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Governor 891  
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PURCHASE OF OXEN

Reports has authorized the expdre of £1000. Owing to outbreak of East Coast Fever at Nakuru this step has become necessary to ensure continuity of transport facilities. States oxen will be sold to settlers. Does not anticipate any financial loss. Trusts action will be approved.

*Int. B. B. only to Mr. Selfield* Gen. J. Anderson

*3 copies and copy sent to Mr. Selfield approved*  
 H. D. 2/11

The annual Report for 1911-12 - received about three weeks ago - said that the Rift Valley was believed to be free from E.C. fever, as that this marks a new trouble. The same authority states that as underfoot is ripe in the Nyanza Province all cattle leaving it are to be vaccinated 10 days before leaving - to prevent the spread of the disease. We must hope that it will be efficacious, or we shall have two plaques instead of one.

*As proposed?*  
*Done*  
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 891.

December 24th, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the following circumstances under which I have authorized the Department of Agriculture to incur the expenditure of £1,000 in the purchase of oxen.

2. The township of Nakuru has unfortunately been recently subjected to an outbreak of East Coast Fever, with the result that, unless transport can be maintained by immune oxen, the district must be declared closed and the settlers precluded from conveying their produce to the Railway.

3. To ensure continuity of transport facilities and at the same time to prevent as far as possible the spread of the disease to the Rift Valley, Solai, and Upper Molo, which have hitherto been uninfected, the Director of Agriculture advocated the purchase of 200 oxen from the known endemic areas. Owing however to the ravages of rinderpest, the price of cattle is at the present

time

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

time somewhat inflated, and it is estimated that these oxen cannot be procured for less than £1,000. They will be purchased from native owners in the Kavirondo and Kisii districts and will be sold to settlers in the Nakuru District at a price slightly higher than the cost, in order that the Government may suffer no pecuniary loss in the event of a few oxen remaining unsold. I consider, however, that there will more probably be a surplus in hand, which I propose to distribute pro rata among the purchasers.

4. I need not point out the gravity of the financial disaster which the total cessation of transport facilities, even for a brief period, would inflict on the settlers of the district, most of whom are now at last beginning to reap the fruit of many years' toil. It is only the necessity for immediate action that has induced me to sanction this expenditure without previously referring the matter to you, and I trust that under the circumstances you will approve the measures I have adopted to meet the emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Alonway Bejiel*

GOVERNOR.

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- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Sir,

I am dir. by Mr. Secretary  
 Harcourt to transmit to  
 you the accompanying  
 copy of a despatch from the  
 Governor of the East Africa  
 Protectorate, and to request  
 you to obtain the <sup>Covering</sup> approval of  
 the Lords Commissioners of  
 H.M. Treasury to the expenditure  
 of £1000 of the Agricultural  
 Department of the Protectorate

(See also at the Treasury  
by the rest)  
LWS

in the furtherance of the  
 Commission with the object of  
~~submitting to the Secretary of State~~  
 East Coast Fever at Natal  
 (Signed) H. J. DEAD,  
 for the Under Secretary of State

~~2. The amount of~~

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financial period.

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