

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
HARARIN EAST AFRICA.

February 4th 1915. 115

PROTECTORATE

No. 20

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith certain correspondence respecting the loss of 18 packages of foodstuffs being part of a consignment despatched by the Mombasa Local Committee of Supplies to the Kismayu Committee of Supplies on August 11th.

2. I regret to say that the correspondence shows that the transaction has been conducted in a most unbusinesslike manner but as it is impossible to place responsibility for the whole or part of the loss I have had no alternative but to sanction

the

RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

the amount of the loss being written off and I would ask you to endorse my action in the matter.

3. I may add that the matter was fully considered by my Executive Council who were of the same opinion as expressed in the preceding paragraph.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



in the absence of the
GOVERNOR

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SUPPLIES.

TRUST CHAMBERS,

Nairobi,

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8th January 1915.

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In reply please quote
No. 60 and date.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward copies of
Correspondence relating to the loss of 18 packages of
feedstuffs part of a consignment despatched by the
Mombasa Local Committee of Supplies to the Kisumu
Local Committee of Supplies on August 11th.

2. It would appear that the goods actually des-
patched were not entered on the ship's manifest as the
ship S.S. 'Duplex' was at the time on Govt. Charter and
no receipt was taken from the Captain or Purser of
Duplex. It is not apparent if a receipt was given
to the Captain of the Duplex at Kisumu by the Officer
who received the goods.

3. Further the loss was not reported until
November 24th. though the goods were despatched on
August 10th. There are certain discrepancies in the
various letters which will best be shown in a compara-
tive table :-

Enclosure No. I	Enclosure II.	Enclosure III.	Missing.	Enclosure 4.
Invoice from Mr. Fish to C. O. Commissionariat, Mombasa. As de- livered to Duplex.	Invoice sent by Director of Sup- plies to P. O. Kisumu.	P. O. Kisumu's letter informing Director of Sup- plies of receipt of articles.		President L.C. of Supplies Mombasa to Pres. Central Committee of Sup- plies, Nairobi.

The Hon'ble

The Chief Secretary

N a i r o b i.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SUPPLIES.

TRUST CHAMBERS,

Nairobi.

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8th January 1915.

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In reply please quote
No. 60 and date.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward copies of
correspondence relating to the loss of 16 packages of
foodstuffs part of a consignment despatched by the
Mombasa Local Committee of Supplies to the Kismayu
Local Committee of Supplies on August 11th.

2. It would appear that the goods actually des-
patched were not entered on the ship's manifest as the
ship S.S. Duplex at the time of port Charter and
no receipt was taken from the Captain or Purser
Duplex. It is not apparent if a receipt was given
the Captain of the Duplex at Kismayu by the Officer
who received the goods.

3. Further the loss was not reported until
November 24th. though the goods were despatched on
August 10th. There are certain discrepancies in the
various letters which will best be shown in a compara-
tive table :-

Enclosure No. I	Enclosure II.	Enclosure III.	Missing.	Enclosure 9.
Invoice from Mr. P. G. Kismayu's	Invoice sent by P. G. Kismayu's	P. G. Kismayu's	letter informing	President L.S. of
sent to C. S.	Director of Sup-	Director of Sup-	Director of Sup-	Supplies, Mombasa
Commissionariat,	plies to P. G.	Director of Sup-	plies of receipt	to Pres. Central
Mombasa. As de-	Kismayu.	plies of receipt	of articles.	Committee of Sup-
livered to Duplex.				plies, Nairobi.

The Hon'ble
The Chief Secretary
Nairobi.

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Sugar	10	10	0	1
No. 4 flour	13	13	12	1
Maize	209	-	208	3
Coffee	10	10	10	1
Milk ideal	6	6	-	6
Matches	3	3	3	-
Halwa rice	130	130	124	6
Potatoes	110	112	110	2
Cond. milk	34	34	34	-
Nectar tea	10	10	10	-
Beans	-	10	9	1
Salt	-	-	1	-
	546	347	556	21

4. Re Beans.

No beans were advised as despatched but 10 bags were billed and 9 received.

5. Re Maize.

209 bags were despatched, none were billed and 206 were received.

In enclosure 8 Mr. Gregory says 209 bags of maize were returned from Kismayu and that therefore no bill was sent. He can give no information as to the 206 bags acknowledged by the Provincial Commissioner in enclosure 3.

6. Re Salt.

This appears from enclosure 1 to be part of the ship's stores and to have been delivered in error at Kismayu.

7. Articles missing.

If the maize is reckoned there are 21 packages missing and otherwise 18 packages.

I am to request that the less be dealt with by you and to add that the two members of the Central Committee.

Committee of Supplies mentioned in the letter (No. 9)
from the President Local Committee of Supplies, Mombasa
did not understand that the matter was being discussed
formally at Mombasa.

I have etc.,

(Snd) W. M. Logan.

Secretary.

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23 15

The O.C. Commissariat.

Mombasa.

The following goods have been delivered

to "Duplex" for Kisumu.

10 bags Sugar	3 cases Matches
15 " Flour No. 1	150 bags Rice Halwa
200 " Maize	112 " Potatoes
10 " Coffee	34 cases Cond. Milk
8 cases Van. Milk local	10 cases Nectar Tea

Ship's Stores

1 bag Salt	16 bags Rice Halwa
837 lbs. Potatoes	165 lbs Sugar
2 bags Gram Dhall.	

Please issue requisition accordingly

SD/ Walsh

Commissariat Officer

Harb. Customs Mombasa

Mombasa, 19th Aug 1914

19th August 1914.

Copy of the Invoice

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23 15

The Provincial Commissioner Kismayu

Dr. to the Director of Supplies, Mombasa

1914.
August 11th

	Rs. sts	Rs. sts
10 bags Beans		151. 00
10 bags Sugar	275. 00	
15 bags No. 4 Flour	286. 00	
19 bags Coffee (Price unknown)		
10 c/s Nectar Tea	491. 95	
3 c/s Seal Milk	113. 00	
3 c/s Matches	156. 00	
130 bags Halwa rice	625. 00	
112 ds. Potatoes	587. 00	
24 c/s Milk	880. 00	
		<u>4,225. 95</u>
		<u>4,274. 95</u>

To

The Provincial Commissioner
Kismayu

Will you please sign your acceptance of above charges (in duplicate) and return one copy to me.

S/- W. Gregory
Director of Supplies
Mombasa.

Signed on behalf of

Date

11/11/14

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Provincial Commissioner's Office

Kisumu 24th November 1914.

No. 572/14

C O
13512
REC'D
NOV 25 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to report a discrepancy in the food supplies received here in August last and your invoice showing the supplies despatched by you.

2. The accounts I write have been updated. I enclose a copy of it.

5. The supplies which actually arrived here and passed through the customs were :-

- 2 bags beans
- 1 bag sugar
- 12 bags flour
- 18 bags coffee
- 10 c/s Tea
- 54 c/s Milk
- 3 c/s Matches
- 124 bags Rice
- 1 bag salt
- 206 bags maize
- 110 bags Potatoes

Therefore the following are missing :-

- 1 bag beans
- 1 bag sugar
- 1 bag flour
- 1 bag coffee
- 6 cases Ideal Milk
- 6 bags Rice
- 3 " Potatoes

The Director of Supplies.

M O M B A S A .

4. This matter should have been reported to you at once. The supplies arrived by the R.S. "Imphal". I suggest that enquiries be made from your end as it appears that the whole of the supplies were not shipped or if shipped were not delivered here.

5. I am crediting you with the goods which were received by us.

6. Re the 110 bags Potatoes they were disposed as follows
5 to the Commandant Indian Camel Corps
105 to the Staff Officer, Gabwen.

As regards the maize 206 bags were received but I cannot find any consignment note or anything about them except that they were delivered with the other articles.

I have the honour to be
etc.

SB/- G.R.W. Lane
Provincial Commissioner.

copy to the Director of Supplies, Mombasa.

District Commissioner's Office

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Kismayu 30th November 1914.

240/280/14

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Sir,

In reply to your letter No. ¹¹⁰⁰ 278/25 dated 25/11/14 No. 14 I have the honour to place before you the results of my enquiry :-

- (a) The stores were sent by the Offr. Comdg. Troops Mombasa to the Offr. Comdg. Troops Kismayu via the S.S. "Duplex" early in August.
- (b) Mr. Dundas District Commissioner, took charge of it on behalf of the staff Officer, Jubaland.
- (c) On the return of the Provincial Commissioner, from safari Mr. Dundas resigned from the charge of the Government Food Depot which had previously been formed.
- (d) The acting Prov. Commr. ordered Mr. Pagden A.D.C. to check and take over charge of the stores mentioned above but the District Commissioner objected on the grounds that he was personally responsible to the staff officer. As a result the Prov. Commr. instructed Mr. Pagden not to take over these stores but to take charge of the Food Depot only.
- (e) On the 18th September 1914 I received through the Prov. Commr. a request from the Dir. of Supplies for acknowledgment and payment of sheet mill stores on checking them I found the following shortages for which I cannot account:

The Provincial Commissioner

Kismayu.

- 1 bag beans
- 1 bag flour
- 1 bag sugar
- 1 bag coffee
- 6 cases Ideal milk
- 6 bags rice
- 2 bags potatoes

(P) As a result the signing officer asked to sign the vouchers and was asked to provide for an explanation. Up to the present I have seen no explanation from Mr. Dundas other than a short note refusing responsibility.

I have etc., etc.

(Sgd) F. Elliott.

District Officer

P.S. The whole correspondence returned herewith.

Mr. Giles,

Re attached

From Mr. Egerton who was in charge of Procurement for Mr. Gregory I learn that the goods sent to Kisumu early in August were issued direct to the "Duplex" from the Customs. Further Mr. Egerton had nothing to do with this shipment. The original order appears to have been a verbal one only.

The Customs clerk who issued the supplies was informed on the Duplex that as the ship was chartered by Government no receipt was necessary consequently there is no document to show that the goods were actually shipped.

I was informed that 208 bags of Maize had been sent to Kisumu and that the "Duplex" brought these back again. Yet Kisumu people acknowledge having received 206 bags.

Perhaps Mr. Gregory may be able to keep in the solution of this matter.

(Snd) H. B. Simson

14.12.14

The President,

Local Committee of Supply, etc.

Reference attached letter No. 572/14 of
24.11.14 from P. G. Kilmayr

The records taken over from Mr. Gregory have
been searched but there is no trace of any receipt
to show quantity actually shipped.

Perhaps the Committee could bring this matter
forward when Mr. Gregory is present.

(Snd) H. Giles

Dir. of Transport

19.12.14

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Provincial Commissioner's Office
Mombasa 21st December 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your correspondence
to the Provincial Commissioner, Kisumu, regarding
stores for the...
...stores shipped...

(Sd) W. H. H. ...
President
Committee of Supplies

G. W. Gregory Esq
Mombasa

Supply Office

Nombesa 24th December 1941

Sir,

Referring to the attached I have the honour to inform you that the stores as stated on invoice dated August 11th were shipped on Board the Duplex by the Customs and I attach a copy of this certificate.

2. The pilfering must either have occurred on the voyage or at Kismayu.
3. 200 bags of rice were despatched also, but as they were returned the cost was not debited to the account and were taken on charge again by the Messengers.
4. As far as reported on being received, I can give you no information about.
5. Has any shortage been reported earlier Captain Brown might have thrown some light on the subject.

The Duplex at that time being chartered by the Government.

I have etc.

(Sd) W. Gregory

President

Legal Committee of Supplies.

Nombesa.

Mombasa 1st January 1916.

Subj: Loss in Shipment to Kisumu

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that out of a consignment of 347 packages shipped to Kisumu by the Local Committee of Supplies on the 11th August last per S.S. "Duplex" 18 packages as detailed in District Commissioner of Kisumu's letter of the 30th Nov. are missing.

The S.S. "Duplex" was at that time on Government charter and the goods were not entered on the ship's Manifest as would have been done if shipped by an ordinary Merchant vessel, it is therefore quite impossible to trace where the loss took place.

The matter was placed before the Local Committee which included two representatives from the Central Committee, and it was unanimously agreed that the Central Committee should be asked to sanction the loss being written off, or if the Central Committee does not possess the necessary power that it be asked to place the matter before the Hon. the Chief Secretary with a recommendation that the loss be written off.

Enclosures.

Details of Delivery by the Commissariat Offr. 1st JAN 16

Invoice of the Director of Supplies	at.	11th
P.C. Kisumu to Dir. of Supplies No. 513/14	"	24th
do to D.C. Kisumu No. 240/D/20/14	"	30th
Mr. Simson to Mr. Giles	"	14th
Mr. Giles to President L.C. Supplies	"	18th
President L.C.S. to Mr. Gregory No. 23/14	"	21st
Mr. Gregory to President L.C.S. No. 233	"	24th

I have etc.
(Sd) W. Hubbley
President
Local Committee of Supplies.

The President,
Central Committee of Supplies
Nairobi.

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 PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE LONDON

Ser. 13572/1915 Ser. 151

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31 March 1915

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge
your despatch,

of the 14th ult.

and to inform you that

it appears
having regard to

the nature of the

inrecoverable the

value of the ~~loss~~

18 packages of

foodstuffs lost in

transit from the

Arnhem base committee

supplies to the

Kiamaga Committee

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MINUTE

Sr J. Anderson
Lord Alington
Mr. Harcourt

of supplies in Capt

last.

2. ~~It is to be noted~~

that the ~~fact~~ appears to
have been ~~considered~~
in ~~the~~ ~~past~~ and delay
in dealing with the
deficiencies.

Wm L. HARCOURT