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KEEPING OF PIGS BY ASIATICS AND NATIVES

Report's circumstances in which it is considered necessary that the pig industry should be controlled and the practice of keeping pigs by asiatics and natives discouraged as far as possible. Necessary instructions issued.

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I gather that the administrative officers have been instructed to discourage not to prohibit. It remains to be seen what forms discouragement will take, and whether an outcry will be raised. The proper course, and the course which must be taken when an adequate staff can be obtained, is the regulation of the keeping of pigs by Asiatics or natives, not its suppression.

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 507

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA. /

September 1st, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have recently had under my consideration the question of the keeping of pigs by Asiatics and natives.

2. Within the last few years the pig industry has attained considerable prominence in the settled areas of the Protectorate and there is now every prospect that it will prove to be commercially successful. A valuable asset to the country is thus in process of creation but it is essential, if this enterprise is to be properly developed, that it should be subjected to strict supervision by the Agricultural Department.

3. I am informed that recently cases have come to light where pigs are being kept by Asiatics and natives. The numbers in question are at present negligible but both the Agricultural and Veterinary authorities are unanimously

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

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unanimously of opinion that if this tendency is permitted to proceed unchecked, the necessary control will be impossible with the result that outbreaks of swine fever and swine measles, with their consequent heavy mortality, must inevitably occur.

4. I discussed the question with the members of my Executive Council who were unanimously of opinion that the industry should at any rate for the present be protected and that the practice to which I have alluded above should be discouraged as much as possible. I have therefore caused the necessary instructions to be issued to the members of the administrative staff.

5. I may add that the action taken, and the reason therefor, is in many ways analogous to the restrictions imposed on the cultivation of coffee by natives, which was reported to you in the Governor's despatch No. 329 of the 1st of June 1916.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE
ACTING GOVERNOR.