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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

12th May, 1925.

Sir,

Memorandum.

With reference to your despatch No. 247 of 17th March transmitting a copy of a letter from Mr. J. A. Miller of Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, I have the honour to forward a memorandum showing climatic conditions in the neighbourhood of Patta. January is generally a dry month and although no observations of cloud conditions have been recorded it may be confidently stated that the atmospheric conditions at Patta during that month are likely to be very good.

2. The Island of Patta is only a short distance from Lamu whence it can be conveniently reached by dhow. Malaria is prevalent in parts of the Island but the Arab town of Faza is reasonably healthy and it contains a good stone house the upper storey of which this Government would be pleased to place at the disposal of the expedition. If Faza is considered to be unsuitable there is a healthy camping ground at Mtanga Wanga in the South west of the Island where temporary huts could be erected for about £25.

3. Supplies of timber and lime can be purchased

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RIGHT HONOURABLE
A. COL. L. C. H. S. AMERY, F. C., M. P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
LONDON, S.W.1

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The early history of the cities of Patte is little known and I am of opinion that the island would repay investigation by qualified historians and antiquarians.

The promoters of a scientific expedition to Patte would probably be glad to know of the historic interest of the island and might be inclined to send a qualified man to explore the ruined cities. I can offer an assurance that such a visit will be welcomed and that every possible assistance will be afforded.

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Your most obedient, humble servant,

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ACTING GOVERNOR.

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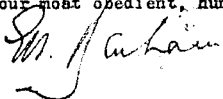
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ACTING GOVERNOR.

NAIROBI. 28th April, 1928.

The Hon'ble Acting Colonial Secretary.

RE: ISLAND OF PAPA.Refr Your No. 6² 23301/6, of 24th Inst.

Reference the above and enclosures, the following climatic conditions, as recorded at Lamu (adjoining Paps), are submitted:

All figures refer to the month of January.

Temperature.

Average Maximum Daily Temperature,	87° F.
Minimum " "	75° F.
(period 11 years).	

Extreme shade maximum recorded,	92° F.
Minimum " "	70° F.
(period 1914-1924).	

Humidity.

Dry bulb,	63.6
wet " "	75.8
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Vapour pressure,	300 ins.
Humidity (base 100)	77%
(period 6 years, readings 9 a.m.)	

Rainfall.

Average precipitation over a period of 17 years, 0.15 in.

A reference to period 1914-1924 (11 years) shows that no rain was recorded for January in 9 years.

1.09 ins.	in 1917.
1.53 " "	" 1921.

No observations of cloud (base or fore) have been made at Lamu Station.

The above figures, combined with the remarks of the Senior Commissioner, Coast Province, would indicate that conditions on Lamu Archipelago at the period of eclipse should be most favourable for observations.

C. Collett

STATISTICAL OFFICER.

for 2622 of 1895

Mr. Bull June 15
Mr. Allen 16

- Mr. Stanley
- Mr. J. Stoddard
- Mr. C. Davis
- Mr. D. Grady
- Mr. J. Aldrich
- Mr. Ormsby
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DRAFT.

18 June 1895

A Miller Esq

With ref to the letter from
 this Office of the 16th of June
 regarding the proposal of the
 Smithsonian College to send
 an expedition to Kaitia
 Island in California, I am
 to inform you that we are fur-
 nishing a memo showing
 the climatic conditions of the
 island, of which a copy is
 enclosed, states that the

July 1895

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- Mr. Straker
- Mr. J. Shickling
- Mr. P. Dainton
- Mr. G. Orridge
- Mr. J. M. G. G. G. G.
- Mr. Ormsby-Croft
- Mr. Arney

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