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CIRCULATION :-

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GAME LAWS OF E.A. DEPENDENCIES.

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Invites attention to anomalies between law of various Dependencies and suggests matter might be investigated by Commission which is to visit E.A.

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Reminders to Gen.

Thos. G. ...
You (with ...)
The only objection ...
A matter very important ...
Commission is that they ...
have enough to do ...
business

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I hope that the S. of S. will refuse to consider this proposal. We should here to add a selection of specimens to the Committee.

Unfavourable in such matters as the ...

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is unnecessary & not in accordance with common sense. Kanga is by way of being the result of such speculation, who can be expected to pay as much as £100. The pleasure note. What really seems desirable is to tighten up Nyasaland, & is the new Governor (Sir Baring) has more than your Kanga he will be in a position to judge what can fairly be done.

I think we should then have the proposal as to the Committee, and say that we will assist Sir Baring to look into the whole question of the Nyasaland regulations and make recommendations as to increasing the cost of licences, the restriction of the number of licences, the further protection of primitive reserves, & the other matters to which they call attention. - and send copy to Governor with instructions as usual.

And another
I am in the proposed action but I think that
I also send copy of
to the local authorities
T. J. L.
then to confer
with a view to seeing
whether

whether it is possible to reach a uniformity of policy in the whole that we have done. 503.

I am inclined to think that there is a case in which there might be a amalgamation of the 2/3 into 3 departments, upwards of Kanga. Figures & as various fall in we might ask the local authorities for their views on the point.

J. J. L.
2/10/14

For the information of the Council that we are sending a copy of the Commissioner's views on Kanga to the Government of Tanganyika.

Mr. G. J. L.

In view of our letter to the Society, this will not keep in dependence & there is your decision that nothing was discussed at the local conference with revision of salaries. Given Doc. and appear in the programme for the full conference.

I remain & T. J. L.
2/10/14

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FAUNA OF THE EMPIRE

C/o The Zoological Society of London,

Regent's Park,

LONDON, N.W.8.

18th JUNE 1924.

The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, P.C., M.P.,
 H.M. Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 Downing Street,
 S.W.1.

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REC'D
 JUN 20 1924

Sir,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire, to invite your attention to the anomalies which exist between the Game Laws of the various members of the group of East African Colonies and Protectorates and I would respectfully venture to suggest that this is one of the matters which could fittingly be investigated by the Commission which you have announced will shortly proceed to East Africa to make recommendations, having for their object uniformity of procedure in the various countries.

We are informed that in Nyasaland the cost of a Visitor's Game Licence is £10, and a Resident's Game Licence is £2.

On either of these Licences a generous schedule of animals is allowed, and it is stated that much of the game is killed irrespective of sex or age.

Further, it is no longer illegal to traffic in the hides and meat of game; consequently game is now often slaughtered for

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the purpose of profit, which is undesirable.

The holder of a Licence can kill no less than 6 Kudu, and 6 Sable or 6 Roan Antelope, although all these species are becoming rare in Africa.

An additional Licence to shoot an Elephant is required, costing £10 for one Elephant and £20 for two.

Elephants carrying ivory as small as 12 lbs each tusk can be shot; this means that immature beasts can be slaughtered.

In Kenya Colony the main features of the Game Laws are as follows:-

Licences — Visitors £100. Residents £10.

The schedules are generous, but the numbers of the rare beasts are limited, e.g. Greater Kudu 2, Roan Antelope 1.

Special Licence for one Elephant £15; for two Elephants £45.

No Elephants having tusks under 30 lbs each may be legally shot.

In Uganda Protectorate:-

Licences — Visitors £25. Residents £5.

Special Licence to shoot one Elephant £10, 2 additional Elephants £30.

No Elephant carrying tusks under 30 lbs each may be legally shot.

In Tanganyika Territory:-

Licences — Visitors £75. Residents £15.

Special Licence for one Elephant £15, for second Elephant £30, for third Elephant £15.

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In Somaliland:-

Licences — Visitors 300 Rupees (£20). Residents 50 Rupees (£3/6/8).

This brief summary will demonstrate that great diversity of practice exists in countries which in some cases are adjacent.

With the advent of Legislative bodies in some areas, it would probably be difficult to insist on absolute uniformity; and it is, of course, realised that certain species are more common in some regions than in others.

My Society, however, ventures to submit the opinion that the minimum weight of tusk on any Elephant allowed to be legally shot should (not) be less than 30 lbs, as is the rule in Kenya and elsewhere.

It is also desirable that all trade in game hides and meat should be made illegal, or indiscriminate slaughter is bound to occur. Traffic in these products is undesirable, as it conduces to poaching in contravention of the Game Laws.

Nyasaland has recently been opened up by the railway from Beira, and if the game is properly conserved it will provide good sport indefinitely, and incidentally, as in other colonies, the big game sportsman will bring money into the country. If, on the contrary, the schedules are too generous and the administration of the Game Laws lax, the game will, it is believed, become in a

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few years well-nigh exterminated.

I have laid some stress on the preservation of animals from the point of view of sport, because, in the present state of public opinion, the shooting of animals is still regarded as legitimate as it certainly is a healthy relaxation. It is also a considerable source of revenue which can be increased by judicious legislation. But I have ventured to urge that the whole question should, with your approval, receive sympathetic consideration, because it is the belief of this Society that the preservation of Fauna is a duty of the present generation and its successors.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

P. Chamberlain Mitchell

Chairman,
Society for the Preservation of the
Fauna of the Empire.

is shortly proceeding to East Africa.

2. Copies of the correspondence
are, however, being sent to the
Governors of the East African
Colonial Dependencies, who
are being invited to consider
the adoption of a more
uniform policy in the matter
of game preservation. In the
case of Nyasaland, the Governor
is being requested to investigate
the whole question of the regulation
and to make regulations recommendations
as to increasing the cost of licenses,
the restriction of schedules, the
protection of immature elephants, and
the other matters referred to in your
letter.

(Sd) S. Stanley
for Under Secretary of State

18 August 1924

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- Sir J. Maister Smith.
- Lord Arnold
- Mr. Thomas

Soc. for Preservation of the Game of the Empire
do 18 AUG 1924
To Sir Myland 18 Aug. 1924

I have the honor to refer to you
for your consideration, the
accompanying copies of
correspondence with the Society
for the Preservation of the Game
in the Empire regarding
the differences
which exist between
the game laws of the
African Dependencies

I should be glad if you
will consider in consultation
with the
1. Governor of Uganda and the
OAG of the T.T.
2. Governor of Kenya and the
OAG of the T.T.

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18 August 1924

Sir,

I have the pleasure to

inform you for your convenience the

accompanying copies of correspondence

with the Society for the

Preservation of the Fauna of

the Empire regarding

anomalies which exist

between the Game Laws

of the East African

Dependencies.

2. I shall be glad if

you will look further into

the question of the

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present in force in the Protectorate,
and will submit recommendations
as to increasing the cost of licenses,
the restriction of schedules, the
protection of immature elephants,
and the other matters to which
the Society calls attention.

Yours etc