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FINE OF THE MARAGWET TRIBE

under the Collective Punishments Ordce 1909. States
circumstances leading up to the murder of Kibrop Arap
Arto. Has inflicted a fine of 60 goats and sheep. Trusts
action will be approved.

Dr. G. Fiddes

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a poor time.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

November 21st 1912.

No. 812



Sir,

I have the honour to report the following circumstances under which I have deemed it necessary to inflict a fine on the Maragwet tribe under the Collective Punishments Ordinance 1909.

2. About the end of August last the murder of an elder, named Kibrop Arap Arto, of the Maragwet tribe, Talai Section, was reported to the officer in charge of the District. At the enquiry which was subsequently held, it was stated that the murdered man had for years been regarded as a wizard and was supposed to have killed five people by witchcraft at different times, the last case being quite recent. The people of Somar, in lower Talai, thereupon held a mass meeting and decided that he must be put to death, unless he agreed to leave the country within two days. Kibrop, who was himself present, refused to leave, and the meeting thereupon selected 10 men, who killed him after the period of two days had expired.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

5. All the witnesses at the enquiry laid stress on the fact that the whole population was implicated in the deed, and they are quite unable to appreciate the possible consequences of their action as they regard the killing of a wizard as thoroughly justifiable. The Maragwet tribe have, as you are aware, only recently been actively administered, and I consider that the serious view with which Government regards such crimes will be more clearly brought home to them by the imposition of a fine than by referring the case to the Criminal Courts. I have therefore ordered a fine of 60 goats and sheep to be levied on the inhabitants of Somar, in lower Talai, the population of which is estimated at between four and five hundred including women and children, and I trust you will approve my action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Lawa Bajad.

GOVERNOR.

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- Mr. Hazen 7 Dec
- Mr. Bentley 17
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

19 Decr 1912
SIR,

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
your despatch No
872 of the 21st of Nov, and
to inform you that I approve

of your action with
reference to the manager
regard to the punishment
take under the Collectors
of the substance of
Punishment Ordⁿ, 1909,
Somat, in lower Tula,
in connection with
murder of L. Kibrop
Arsp Arto
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(Signed) L. HARCOURT