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Reports interview with the Masai Chiefs on the 5th December. Legalishu and his adherents convinced him that objections are without any foundation and are merely expressions of discontent by an unimportant minority. Morrison's partners have seen Legalishu here to-day. Believe Legalishu's position will not be substantiated if he takes proceedings and they have been informed move will proceed. Full details by mail.

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Sir G. Fiddes . This is satisfactory.
We must wait for the deep; but Mr. Belfield seems to have rendered valuable assistance in dealing with a difficult situation & I think that he should be complimented eventually.
H. J. D.

* I hope so: but experience suggests that we sh^d not be punctuated in complicating anyone over this business
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Telegram

The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to
the Secretary of State for the Colonies

(Received Colonial Office 6.26.p.m. 6th December 1912.)

6th December. Yesterday I had an interview with Masai chiefs. Present myself, Chief ^{Secretary} ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner of Province, local officers including three engaged in the movement. 57 Masai ^{attended} including 15 important elders attended. I explained detailed reasons which have prompted the present arrangements and also those necessitating their continuance. After which I invited the fullest free speech and requested information of any reason for dissatisfaction with decided policy of Government.

Legalishu and his adherents in reply convinced me that their objections are without any foundation and are merely expressions of discontent by an unimportant minority. The only objection alleged is that the Southern Reserve is unsuitable and that the majority of those urging it had not been there, and they made statements concerning it which were flatly contradicted by my officers having personal knowledge.

Sen of Lenana and others with him expressed impatience with objection made by Legalishu, and urged that the movement had been approved and that its continuance was most desirable in the interests of the whole of the tribe.

I informed Legalishu that I had asked his lawyers to come to Nakuru in order that (?) opinion expressed might

might be fully considered by him with them. Morrison's partners have seen Legalishu here today and have interviewed me and they express thanks for facilities afforded them.

I believe that the position taken by Legalishu will not be substantiated if he takes proceedings and I have informed them that their protest is inconclusive and that the movement will proceed as approved by yourself. I have informed them clearly that I should be glad at any time to listen to complaints which they could support with evidence. I am sending full details by despatch.

BELFIELD