

EAST AFR. PROT

27374

27374

REC^d
REG^d 9

Govr's Deputy
Bewring 266.

1916

FINE UNDER COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT ORDCE, 1909

10th May.

Reports that a fine has been levied on the Kisii natives concerned in a theft of produce valued at Rs 213/- amounting to four times the market value of stolen produce; trusts that action will be approved.

Last previous Paper.

16545/15

11-569

Mr. Read.

A four-times fine is heavy, but under the Stock & Produce Theft Ord. a fine (after conviction) of 10 times the value was approved - after some hesitation. See 16511/13 & connected papers.

? Approval of action taken.

W.D.S. 12.6.16

at once.

H. J. R.

12/12/16

Room

Ans. 399. 14 June 16

next subsequent paper.

3831

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 266.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

May 10th, 1916.

27374

REC'D
MAY 9 1916

Sir,

I have the honour to report that about the beginning of this year a theft of native produce was committed in the Mumbo location of the South Kavirondo District which was traced to the Kitutu section of the Kisii District. The stolen produce represented Rs. 213/- worth of Sim-sim, at the local market prices.

2. A conference was held between the Kisii and the Kavirondo headmen whose people were concerned in the matter and the former admitted that his people must have committed the theft. Further, he collected sheep and cattle to the value of Rs. 180/- wherewith to compensate the losers, but on the advice of his chief, held back payment pending the decision of the District Commissioner.

3. The theft of produce is quite a new departure in the way of native crime, in

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

these districts, and I consider that steps should at once be taken to convince the natives of the disagreeable consequences which such proceedings will entail. I have, consequently, on the advice of the Attorney General, brought into operation Section 2 (c) of the Collective Punishment Ordinance, 1909, and have levied a fine on the Kisii natives concerned in the theft amounting to four times the market value of the stolen produce.

4. I trust you will approve my action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Conway Bejira

GOVERNOR.

27874
16

201

JUN 13 1916
14

14 June 1916

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 266 of the 10th of May, and to inform you that

I approve of the action which you have taken with regard to the infliction on the Kitatai section of the Viti Levu District of a £ collective fine in respect of the theft of natives

produce which took place in the Mumbo location of the South Kavirondo District about the beginning of this

DRAFT.

AP No 399

Belfield

MINUTE.

Mr. Jewell 12/6/16
Mr. Bottomley 13.6.16
Mr.

- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- ~~Sir J. Anderson.~~
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.