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Alleged Flogging of Native at Ndura

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Letter from King P.S. calling attention to J.W.H. Johnston  
"abuse of his title"

Subsequent Paper

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Minutes within

Copy of article in Gov. Secret. Report 23 May 1920

Subsequent Paper.

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Sir H. Read

I spoke to you about the attached letter from Lord Stamfordham. Lord Milner thinks that we should telegraph privately to the Governor, informing him that the King is interested in this matter, mentioning Sir H. Johnston's article in the "Observer", and asking him for any information he may be able to give.

17.8.20

*Perhaps you would not mind suggesting and an interim reply to Lord Stamfordham?*

*In the Read Sir J. Fieldes*

*With a letter to the  
Observer while*

*acc'd  
17.8.20*

*[Signature]*

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Li H. Read

1. Mr. Thomson has called my attention  
to the vindictive & bitter article  
by Sir Harry Johnston in *Geographical*  
*Magazine* - see pp 9-10.

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2. The article is not worth mentioning in detail -  
It makes the grossest false  
generalizations & it is obviously  
so prejudiced as to be futile.  
For example, alleged reasons  
for the ...

The figures as to population at ...  
... are not ...  
... accurate ...  
... natives, ... figures ...  
... when discussing ...  
... the census returns  
in ... are quite out of date & are  
... all ...  
... census in 1922.

I do not believe that there is very foundation  
at all for the suggestion in some para.  
that the Boer settlers for the ...  
are an evil element in Kenya -  
They are, I believe, for the most  
part rather an ignorant lot, but  
I have heard of no cases of ill  
treatment of ...  
5. I know of no justification for the  
statements in some para. ...

the (alleged) 4000000 natives have  
become anxious about their land  
tenure. In one instance the  
natives were moved with their own  
written consent - i.e. from the old  
N. Masai Reserve to new  
concentrations in the S. Masai Reserve.

6. On p. 10, first para. It suggests that  
that light hearted murdering of natives  
of frequent occurrence. This  
suggestion is incredible - there is  
no case. Only 3 cases do  
exist. In the best of his head  
recollection - the Gallatin  
Case, the Wells Case, & the  
Case of the Thacker case.  
As to the latter case, it is quite true that  
in my report to the Court  
he was then deported under O.C.  
by order of the then S.A. - & during  
his war was arrested &  
allowed back. He had much  
prosecution & he is, we understand,  
a very recent type of settler.  
Probably his return to S.A. is  
what Dr. H. Johnston has in mind  
at 2. It is true that in  
the H. H. P. case, the  
jury only found the accused  
guilty of simple murder, but  
(they were wrong) the judge  
by his case was probably  
equally wrong.

The Thacker case is that case  
being tried - see H/C/3000/20  
(Review, not Indian, is the  
place. In H. Johnston does not  
even trouble to verify facts by  
that name. In fact as the  
Ed. newspaper showed, the  
great extent of the native by 215  
H. Johnston was shocking - but  
the report is a common expression  
of opinion when a case is such  
under - to say to go with  
H/C/3000 for action for full  
support of the Court. From  
what I heard privately, it has  
not the sympathy of the  
white population generally.

The reply given by Col. Army is the  
only possible reply. As one capable  
of forming a fair judgment on  
anything would expect any  
expression of view at this stage.

The article had best be ignored  
& thrown. Nothing will stop  
man like Dr. H. Johnston from

writing newspaper articles or  
books & making himself  
generally offensive - & with such  
a purpose it seems much the  
best to pay no heed to his  
~~untrue~~ statements

But if it is thought worth  
while, we can send a copy of the  
article to the Foreign Office.  
But this will only be to the  
information of the Foreign Office  
and we should  
not want to publish his  
reply when it comes.

The article ought certainly to go in  
copy to the Foreign Office

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

16th. August, 1920.

My dear Milner,

The King wishes to call your attention  
to the statements by Sir H.H. Johnston contained  
in the enclosed cutting from yesterday's "Observer".

His Majesty is sure that you will recognise  
the importance of enquiring into these accusations  
against British and Boer settlers in East Africa.  
The King can hardly believe that they are true.

Sir H. Johnston appears to be dissatisfied  
with Colonel Amery's answers to questions asked  
upon the subject in the House of Commons.

Yours very truly,

Stanfordham

The Rt. Honble.  
The Viscount Milner,  
G.C.B., G.C.M.G.,  
Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

19th August, 1920

Dear Lord Stamfordham,

Lord Milner has received your letter of August 16th, with reference to the article in the "Observer" by Sir H.H. Johnston. He immediately instructed enquiries to be made into the matter, but he has now left London, and is, therefore, unable to answer your letter personally. Before leaving however, he asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a telegram, which he has directed to be sent to the Governor on the subject. Directly we get a reply, I will communicate with you again.

Yours very truly,

H. C. T.

The Right Honourable

Lord Stamfordham, G.C.F., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O.

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Kenya.  
(Sent 5.20 p.m. 19th August, 1920)

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19th August. Private and Personal. A violent article by Sir Harry Johnston has appeared in "Observer" 15th August provoked apparently by recent alleged flogging and torture of native at Nd. a, see Leader 12th June etc. Sir H. Johnston makes great point of fact that in past cases crimes against natives have gone unpunished, owing to refusal of white juries to convict. Is there any danger in this instance of similar miscarriage of justice. Subject exciting great interest at home and the King is himself concerned about it. Please cable reply and inform me when result of trial likely to be known.

MILNER.

RUIRO

CO. Kenya  
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Secret & Separate  
Nothing

MINUTE.

Mr. Jewell 21. 8. 20.  
Mr. Parkinson 21. 8. 20.  
Mr.

~~Mr. G. G. G.~~  
Sir G. Lambton.  
Sir H. Read.  
Sir G. Fiddes.  
Col. Amery.  
Lord Milner.

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I have the honour to confirm  
private found  
my cipher telegram of the 19th of  
August, regarding the recent case of  
alleged flogging and torture of a  
native ~~anti-Indians.~~

I enclose a copy of the  
article by Sir H. H. Johnston  
referred to in my telegram.  
~~I shall await a full report of  
the proceedings at the trial.~~







...to the fact that the...  
...the British Government cannot make...  
...the Greek Government opened the letter...  
...the Greek Government opened the letter...  
...the Greek Government opened the letter...

### WRANGLING'S VICTORY

#### REPORTED CAPTURE OF 4,000 BRITISH PRISONERS

...According to reports received here from the...  
...four armoured cars, fifty machine guns, and...  
...thirty-nine guns.

### SOVIETS' TERMS TO POLAND

#### NEW FRENCH VERSION

...The terms...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### GERMAN NEUTRALITY

#### BOLSHEVIST ALLIANCE

##### (From Our Own Correspondent.)

...The Bolshevists...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### FRANCE AND BRITAIN

#### AMERICAN ATTITUDE AND ITS LESSON

...The situation...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### NO NEWS OF MINERS

...The miners...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

...The result is that...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### MOBILISED LABOUR

#### MOSCOW REJOICES AT THE BRITISH DECISION

...The British...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### FRENCH WORKERS TO STRIKE

#### PARIS, Saturday

...The French...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY

#### ALLIED AGREEMENT ON THE ASSISTANCE MINUTE

...The Allied...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### PRUSSIA TERRITORY AGAIN

#### BERLIN, Saturday

...The Prussian...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### ATHENS ENRAGED

#### REVENGE FOR ATTACK ON M. VENIZELOS

...The Athenians...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### D'ANNUNZIO PROMISES FULFILL

#### INDEPENDENCE

...The D'Annunzio...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### 500 LIBERTY ENGINEERS

...The Liberty...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### SEIZED DIAMONDS

#### SOCIETY OF RED PROPAGANDA IN AMERICA

...The Society...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### KING EDWARD MEMORIAL

#### THEIR IDEAS SET AT MR. MCKENZEL'S STUDIO

...The King...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### SFA COAL AGREEMENT

#### EARLY MEETING OF COMMISSION

...The SFA...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### POLITICIANS AND PRACTICAL MEN

#### SIR CHARLES MACARA ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

...Sir Charles...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### LORD ROSBERRY'S "GROUSE"

#### DUKE OF ATHOLL REPLIES TO CRITICISM

...The Duke...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### SOVIET GREET'S BELA KUN

#### MOSCOW, Saturday

...The Soviet...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

...The result is that...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### MURDER WILL OUT

...The murder...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

### COMPLIANCE OF BRITISH PRISONERS

...The British...  
...the Polish Government will accept...  
...the Polish Government will accept...

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...about that it is... Mr. Ashurst... Mr. Ashurst... Mr. Ashurst...

...the case of Sylvia... Mr. Ashurst... Mr. Ashurst... Mr. Ashurst...

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Comedy. "A NICE THING." BY STACY ANTONIO.

"A nice thing," as the curtain rises on "The Hummel Lady," Miss Hod Lind has now provided a vehicle for Mrs. Evelyn... a slight bit of comedy whose effect depends almost entirely upon the lady who plays the role of the heroine.

Comedy. "A NICE THING." BY STACY ANTONIO.

"DEVIL WOMAN." CENTRICITIES OF GERMAN DRAMA.

(From our Berlin correspondent.) The play "The Devil Woman" is a serious and... a study in the psychology of a woman who is driven to crime by the forces of the devil.

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