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TWO PETITIONS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CAMEROONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN THE CAMEROONS  
UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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rules of procedure)

Nicholas Mbunkeng Three Corner Kumba  
24th October 1958

The House of Common London  
United Nation Trusteeship Council  
Governor-General Lagos  
Council of Minister Lagos  
House of Assembly Cameroons - Buea  
The Colonial Secretary London  
C.D.C. Head Office Bota - Victoria  
Village Head Kumba.

Sirs,

Damage of my crops by the Cameroons Development Corporation (C.D.C.)

I have honour must respectfully to forward this humble petition to your high office just to inform you of the damages. That was made to me by the C.D.C. in my farm on the 1/1/58.

I was given this piece of land by the native of Kumba and after cultivating my crops in the farm for the period of seven years, C.D.C. on 1/1/58 without notice entered my farm, with Her Majesty Police in position of arms together with groups of labourers and damage my farm with crops.

Sir C.D.C. said land was belonging to them, to the very farm, I can assure your high Office, that piece of land which had been damaged by the C.D.C. to compensate to my crops and labour, that has been damage by them. I hope your high office will agree with me that a person's canoe cannot be destroyed without given him notice to remove his crops from the land if at all the land is belonging to you Sir. If the C.D.C. knew that I was occupying their land if at all it is

their own land without obtaining permission from them the proper way they should have sued me to court, for trespassing, of which hence I am now drawing the following from the C.D.C. through your high Office:

Crops damaged in my farm as follows

Coffee plants	8,200
Banana stems	4,300
Cocoa trees	1,500
Kola trees	25
Plume trees	15
Rafia palms	120
Palm trees	43
	<u>14,203</u>

I think this measure is against the article eight (8) of the trusteeship agreement. I shall be very grateful if you will consider my petition and send me a good reply Sir.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) NICHOLAS MBUNKENG

N.B. Direct your reply to

Nicholas Mbunkeng c/o One Kamerouns (O.K.)  
Three Corner Kumba, Southern Cameroons.

Fiango/3 Corners Farmers,  
C/O B. Wambe,  
Co-operative Society,  
Fiango Kumba,  
Southern Cameroons,  
2 October 1958

The Chairman,  
U.N.O. Visiting Mission,

Sir,

PETITION

We farmers welcome the UNO. visiting Mission in the Southern Cameroons and we pray that God will guide the visiting Mission safely back to the UNO. General Assembly. We have one problem to interview the UNO. visiting mission on.

DAMAGES OF FARM CROPS BY THE C.D.C.

The question of these farms damages have been communicated to the UNO. General Assembly, Ref. UNO T/PET.4/152 of 12th August 1958. It happened that on the 27th of December, 1957 to 2nd January, 1958, a troop of CDC. workers protected by Her Majesty's crown P.C. 5716 walked through various farms and damaged all crops i.e. coffee plants, cocoa plants and bananas all cut down without any previous notice.

These damages have been reported to the Southern Cameroons Government and the Kumba District Officer inspected the area on the 9th of June, 1958, in company with the chairman of Kumba Town Native Authority, and confirmed the damages to have been true, but has taken no action.

We therefore put our case in the hands of the UNO. visiting mission for we have been left with our families to suffer the loss of the food and finance on top of our labour.

We remain, Yours distressed petitioners.

Signed for and on behalf of the farmers:-

B. WAMBE

Mr. B. Wambe

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