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TSATO RIVER TANNERY COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Claims of Messrs Blanks and Le Petit can only be dealt with as a whole. Matter referred to G.O.C. in C. for full report and on receipt of that it is hoped to settle matter.

High Commissioner  
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Substance (of do. do.) to G.O.C. by tel  
ref. 3314 & 3315 of 10/1/19  
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J. H. H. H.

Tel to you 26 Jan 1919  
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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,

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Adastral House,

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Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th November last, No. 54899/1918, relative to a claim by Mr. Le Petit arising out of the requisition of the Tsavo River Cannery, I am commanded by the Army Council to acquaint you that they are advised that Mr. Blanke and Mr. Le Petit were undoubtedly and still are partners as there has presumably been no formal dissolution of partnership. The Council therefore cannot be expected to enquire into their rights as between themselves and you, but deal with the claim as a whole.

The Council are further advised that they cannot in the circumstances rely on any implied authority in Mr. Le Petit as being Mr. Blanke to the terms of any settlement and that the case is analogous to committing a dispute to arbitration or compromising an action in which cases it has been held that the parties must have express authority to bind the other.

The Council have referred the claim to the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, East African Expeditionary Force, and have asked him to forward a full report on the case. It is hoped that on receipt of his report it will be possible to come to a decision on the claim and if any compensation is admissible, the Council will then inform Mr. Le Petit of the sum that they are prepared to offer for the joint acceptance of himself and Mr. Blanke and that this sum can only be paid to him and Mr. Blanke on their joint receipt.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

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The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

