

EAST AFR. PROT.

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Date
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previous Paper.

The copy of letter from ... relative to ... instructions on the request ... His Majesty's and that it may ... to the Royal Assent.

General Dept.

Can you help?

J. R.

The Maccagnetta

The title 'His Majesty's' has hitherto been regarded as analogous to the title 'Royal' ... the King's assent obtained in cases where the Governor ... of State has recommended it (see 2083/12 Canada). There was an application for the use of the title for a theatre in Johannesburg (1000/2105400, Trans). And after reference to the Governor nothing further was heard of it.

From the Circular of 8 Dec 79 it will be seen that the grant of the title 'Royal' is to be

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...to the publication of ... long standing
... financial position and devoted to
... charitable or scientific objects - none
of which conditions would apply to a new theatre.

I am not aware of any privileges attaching
to the Royal assent to use the title

... the title "His Majesty" is regarded as
analogous to that of "Royal" ... it is
reasonable to submit any recommendation to the
King in the matter. (I ignore the question
of privileges.)

Just 9/8/22

Mr. Sule
Mr. Reall

Yes, I think so.

... the title "His Majesty" ... Royal
... such ... as King ... which
... in any other form

I am afraid
is not
nothing is
in this
See the

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T.C.
25/6

at once

V. J. R.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

July 3rd 1912.

No. 458

Sir,

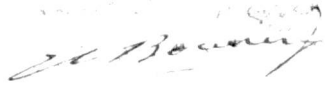
I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. D. S. Garvie together with the plans relative to the erection of a theatre in Sixth Avenue, Nairobi, and to solicit your instructions thereon.

I presume that no special sanction would be necessary to grant the Theatre "His Majesty's" but I am not aware of "the privileges attached to the Royal Assent", and I therefore think it advisable to refer the matter to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

From Mr. Garvie
June 21st
Plans

In-Despatch No. 45 of 27 June 1912

Copy

NAIROBI,

British East Africa

21st June 1912.

Your Excellency.

With reference to the interview Your Excellency was good enough to grant me in respect of the Theatre which is now in course of erection in Sixth Avenue, Nairobi, I now enclose copies of the plans thereof and shall be extremely grateful if you will forward them to the proper authorities and at the same time recommend that my request to call the Theatre "His Majesty's" and further to enjoy the privileges attached to the Royal Assent.

Thanking Your Excellency in anticipation of your good offices,

I have &c.,

D. S. GARVIE

His Excellency

The Hon. C. C. Bowring, C.M.G.,

Acting Governor of B.E. Africa,

Government House,

Nairobi.

DRAFT

East Africa Post
No 513

19 Aug 1912

The Post

MINUTE

- Mr. Smith 13/12
- Mr. Macnaghten 13/12
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir

I have the honour to
ack. the receipt of your despatch
No 56, of the 3rd ultimo
transmitting an application from
Mr D. S. Gairns for the use
of the name Her Majesty's
a new theatre which was
located at ... in Nairobi
I would refer

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MR. RUSSELL POWELL
AND STOCK EXCH.

The copy of letter from him which has also been published in the local press. Police are investigating and a prosecution will probably follow. His resignation as Justice of the Peace has not been accepted as it appears that a more drastic action will be necessary.

Mr G. Fiddes

W. R. Brooker is a S. African with strong anti-native views & a notorious "tall-talker".

Want further developments?

H. J. R.

29/VI

I do not know what the police are investigating - Mr Russell Brooker's firing of the native home or the native firing of Mr R. B's home.

I am not sure that something in the nature of tribal responsibility for stock theft would not be a good thing to be proposed.

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All his sheep stealers have
got from 2 to 6 years imprisonment
the sheep they do not represent more
than 1% of the thieves at large.

I wonder what is the proportion of
convictions in this country to the
thieves at large?

Since the above convictions he has been
catching them at the rate of 2 per
cent, does he mean that the 104
he will thus catch per year are only
1% of the "thieves at large", viz 10,400

Mr. Russell Bowker who took the chair
at the meeting which ended in the
burning of the Boma might come
home & join Miss Craggs who visits
Gussham for the same purposes.

(Miss Craggs has not yet been to "take
tea with me")

If the possibility was made 10 times the
value of the stock, thieves at large do

Bowker will be the best man to manage
the thefts - it is probably a matter of time
until he will regard the thieves at large
as his best customers at the price.

Wait so. H. 1/2 1/2

I have spoken to Mr. Belfield who
will take this matter up in due
course.

Yours
truly
W. H. D.

see 6, 50 p. 2 fib papers. Cat
I am anxious that things should
be fought out there at the start;
and stock lifting is undoubtedly
a question which may become
a most serious source of
trouble in the future if it is
not nipped in the bud
immediately.
Yours Sincerely,
J. P. S. H. H. H.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB
ST. JAMES'S STREET,
S. W.

August 4 1912.

Dear Mr. Harcourt

As point occurs to me in
connection with the question of stock
lifting in B. S. A. which we were
discussing on Friday afternoon.

You suggested that a collection
of 1000 shares might result in the
becoming more profitable for the
seller to have his stock stolen
than to be asked to sell it.

This would not prove to be
the case if the Government were
to confiscate the whole price to
the owners - the confiscated

stock to be sold prior to at the
last stock sale.

The writer would naturally
ask the stock actually sold
returned to him in cross when
it could be received. He has

should have, no desire to

(split of stock lifted) what

he earnestly wants is some effective
means of stopping it.

Any such system would, probably
in fail the registration of settlers
stock. The cost of such registration
to be deposited by the seller.

There he would have, possibly
what the Commissioner of Lands

~~the writer's previous answers~~

Perhaps a system which provided
for the retention of the fine in
cross when the stock should be
has been returned would be
300% of cross deduction.

You must forgive my continuing
on conversation in this way in
a letter which I hope you
will not trouble to answer.

Your obvious interest in the
progress of the country and your
wishes are to have stock to
what we has to say about it
have encouraged me to write this

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

July 3rd 1912.

WEST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 457

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a letter which Mr. Russell Bowker has addressed to me and has published in the local press.

Mr. Bowker
Jun. 28th

2. The Police have been instructed to investigate the matter and a prosecution will probably follow.

3. I have not accepted Mr. Bowker's resignation of his commission as a Justice of the Peace as it appears that more drastic action will be necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

R. H. B. Bowker
ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HAINES, B.C., M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

DOWNING STREET, LONDON

ENCLOSURE

Despatch No. 457 of

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Mt. Margaret,
Essex,
28th June 1912.

His Excellency

The Acting Governor,

C.C. Bowring, Esq., C.M.G.

Sir,

On the 24th inst. I wired to the Secretary to the Administration resigning my commission as a Justice of the Peace.

I will now try, in as few words as possible, to explain to Your Excellency my reasons for so doing.

Stock stealing generally throughout the country is very very bad and with me has now reached the point where it becomes intolerable and the laws of His Majesty which I, as a Justice of the Peace, have sworn solemnly to uphold and carry out to the best of my ability, are so inadequate or perhaps so inadequately carried out in this country, that

self preserv viol which is a ver mental law of nature.

Having said so much I will try and justify it by writing you a true account of what has taken place, on my own farm, and under my own eyes during the last few months.

I have had close upon 200 sheep stolen and have repeatedly applied to the police and have had numbers of Aqaris herewithout their effecting one single arrest or bringing one single case home to the natives. I do not blame the white officers: it is the system and orders under which they work. (In fact all the Redong Farmers consider our late Inspector Hilted a very first class man if he were only given proper support).

I have however, with the assistance of the several white men living on my property, and my native servants, succeeded in catching 8 sheep stealers red handed, inside my bomas, at different times. All these I have had up before the Naivasha District Commissioner and they have all been sentenced to different terms of imprisonment varying from ~~three~~ three to six years. So far so good, but I ask Your Excellency to remember how very difficult it is to catch these clever rogues and that the number I have caught cannot represent more than one per cent of those thieves still at large. Lately I have been catching them at the rate of two per week.

I would mention here that every trip to Naivasha means that I must either go myself or send one of my white men, also my native servants, as witnesses. This means three days loss of time and about Re.25/- in actual hotel and train fares etc. in return for which the District Commissioner tenders me the magnificent sum of Re.5/- Your Excellency will at once see

that this is a poor game for me and that it is cer-
tain to pall if played long enough. In fact it has
already palled upon me to such an extent that I
have no more boys I do not want to play with
any more, just settle any

My boys caught a thief
and a rope round
neck. They brought me at midnight
my house is about 100 yards from the boma and
all the boys were up to see with the prisoner his
accomplices tied the nets and the boma which con-
tained 1200 valuable sheep and 70 ostriches. This was
a clever trick and done to create a diversion in the
hope that the prisoner might escape while all hands
rushed to rescue the stock. Fortunately I have a
very good lot of Lumbwa boys who succeeded in saving
all the stock and boma, only one hut being burnt
to the ground with all its contents.

I handed the prisoner over to one of my own
boys for safe keeping. At daylight, but somehow
he managed to get loose and escaped.

At daylight I sent a runner for the police.
He returned with a note to say there were no police
available. The following is a copy of the note (which
I have still in my possession).

"To Mr. Postma,

"One Askari is gone to Kikuyu and another one
is away and absent from his post. I will inform
you as soon as I can."

that this is a poor game for me and that it is cer-
tain to pull if played long enough. In fact it has
already pulled upon me to such an extent that I
have had to leave my boys I do not want to
have any more of this sort of thing. I must be able any
day to get out of this place. I have been here
for some time and my boys caught a thief
one day and he was a very good one and a rope round
his neck. They brought him up to me at midnight
my house is about 100 yards from the boma and when
all the boys were up to see with the prisoner his
accomplices fired the huts and the boma which cost
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available. The following is a copy of the note (which
I have still in my possession).

"To Mr. Poston,

"One Askara is gone to Kikuyu and another one
is away and absent from his hut but so will inform
you as soon as returned or done over to you."

It was just about this point that I have felt myself to be back on the old fundamental law of Self preservation so I sent a runner round my estate with a note addressed to the several English gentlemen who are now living on it viz: Messrs. Alec Bowker, George Webb, Norman Webb, Willie Smith, Boyce Aggett, George Aggett, Lenox Murray, Mr. Torr, Floris Postan and Leslie Frank asking them to come to my assistance.

Within two hours eight of them had arrived fully armed and mounted. I told them exactly what had happened so we had a sort of extraordinary general meeting with Mrs. Russell Bowker in the chair and unanimously resolved that we would take a ride in the Kikuyu land and have a cup of tea with the Headman Kamai and ask his advice. Our reason for this was that my Kikuyu boys had recognised the escaped prisoner and told me exactly where he lived.

On our arrival at Kamai's hut he seemed quite surprised to see us. I reassured him and told him we had ~~xx~~ only come to have a cup of tea with him, and to ask his advice about stolen sheep, escaped prisoners, burnt huts, bomas, etc., but all I would get out of him was 'I don't know' "I don't know", ad infinitum.

We then visited the escaped prisoner's huts (which by the way are only a few hundred yards from Master Headman Kamai's own huts). We did not expect to find our man at home and we were not disappointed.

All his huts, 3 in number were closed up and full of goats and sheep and not a single man, woman or child near.

I then suggested to headman Karais that as this man and his accomplices had fired my huts and burnt with all the stock inside it would only be a fair thing to do the same to his. To this he seemed to agree so I handed him my box of matches and he did fire them right enough after letting the stock out.

We now prepared to ride home, but before doing so I told Karais in very unmistakable language that he must be at my house on the following day with the escaped prisoner and his accomplices and with whatever stock they had, ^{falling} which I would report the whole matter direct to Your Excellency and it would then probably be worse for him. Needless to say the prisoner has not turned up yet.

As a man whose head is white and as one who has seen the start and finish of many native wars in South Africa, having carried my gun through them all, I may do so, I would like to offer a word of warning to Your Excellency.

As this stock stealing by natives has always been a great part of our many disastrous troubles, it will be so in this unhappy single but very necessary steps by our administration, to make the same the candle.

the law now stands stock lifting is the most

most profitable occupation opened to the natives in this country.

If Your Excellency were to ask me what the simple and necessary steps are I should say at once that amongst others would be (a) a greatly increased sentence say to 30 years and (b) his tribe to pay into the Public Treasury just ten times the value of the stock stolen. This I truly believe would save many good lives and much public cash in the future. It would stop the stealing at once and very few could have to pay the penalty as the game is not worth it.

In conclusion I would ask Your Excellency to overlook my crude method of expressing myself as a man is a tall fellow which I have had very little use so far in my life.

I would also ask you to believe that whatever I have done or said is what I believed to be in the true interest of this Land of my adoption, in which I hold a large stake and in which I intend to leave my bones.

It is needless for me, I think, to tell you that there are already a class of people in this country and I am glad to say it is a rapidly increasing one, who will never be content to sit still while they are being robbed to ruination by a pack of vagabond niggers while the money is so easy and lives idle in the hands of the Administration.

As there are already some very incorrect versions

All his efforts to make the natives...
then suggested to the natives...
this man and his accomplices had tried to put...
down with all the stock inside it would only be a...
later thing to do the same to his. To this he seemed...
to agree so I handed him a box of matches and he...
the first thing he did was to light the stock...
it was presented to the house, but before...
doing so I told him in very unmistakable language...
that he must be up here on the following day with...
the proper papers and his accomplices and with...
whatever stock they had, which I would report to...
the proper officers of Your Excellency and it would...
then probably be worse for him. Needless to say the...
prisoner has not turned up yet.
As a man whose head is white and as one who...
has seen the start and finish of many natives was in...
South Africa having carried up his through time all...
I may do so, I would like to offer a word of warning...
to Your Excellency.
As to the stock dealing by natives has always...
been the or less direct cause of our many diseases...
were in the South I think it will be so in this...
country too unless the very necessary steps...
are taken by the Administration to make the same...
of South Africa.

versions of this story being raised the country I
have handed a copy of this letter to the public press
with instructions not to publish it for a few days.

Dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,

Ed. W. RUSSELL BOWKER.

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Date
1912
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MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

Request for money to be expended during 1912-15.
See unspent balances of the Railway Dept. Special Papers
Subsided for 1911-12 amounting to 112,000.

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Mr. Butler

(The papers are sent to you, but
I do not think that they are needed
to deal with this dispatch)

Copy of [unclear] and [unclear] T.L.
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Order No. 12504
Amount 395

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SAB

W. Read

SAB Aug 2

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

July 4th 1912.

No. 459

Sir,

I have the honour to request your formal sanction to expend during the current financial year 1912-13 the unspent balances on the Railway Department Special Expenditure Subheads for the year 1911-12, amounting to £12,988, £13,230 less £242 overspent, as detailed in the attached statement.

All the 16 items included in the Statement are voted in the Supplementary Estimates passed by the Legislative Council for the year 1911-12 viz:

Items 1 to 12 were included in the 1st Supplementary Estimate in items 50, 52 and 54 to 63.

Items 13 to 15 were included in the 2nd Supplementary Estimate in items 16 to 18.

Item 16 was included in the 4th Supplementary Estimate in item 19a.

The Acting Manager of the Uganda Railway states that none of the services included in the Statement were completed on the 31st March 1912 and

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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and that it is absolutely necessary that all
unspent balances should be devoted.

4. None of the sums unexpended were taken
into consideration as savings to cover other
expenditure.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

and that it is absolutely necessary that all
unspent balances should be devoted.

4. None of the sums unexpended were taken
into consideration as savings to cover other
expenditure.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

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Statement of unspent balances on the Railway Department - Special Expenditure subheads for the year 1911-12, which are required to be revoted during 1912-13.

Service	Estimated 1911-12	Actual Expenditure 1911-12	Balance
1. Houses completion of	1,886	1,808	78
2. Maritini Station	1,100	..	1,100
3. 14 Unit Barracks Nairobi	1,750	1,880	130
4. 2 Bungalows on PIAIN	1,180	1,288	108
5. New PIAIN at Port Florence	880	..	880
6. 2 Lodges, MURURU	1,800	1,804	4
7. 3 Houses, Port Florence	1,800	1,367	433
Barrack, Port Florence	1,100	741	359
2 Stone Houses, MURURU	1,000	886	114
Re-arrangement, Kilindini yard	1,800	801	999
Extension to Jingo Pier	1,800	574	1,226
18. Piers Ac. Home and Usenbo	1,000	483	517
19. Institute for Railway Subordinates	1,800	183	1,617
14. House at Kilindini	1,280	..	1,280
16. Roads or fences at Kilindini	880	84	796
10. Lake Steamers	700	777	23
Total	23,926	10,938	12,988

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9 Aug 1912

Sir, (directly by Mr. Sec. Harcourt)

DRAFT

Re: Statement to
the Treasury

I am to transmit to
you, to be laid before the
of the Treas, the accomp-
copy of a report, with its encl-
from the O.A.G. of the E.A.P. also
request that you will move
the report to approved.

MINUTE

- Mr. Keeney
- Mr. Butler
- Mr. G. Davis
- Mr. H. Just
- Mr. Intercom.
- Mr. Marshall
- Mr. Harcourt

the expenditure during the current
financial year of the independent

balances at the Railway Dept
of the independent

treated as
Remains

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