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The Secretary,

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J War Office,

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November, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo No. 45981/1915, I am directed to forward for your information Captain R.E. Salkeld's explanations on the points raised by the Audit Department of the East Africa Protectorate.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. Latham

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.

SUBJECT: CAPTAIN R. E. SALKELD
OX. & BUCS L.I.
AUDIT QUERY A/Cs. WHILST
SERVING WITH S. AFRICA
PROTECTORATE.



Headquarters,
61st (South Midland) Division,
Borough House, Chelmsford.

Reference the attached correspondence,
I have the honour to report that at this length of time
and absence of data, I am unable to verify the
distribution of the articles shown on the attached schedule.

In December, 1913, I was ordered by His Excellency the
Governor to proceed to the Waheir Lorian area to report on
the state of the Somali tribes living there. These tribes
had been spreading west & north into the Boran country and
were causing inconvenience to our administration in the
Northern Frontier District.

It was known that at the post of Waheir there were
Officers and men of the Jubaland Province and of the
Northern Frontier District who were short of food and
supplies of all sorts.

The Somalis were engaged in inter-tribal warfare and
as no troops were available levies had to be used.

I arrived at Waheir about 250 miles ^{from} Kisumu on
6th January, 1914, and left on 12th January, 1914. At
Waheir about 2 months food, various supplies, tools, etc.,
were left for all Government employees and for the British
Officer-in-Charge. Political work was done.

The Lorian, 90 miles, was reached on 15th January, 1914.
Here a fight had occurred 2 days before our arrival between
two Somali tribes causing several hundred casualties.
Halt was made, many patients were tended and a good deal of
political work done.

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On the 25th January, 1914, the caravan moved on to the Guaso Nyiro post about 170 miles and arrived 7th February 1914.

Here stores were obtained from the Wera District, and after a rest, the caravan marched back to Kismayu, where it arrived about 6 weeks later, again victualling Wajtheir en route. This was necessary as no transport, except my caravan, existed.

The majority of the supplies and stores carried would have in any case been required by Wajtheir to avoid evacuating the post.

The whole of the supplies were purchased at Kismayu.

The accounts and tally of the distribution of goods were carefully kept by the District Commissioner, Kismayu, who accompanied me and were in the District Office at Kismayu.

I do not understand how any difficulty as to adjustment can have arisen, and I trust the above explanation will be found sufficient.

All correspondence on the subject, together with reports, maps, etc., were filed in the District or Provincial Office.

R. E. Powell

Becham House,
Chelmsford,
28th October, 1915.

Captain,
D.A.A. & Q.M.O.,
61st (South Midland) Division.