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PETITION FROM THE FON OF BANGOLA CONCERNING THE  
CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council)

Bangola  
Ndop Area,  
Bamenda  
Cameroons under U.K. Ad.  
3rd October 1955

The Trusteeship Council,  
United Nations,  
New York.

Sir,

I have the honour most submissively to forward you herewith the following  
attached petitionary documents calling the attention of the Council to the matter  
in the correspondence, for human rights of land and property ownership, justice  
and fairplay in land acquisition in the Trust Territory which I am being deprived  
of by the Customs Department of the Authority Administering the Southern Cameroons  
Trust Territory.

The documents are as follows:-

- (a) My letter dated the 1st November, 1954.
- (b) The Comptroller's letter No.73/63/2 of 20th November, 1954.<sup>1/</sup>
- (c) The Comptroller's letter No.73/63/2 of 3rd January, 1955.<sup>1/</sup>
- (d) My letter dated the 22nd February, 1955.<sup>1/</sup>
- (e) The Comptroller's letter No.73/63/2 of 18th March, 1955.<sup>1/</sup>
- (f) My letter dated the 10th April, 1955.

✓ Note by the Secretariat: The enclosures referred to have been placed in the  
Secretariat files and are available to members of the Trusteeship Council on  
request.

- (g) My letter dated the 20th April 1955.
- (h) My letter dated the 29th June, 1955.
- (i) The Comptroller's letter No.73/63/2 of 13th July, 1955.
- (j) My letter dated the 26th July, 1955.

In the light of the above, I shall highly appreciate any kind and favourable action taken by the Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours obediently,

..... (Illegible)

Fon of Bangola

Bangola,  
Ndop Area,  
Bamenda.  
1st November, 1954.

The Comptroller of Customs and Excise,  
Lagos-Nigeria,  
Through the Collector of Customs and Excise,  
Bamenda.

Sir,

I have the honour most submissively beg to inquire from the Comptroller of Customs and Excise the person or persons of Bangola, Ndop Area, Bamenda Division who entered into agreement with the Customs Department as regards the land where the Customs Station in Bangola is situated and what were the terms of that agreement.

2. Your most humble and obedient Fon shall highly appreciate the kind favour of the Comptroller's earliest action to the above.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

..... (illegible)

Fon of Bangola

Bangola,  
Ndop Area,  
Bamenda.  
10th April, 1955

The Comptroller of Customs and Excise  
Lagos-Nigeria.

Sir,

With reference to your letters No.73/63/2 of 20th November, 1954, No.73/63/2 of 3rd January, 1955 and No.73/63/2 of 18th March, 1955, which appear with no doubt left behind that you are unable to produce the particulars with regard to my inquiry of 1st November, 1954, I have the honour to state that so far as land and property ownership is concerned, I am demanding from you the cost of damages and yearly rentage compensation with effect from the date of the establishment of the Customs House in Bangola, which total cost of my claim will soon be forwarded to you.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ..... (Illegible)

Fon of Bangola

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Bangola,  
Ndop Area.  
Bamenda  
20th April, 1955

The Comptroller of Customs and Excise,  
Lagos-Nigeria.

Sir,

With reference to my letter dated the 10th April, 1955 re my claim, I forward you herewith the below statement of the claim for your kind action and immediate settlement.

Statement as follows:-

(a) Rest House and Area	at	£60 per annum
(b) Office/Supt. Quarters and Area	at	£120 " "
(c) Main Barracks and Area	at	<u>£480</u> " "
Sum total of Rent on Area occupied		£660 " "

For the period of stay I.E. from 1932 to now April, 1955, Total Amount of claim for 22 1/3 years at £660 per annum - £14,740 (fourteen thousand seven hundred and forty pounds.)

2. In view of the above claim, I shall be much grateful for the favour of your kind and earliest settlement.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Yours faithfully,

..... (Illegible)

Fon of Bangola

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Bangola,  
Ndop Area,  
Bamenda.  
29th June, 1955

The Comptroller of Customs and Excise,  
Lagos - Nigeria.

Sir,

With reference to my statement of claim for immediate settlement dated the 20th April, 1955, I shall be grateful if you will let me know the position and to state further that the more you delay to settle with me, the more my claim increases.

2. Expecting with the already borne patience ever since my inquiry of the 1st November, 1954, your kind and earliest action,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

..... (illegible)

Fon of Bangola

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H.M. Customs and Excise,  
Comptroller's Office,  
Lagos

13 Jul 1955

The Fon of Bangola,  
Bangola,  
Ndop Area,  
Bamenda.

Sir,

Buildings, Constructions, Maintenance Acquisition of  
New Site, Santa

Your letter dated 29 Jun 55

Your claim has been forwarded to the Chief Federal Lands Officer, Department of Lands Lagos, to whom all further correspondence should be addressed.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
A.K. Martyn,  
for Ag. Comptroller

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Bangola,  
Ndop Area,  
Bamenda.

26th July 1955

The Comptroller of Customs and Excise,  
Lagos-Nigeria.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.73/63/2 of 13th July, 1955, regarding my claim for rental compensation for period of stay by the Customs here, with effect from the date of establishment of the Customs Station in Bangola, where it situates, without the consent or entering into agreement with the Fon of Bangola on the behalf of his people, ignoring also our human rights of land and property ownership and Native laws and customs, I have the honour to inform you that within a period of two months with effect from the date of this letter, if my claim is not settled, you would not be surprised to see that I take further action by legal suit, without the least of being offensive, so that we could both be shared with justice.

2. I respectfully beg to inform you that as per your above mentioned letter, I cannot address any correspondence to the Chief Federal Lands Officer, Department of Lands Lagos, about my claim, because it is not the Department of Lands Lagos that established the Customs Station in Bangola where it situates, but the Customs Department which is solely responsible for its establishment here.

3. Expecting with all due honour and patience still, to receive at your earliest convenience your kind opinion, with regard to any further action,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ..... (illegible)

Fon of Bangola