order to be sworn as a Commissioner before His Excellency in accordance with the provisions of section 2 (2) of The Bermuda Development Company Act, (No.2), 1920.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

C. E. Astwood, Esqr., M.C.P..

Paget East.

2502/2.

21st September, 1920.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will attend at this office at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow the 22nd instant in order to be sworn as a Commissioner before His Excellency in accordance with the provisions of section 2 (2) of The Bermuda Development Company Act, (No.3.), 1920.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. J. Scott Pearson, J.P., M.C.P.,
Hamilton.

H.P. 2302/2

21st September, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will attend at this office, together with the Wor. J.Scott Pearman, J.P. and Mr.O.E.Astwood, M.C.P., the other Commissioners, at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow the 22nd instant, in order to be sworn as Chairman of the Commissioners before His Excellency in accordance with the provisions of section 2 (2) of The Bermuda Development Company Act, (No.2), 1920.

2. I am directed to enquire what sum the Commissioners direct should be defrayed by the Company in one or both of the local incorporated Banks to meet the expenses of the administration of the Act in accordance with section 5 of the Act. It is suggested that \$500 might be paid in in the first instance.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Wor. R.H. Appleby, J.P.,

Hamilton.

BERMUDA, Alias
Somers Islands

By His Excellency Sir James

Willcocks, G.C.M.G., K.O.B.,

T.C.S.I., P.S.O., L.L.D.,

General, Governor and Commander-

-in-Chief in and over these

Islands, Ac., Ec., &c.

L.S.M.

Signed James Willcocks

~~General, Governor
and Commander-in-Chief.~~

General, Governor
and Commander-in-Chief.

TO the worshipful Reverend
Woodfield Appleby, J.P., Police
Magistrate, Hamilton; the wor-
shipful Jeremiah Scott Deerman,
J.P., M.C.P., and Charles Erasmus
Astwood, Esquire, M.C.P.

WHEREAS I, the Governor and Commander-in-
Chief aforesaid, am empowered by an Act passed by
the Legislature of these Islands entitled "The
"Bermuda Development Company Act, (No.2), 1920" to
appoint by a Commission three Commissioners for the
purpose of dealing with applications for the
acquisition by The Bermuda Development Company,
limited, incorporated under the provisions of the
said Act, of the tract of land particularly
described in the first schedule to the said Act or
any part or parts thereof in manner and form
prescribed by and in accordance with the provisions
of the said Act, and all and singular the matters
and things relating or incidental to such acquisition
and generally for the purposes of the said Act;

NOW THEREFORE, having confidence in your
judgment, experience and integrity, I DO BY THESE

PRESENTS APPOINT you the said Reginald Woodfield Appleby, Jeremiah Scott Peerman and Charles Erastus Astwood a Commission and each of you a Commissioner for the purpose aforesaid, AND I APPOINT you the said Reginald Woodfield Appleby Chairman of the said Commission.

And all other Officers and persons in these Islands are hereby required to be aiding and assisting unto you and each of you.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of these Islands this twenty-~~first~~^{second} day of September, A.D. 1920, and in the eleventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

Signed) W. E. Jackson

Colonial Secretary.

REPRODUCTION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY
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From the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To The Attorney General.

I am directed to forward for revision and early return the accompanying draft Commission for the appointment of Commissioners under The Bermuda Development Company Act (No. 2), 1920.

A copy of the Act is enclosed for reference and return.

H. J. Jackson

20th September, 1920.

Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary

*Please find Encl. Commission duly received
herewith.*

M. R. Pitt

21st September 1920.

Attorney General

BERMUDA, Alias
Somers Islands

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Draft Commission.

BY His Excellency Sir

James Willcocks, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
K.C.S.I., D.S.O., L.I.D., General,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and
over these Islands, &c., &c., &c.

General, Governor
and Commander-in-Chief.

TO the Worshipful Reginald Woodfield
Appleby, J.P., Police Magistrate,
Hamilton; the Worshipful Jeremiah
Scott Pearman, J.P., M.C.P., and Charles
Erastus Astwood, Esquire, M.C. P.

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Commander-in-Chief aforesaid, am
empowered by an Act passed by the Legislature of
these Islands entitled "The Bermuda Development Company
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Commissioners for the purpose
of dealing with applications for the acquisition by

the Bermuda Development Company, Limited, incorporated
under the provisions of the said Act, of ~~any of~~ the
tract of lands fronting the creek
~~lands or any part thereof referred to in the first~~
or any part or parts thereof
Schedule to the said Act, in ~~the~~ manner and form

and in accordance with the provisions of
prescribed by the ^{said} Act, and all and singular matters *the and things*
relating or incidental ^{to} ~~there to~~ and generally for the
such acquisition
purposes ~~authorized or required by~~ ^{of} the said Act;

NOW THEREFORE, having confidence in your judgment,
experience and integrity, I DO BY THESE PRESENTS
APPOINT you the said Reginald Woodfield Appleby,

Jeremie Scott Pearman and Charles Erastus Astwood
a Commission and each of you a Commissioner for the
purposes aforesaid, AND I APPOINT you the said
Reginald Woodfield Appleby Chairman of the said
Commission.

And all other Officers and persons in these
Islands are hereby required to be aiding and assisting
unto you and each of you.

Given under my hand and the Great
Seal of these Islands this
day of September, A.D. 1920, and in the
eleventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

Colonial Secretary.

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The Attorney General.

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20th September, 1920.

Colonial Secretary.

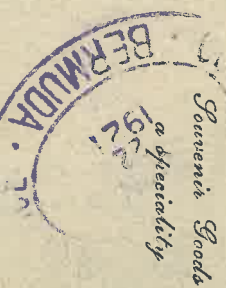
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F. G. BOWME

GENERAL MERCHANT

61 FRONT STREET, HAMILTON, BERMUDA

January 7th. 1921



The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of 13th. December 1920, No. 2302/2.

In reply I beg to say that I do not recollect the exact words I used at the conversation referred to by His Excellency, they being of a casual nature and by no means expressing my convictions. I have never been in favour of the compulsory acquisition of the land.

With reference to my owning a parcel of land in the area, I have already proved to the Commissioners that I purchased the property in 1913, the question of transfer being a matter between the former owners and myself. I do not acknowledge that the property has passed to the Development Company, and have notified them that I will not surrender my Deeds until it has been officially published that His Majesty the King has not exercised his power of disallowance to the Act in question.

I would point out that I am only one of the great majority of Bermudians who are strongly opposed to this force Legislation for private purposes, it having no precedent in the whole of the British Empire, and instead of benefitting the inhabitants of these Islands, except a chosen few, it will be the means of creating a monopoly that eventually will destroy the agricultural industry of these Islands. This industry is and always has been the

*Agent
for Americans
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F. E. Bourne
GENERAL MERCHANT

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61 FRONT STREET. HAMILTON. BERMUDA

January 7th. 1921

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backbone of Bermuda. The Tourist business puts a lot of money in the hands of a few, and a large part of them are foreigners; it is true that a certain quantity of cash is circulated, but an investigation will prove that the "benefit all" statements are grossly exaggerated by those interested in the Hotel question.

Bermuda is a small place, foreigners under Act of Legislation already have been permitted to own a big slice of it, and now acres of the most valuable land from an agricultural standpoint is being taken for private emolument. Any extra revenue to be derived by these developments will have to be used for roads and other things not now foreseen, but the benefit to be derived by the people in general will be extremely limited and not justifying the taking away of a Britisher's birthright.

In conclusion I would beg to say that I am not in favour of the Development scheme, as I do not think that it is for the best interest of the Bermuda people, and am glad to have a small interest in area affected to enable me to voice my protest, and will thank you to hand this letter to His Excellency for his information.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. Bourne

PLAN OF LAND AT ST. GEORGE'S, BERMUDA.



(90°) The Ocean

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BERMUDA, Alias
Somers Islands

Draft Commission.

By His Excellency Sir

James Willcocks, G.O.M.G., K.C.B.,
K.O.S.I., D.S.O., L.L.D., General,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and
over these Islands, &c., &c., &c.

To the Worshipful Reginald Woodfield
Appleby, J.P., Justice Magistrate,
Hamilton; the Worshipful Jeremiah
Scott Pearman, J.P., M.C.P., and Charles
Ernstus Astwood, Esquire, M.G. P.

General, Governor
and Commander-in-Chief.

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empowered by an Act passed by the Legislature of
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of dealing with applications for the acquisition by

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under the provisions of the said Act, of any of the
lands or any part thereof referred to in the First
Schedule to the said Act in the manner and form

prescribed by the Act, and all and singular matters
relating or incidental thereto and generally for the
purposes authorized or required by the said Act;

NOW THEREFORE, having confidence in your judgment,
experience and integrity, I DO BY THESE PRESENTS
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Jeremiah Scott Pearmen and Charles Ernestus Astwood
a Commission and each of you a Commissioner for the
purposes aforesaid, AND I APPOINT you the said
Reginald Woodfield Appleby Chairman of the said
Commission.

And all other Officers and persons in these
Islands are hereby required to be aiding and assisting
unto you and each of you.

Given under my hand and the Great
Seal of these Islands this
day of September, A.D. 1830, and in the
eleventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

Colonial Secretary.

RECEIVED BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY



9 Paper Post
15th Sept. 1920

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter no 2302/2 dated the 13th September 1920.

I am willing to accept the office of Member of the Commission referred to in your communication.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant
E. E. Atwood

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary

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The Colonial Secretary

Sir

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of 13th inst
and beg to state that I shall
be pleased to accept of
members of the Commission under
the provision of Section 2 of the
Bermuda Development Comp
Act No 2. 1920.

I have the honour

to remain

your obedient servant

Scott Pearson

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2502/2.

13th September, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed to inquire whether you are willing to accept the office of Member of the Commission to be appointed by the Governor under the provisions of Section 2 of the Bermuda Development Company Act No. 2, 1920, for the settlement of the conditions under which lands within the specified areas as to which no agreement between the owners and the Company has been arranged can be acquired by the Company.

The rate of remuneration proposed for each member of the Commission is £2 per day for each day on which the Commission sits.

An early answer is requested.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Wor. J. Scott Esq. M.P.,
Hamilton,

&

C. M. Astwood, Esq., M.C.F.,
Paget East.

13th September, 1920.

SIR,

I am directed to inquire whether you are willing to accept the office of Chairman of the Commission to be appointed by the Governor under the provisions of Section 2 of the Bermuda Development Company Act No. 2, 1920, for the settlement of the conditions under which lands within the specified areas as to which no agreement between the owners and the Company has been arranged can be acquired by the Company.

The rate of remuneration proposed for the Chairman of the Commission is £25 per day for the day on which the Commission sits.

An early answer is requested.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

MOR. R. H. Appleby, J. P.,

Hamilton.

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HAMILTON, BERMUUDA, Sept. 8, 19 20.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary.

Sir:-

I have the honour to notify you, in accordance with section

1 (2) of the Bermuda Development Company Limited Act, 1920 (No. 19), that the Office of the Company for the purposes of that Act is situated on the first floor of the Miles Building, Front Street, Hamilton.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

[Handwritten signature]

Secretary, Bermuda Development Company Limited;

Sept. 6, 1920.

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The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

Sir:



I have the honour to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor that the Bermuda Development Co. Ltd. has been organized in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 19 of 1920, and that the following have been elected Directors of the Company:

- Sir Frederick Wm Lewis, Bt. (President)
- H. G. Blackiston, N.Y. (Vice President)
- Chas. B. MacDonald, N.Y.
- Chas. D. Wetmore, N.Y.
- Henry Wm Watlington, Bermuda.
- S. Stanley Spurling, Bermuda.
- F. Goodwin Gosling, Bermuda.
- John P. Hand, Bermuda.

The Company now desires to proceed with the acquisition of certain lands at Tucker's Town under the provision of Act No. 25 of 1920, and I am instructed to respectfully request that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps to appoint commissioners in accordance with section 2 (1) of that Act.

The Company is prepared to give security for the payment of the expenses of the commission, and to place to the credit of the Commissioners at the Bank of N.Y. Butterfield & Sons Ltd. such sum or sums to defray such expenses as the Commissioners shall

time to time direct.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. A. Murray

Secretary Bermuda Developing C. Ltd.