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M. A. F. Beckman

Letter to the Beckman complaining
of treatment in Congo with his employment
by the American Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

copy of letter to Gov for inquiry
regarding - also explaining that it has
been taken up by the Swedish
legation & of a Secretary to the
legation - also a letter
at this time

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The Swedish Minister presents his compliments to His
Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the South African
Union and should feel much obliged for an inquiry being made
with regard to the facts mentioned in the enclosed transla-
tion of a letter from Mr. H.E. Beckman, Windso, Licensed
Surveyor S.A.S.

London, January 14, 1915.

Secretary of the High Commissioner
South African Union.
27, Whitehall Street.

Malmö, Sweden.

December 20th, 1914.

To the Secretary,
Swedish Legation,
London.



The Undersigned, who has passed an examination as Government Land Surveyor in the Union of South Africa /Transvaal/, completed during the years 1913 and 1914, after having been appointed Licensed Surveyor in the British East Africa, two great surveying contracts for the Government of the Union.

According to the law there 50% of the survey fees are paid after finished work, 25% when the plans are examined and 25% when the result of the work has been controlled on the grounds.

On the first contract which was for about 4000 R^s /1 Rupee = 1sh.4d./ I have been paid 75% i.e. about R^s 3000. This contract was completed and the plans /i.e. maps etc./ were all delivered in September 1913, thus more than a year ago. As this work has been fully controlled, there is no reason why the remaining R^s 1000 should not be paid out. I may here mention that a Mr. Galbraith who has been appointed Deputy Director of Surveys /cadastre branch/, after the accomplishment of my survey and after 75% having been paid, tried to bargain with me, offering R^s 8 a thousand feet instead of R^s 12, which was quite against the law - and this he did only in June 1914, thus after I had finished my next contract. I am, however, convinced that Captain Williams /about whom more here below / will not approve of Mr. Galbraith's way of acting

The second survey contract was accomplished in June 1916, the total amount of this being about Rs. 18000. Out of this sum I received at the end of June 1916 about 50% i.e. 50% according to the Rs and 50% for travelling expenses, as I was going home and was in need of money.

There is thus on this contract a balance of Rs. 6400 and on the first contract Rs 1800 or together Rs. 7900, or in English money a little more than £ 500. As these surveys were carried on at my own expense and the whole equipment as well as I lost during the survey & miles worth together Rs. 1800 killed by sickness and by lions/ tsets, some etc, were bought cash by me and the food and pay for 40 natives was paid by myself during the time of the survey, I therefore think it very unfair that I should have received only the amount necessary to cover my costs, and I cannot be considered having received any recompensation for my work.

Three months ago, having been advised by the Secretary of the British Legation at Stockholm, I wrote to the Government of British East Africa but has not even had a reply to my letter. I also sent some letters with a Mr. Eastwood who was going out there, I think in behalf of the Swedish Export Association. It is however doubtful whether he will be very successful.

As a last resource I then wrote to the Secretary of the British Legation at Stockholm again and he advised me to consult you in the matter.

I enclose this letter. If anything should be done in the matter I should feel very much obliged as I am in great need of my money at present. A Captain Williams who was Director of Surveys for British East Africa is acquainted with the above facts and I think that he who is a kind and straightforward person, willingly would help in the matter.

With highest regards

E. E. Beckman
 Licensed Surveyor S.T.A.

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Sir,

I have the honour to
transmit to you, for
enquiry and report,

the accompanying copy
of a letter
of ~~transmission~~, transmitted

to me by the
Swedish Legation,
on the subject of

the claim of Mr
A. Beckman,
licensed surveyor,

for fees on connection
for work done for the
Swedish Legation.

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Sir,

With reference to
the comm. left at the
Office on the 14th of
January relating to the
claim of Mr. Kirk
Beckman for fees
in connection with
work done by him for
the post, the fact I
am to inform
you that the matter
has been referred to the
Hon. the Post for
enquiry, and that I

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The Secretary
Social Legislation

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Mr. Charles [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]
Mr.
Mr.
Sir B. Piddell
Sir H. A. A.
Sir J. Anderson
Lady [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]