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Masal Reserve be confirmed. Mr. emsted was present at the meeting and stated that there could be no doubt that the members of these villages were perfectly aware of the identity of the murderers and were deliberately shielding them from justice. Several murders of Kikuyu have recently occurred in or near the Masai reserve and an exemplary punishment is necessary The Attorney General considers that the case is one which could be properly dealt with under the Collective Punishments Ordinance and in this opinion I concurred. I have accordingly ordered a fine of Rs. 20,000/- to be imposed on each of the three villages mentioned above, the total fine amounting to Rs. 60,000.

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

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your humble, obedient servent,

ACT ENG GOVERNOR.

recognized immediately as the servant of an Indian Trader in Narok, and both had been carrying loads when they met their death.

- 3. Investigations were immediately made by the Acting District Commissioner, Narok, but mothing definite was discovered. In February 1917 evidence was brought against two moran who were wandering in the neighbourhood at the date of the crime, and one of whom had a sword cut in his leg, but the evidence forthcoming was insufficient to justify further proceedings being taken against them.
- 4. At the end of April 1917 the headmen of the moran living in the neighbourhood were called on to explain what steps they had taken to find the murderers. The scene of the murder is greatly frequented by the moran of three Masai 'sirits' named the Kisaruni, the L'aimer and the Mejuali sirits, and as no evidence was brought by any members of these sirits respecting the murders, the Acting District Commissioner, a Magistrate of the and class, after considering all the facts of the case, felt that he had no alternative but to recommend that a fine be imposed on all three villages under Section 3 of the Collective Punisiments Ordinance 1909.
- 5. The matter was discussed in my Executive Council on the 21st of June who recommended that the sentence asked for by the Officer-in-Charge,

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BAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

June 28th, 1917.

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Sir.

In accordance with Section 8 of "The Collective Punishments Ordinance 1909", I have the honour to report the circumstances under which I have deemed it advisable to inflict a communal fine on three villages of the Purko Clan of Masaf, in respect of the murder of two Kikuyu natives.

2. On the 19th of Movember 1916, two Indian traders travelling on the main road some seven miles from Narok, a station in the Masai Reserve, found two bodies of Kikuyu natives lying near the road. These Kikuyu had been murdered and were quite dead when found. They had several wounds on their bodies, evidently inflicted by spears and knives. One of the murdered Kikuyu was

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