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LOSS BY FIRE
COMPENSATION FOR MR H.G. EVANS

Reports destruction by fire of house belonging to Seventh Day Adventists Mission at Kendu. It had been requisitioned for military purposes. States as to losses incurred by Mr Evans and his meritorious action in saving Govt property. Has authorised payment of £150 compensation. Requests approval.

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Mr W. Montague W. Scott Sir J. Fisher

In view of recent events in Nyasaland, the destruction of a Seventh Day Adventist Mission House in the E.A.P. by accident is curious.

As regards Mr Evans' claim. The rule is (14475/10) that compensation is to be allowed only when insurance on reasonable terms could not have been effected.

Sir J. Fisher has already ordered the £150 to be paid to Mr Evans, in approving his action we should say that we presume that he has satisfied himself that Mr Evans could not have effected an insurance of the property lost at a reasonable cost and refer him to our dep.

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regarding the native history
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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
155 NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.
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Depd 5 APR 15
March 11th 1908

Colby

Sir,

I have the honour to report that in December last a house belonging to the Seventh Day Adventists Mission at Kendu on Lake Victoria Nyanza was destroyed by fire. At the time of the outbreak the building was occupied by three native boys, Mr. B. L. Morse, a member of the Mission, and Mr. H. G. Evans, Assistant District Commissioner, who was acting as Transport Officer for the Military authorities in the District. I should like to explain that the building had been requisitioned for Military use, but that the representatives of the Mission had been allowed to retain a portion of it in order to inconvenience them as little as possible.

2. As the result of enquiries subsequently made it was shown that the cause of the fire was the faulty construction of the building,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DONNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

and that no charge of negligence could be brought. I have accordingly caused the Provincial Commissioner, Nyanza, to be informed that on the evidence at present before me I am not prepared to admit any liability in respect of the damage done, or to incur any expenditure in rebuilding the house.

3. It appears that the fire was first discovered by Mr. Evans. He immediately went to the other end of the house to arouse Mr. Morse and his boys, and then returned to the sitting room to save the office files connected with Administration and Transport work at Kendu together with the sum of Rs. 4000/- belonging to Government which was waiting to be sent to Kisii on the following morning. By the time that these had been removed, the roof of the house, which was constructed of rubberoid with a lining of reeds, was ablaze, and owing to the lack of water and to the fact that the heat caused certain ammunition in the house to explode, it was only possible to save in addition some of Mr. Morse's furniture and a Government safari table.

4. All the personal property belonging to Mr. Evans was totally destroyed, and at my request he submitted a list of the articles so lost, the value of which amounted, as far as he was able to judge, to £180, while in addition all his private papers were burnt, including original testimonials, certificates &c., some of which it will be impossible to replace.

5. Mr. Evans is a young officer in his first tour of service and, as often happens, he was the recipient

recipient of numerous gifts from relatives and friends when embarking on a career in a foreign country, so that his property may to a certain extent be said to have possessed a sentimental value considerably in excess of its actual cost. Moreover, he deliberately sacrificed his possessions in a successful attempt to save loss to the Government and on this account also I consider he is entitled to every consideration. His action appears to me to be highly meritorious and, as the circumstances of the case and the conditions under which he was serving at the time were both unusual, I have directed the sum of £150 to be paid to him in compensation for his loss and I now report my action for your approval.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

J. C. Rowley
on instructions from Lt
GOVERNOR

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15 June 1915

Sir,
I have the honor to ack. rec.

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Gov. Sir H. Curragh

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Mr. Curran 13/4/15

Mr. Boston 13.4.15

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Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

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Compensation for ...
Evans in respect
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on the occasion
the destruction of fire
of a house ...
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in the connection

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with copies of two

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Governor of Mysore and
reporting upon

recent native

in that Protectorate

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Yours faithfully,
WALTER L. HARCOURT.

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Governor of Nyasaland
reporting upon

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Yours faithfully,
H. H. HARGREAVES.