

1923

KENYA

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C O
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FROM
Baron
J.A.

DATE
26th July 1923.

For
R. 27 JUL '23

FOR CIRCULATION -

Mr. *B. J. ...*
Mr.
Mr.
Asst. U.S. of S.

SUBJECT

*Habits and Customs
of Native Tribes.*

Perm^t U.S. of S.
Part^r U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

*Sends copy Circular
with suggestions for
publication of the
information obtained*

Previous Paper

*20
10/26
121*

MINUTES

*We can put this on his
personal file - with
care, if he wishes!
But apparently he
wants all the notes
(including Samland) to
be collected & published
by C.O. after being
checked in manuscript
by himself.
But the letter is obscure -
at least I find it so.*

8 Aug 1923
Hand

SREA

Subsequent Paper

*20
39826*

*all receipt. ...
that the notes to the
Circular have never been
sent to C.O. by me (Col. Galt.)*

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MINUTES

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE.

had that ... (read)
in para²⁺³ of Co.
letter of 12/3/23
(wh. he has overlooked
either intentionally
or by mistake).

I have since spoken to
Mr Jewell who said
Dr. Haran apparently
said that Capt
Stanley had prohibited
the inf. obtained by
this letter without
any act of Dr.
Haran's part in
getting the inf.
Dr. Haran was acting
Pomo when he
sent out the circular
& says as I can
see, he, no claim
(and Dr. Haran) on
the inf. obtained.
Having come we
don't want to be
dragged into
a silly quarrel
between Dr. Haran
& Capt Stanley,
both of whom have
retired

v. S/44795pts. Capt S's
civil job was that of
Dr. S. P. Haran's

I think even so the
reply wh. I had
suggested before
speaking to Mr Jewell
will serve.

Recd
31.7.23

Sir H. Park.

As the result will be that
Dr. Haran will make a personal
appeal to you (as on other occasions)
you had better see this over.
I got the feeling that both
Haran & Stanley intend to carry
to their own own information
belonging to the Reserve Capt.,
& that Stanley being on the
spot, etc. etc. This is a regular
betrayal, as the official
instrumental in collecting
the inf., but two groups
don't make a right.

As to A.?

Good 7/8/23.

at once.

A. J. R.

1/11/23

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you had better see this case.
I gather generally that both
Haran & Stanley were bringing
to their own use information
belonging to the Marine Corp.,
& that Stanley, being on the
spot, did so. This regarding
Dr. Haran, as the officer
instrumental in collecting
the inf., but two groups
did make a request.

Is it A.?

Recd 9/8/23.

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A. J. R.

1/11/23

Greeny Road,
Beachen Cliff,

26th July 1923.

Bath

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Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge your

letter with enclosure no. 9146/1923 dated
the 6th March 1920, and to express my

ack of the copy in question of my (under
a signing of the 24th October 1917 - which I
transmit herewith - can be placed in my

personal file at your office.

When I left British East Africa in

1914 answers to my queries were still
outstanding from Tanganyika. With

13 Seavey Road,
Beachen Cliff,

26th July 1920.

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letter with enclosure no. 9106/1920 dated
the 6th March 1920, and to express my

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their availability an amount of information
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a Journal such as that of Tropical Medicine
& Hygiene under the respective names of those
who have furnished replies. That such
will prove of interest may be deduced from
the fact that it is already being drawn on
in connection with a serial contribution
entitled "Habits, Customs, & Modes of Life
of the Native Tribes of British East Africa
(now Kenya Colony)" which has, to date,

appeared in "The Journal of the Royal
Army Medical Corps" for June & July
1920.

If you consent to this suggestion I
should be glad were I permitted to send
the manuscripts prior to their being
sent to the publishers.

Yours truly,
J. G. Harman.

To, The Under Secretary for
Colonial Office,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

IMPORTANT.

P. M. O's Office,

Nairobi,

29th October, 1917.

To.....

Sir.

I have the honour to inform you that I would feel very grateful were you to favour this office with what details you can on the following points in reference to such East African tribes dwelling on their own tribal lands or reserves as you have knowledge of. If you are acquainted with the customs and needs of more than one tribe—as you, no doubt, are—I would be greatly obliged if you would kindly tabulate your information accordingly:—

I. Dwellings.

How do members of the tribe live? Do families occupy one house (or hut) or a number? In the latter case, does more than one family occupy any one village? Of what materials are the houses (or huts) built? Are they lighted and ventilated? How are the villages laid out? What latrine arrangements exist? How is garbage and waste disposed of?

How is food stored? Is any food allowed to lie about the huts or houses? Are dependents maintained and, if so, are these related or not to their patrons? How are livestock and poultry housed?

Do you consider that the villages of the tribe can be laid out and the houses arranged on a better plan than what now obtains, or that the condition of their immediate surroundings can be improved? Can their food stores be made rat-proof?

II. Disease.

What is the attitude of the members of the tribe towards infectious disease? Are precautions practised in regard to it?

What are the prevailing diseases amongst the tribe?

Is venereal disease prevalent? When did it make its first appearance? Is its significance and possible consequence understood?

Can you give a list of the domestic medicines used by the tribe? Do Medicine Men exist and, if so, have they much influence? If the latter, do they take any prominent part in ceremonies? Are they controlled by the Chiefs in whose territories they reside? Do they teach any Theological system and, if so, what is its nature?

Have visitors or returning labourers been known to have introduced disease into the tribal community and, if so, of what nature?

III. Disposal of the Dead.

How are the dead disposed of? Are Chiefs, Elders, men, women, or children buried and, if so, in what manner? Do any ceremonies take place in connection with these matters?

What do you estimate the ^{death} rate of the tribe to be and what are its chief causes?

Has the tribe any opinions on the subject of after existence and, if so, of what nature? Do any views obtain regarding the attitude of the dead towards the living?

What do you think is the usual length of life of the men and women of the tribe? How does the tribe regard deformed members, or are such not reared?

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IV. Fertility.

What is the estimated birth-rate of the tribe and what is its estimated infant mortality? What is the estimated proportion of male to female births? Are anti-conception or abortive measures known or practised and, if so, what are they? Do women often die in childbirth? For what length of time is the child nursed by the mother after birth? Is the artificial feeding of infants known or practised?

At what age does menstruation begin and cease? What is the usual duration of the appearance? Do disorders ever accompany it? Do any mental manifestations ever mark its appearance or disappearance?

Have you any details regarding the system of midwifery in vogue among the tribe (e.g., the position of the patient, the food used during the time, the period of lying-in, etc.)?

V. Food.

What foodstuffs are produced and consumed by members of the tribe and what are their usual daily hours of meals? How do they cook their food? Can you give an idea of the customary constituents and variations of each meal? Do men, women, and children eat together or do any of them eat apart? Does the food used by old, young, men, women, and children differ? Are any foods forbidden to be used by the tribe or any particular section thereof? Do the members of the tribe drink before, with, or after their food and, if so, what? Are ablutions performed before or after meals? How are the remnants of meals disposed of?

If the tribe consumes intoxicants how are such made and on what occasions are they used?

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I have the honour to be,

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W. 37568/23 Kenya

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8 August 1923

DRAFT.

A. Karan Esq.,
Comp, Ind., BCL,
Anmol
39826 Sir,

I am v. to ack the recd
of your letter of the 26th of July,

MINUTE.

& to inform you that the
replies to the circular to
which you refer have ^{not} ~~been~~

- Mr. Brett Aug 2
- Mr. Parkinson 4/8/23
- Mr. ~~Butt~~ 3/8/23
- Mr. Davis.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir H. Reed.
- Sir J. Masterton Smith.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Duke of Devonshire.

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of ~~Kenya~~
the Col Foot^l, but that
if replies are on record in
the office of the Municipal

have had to
vary the D/P
a bit. My
proposal did not
suit his case

Medical Officer Nairobi

There is no objection to
your writing direct to the
Principal Medical Officer
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From Hodson A.
Date 29th Oct.
Subject Planning

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