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COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENTS ORDINANCE  
FINE OF BURKO AND LOITA SECTION OF HAPAI

Gives particulars of raids on and murders of  
Lumwa. States fine imposed and trusts action will be  
APPROVED. Requests sanction to proceed after  
payment of blood money being devoted to improvement of  
Hapai Reserve.

Dr. G. F. Fisher

Approve of the proposed action  
of his proposal to devote the  
balance of the fine to the  
improvement of the Hapai Reserve

H. J. R.

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Raid into former territory should be  
stopped

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Yes

As proposed

But as we are... all the...  
the... practice... will...

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
KAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

PROTECTOR

January 23rd, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that during the last few weeks several isolated raids and murders have been traced to parties of unidentified persons who are on government ground, believed to be the work of the Masai. The details of each are briefly as follows:

(a) The murder of two Lumbwa men and one woman in the vicinity of the Mara River. The fragments of evidence procurable have been sufficient to implicate the Masai, without establishing the identity of the actual perpetrators.

(b) The attempted theft of some 40 head of cattle belonging to certain Lumbwa who were on the farm of a European settler adjoining their reserves, resulting in the death of three natives who

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

who were herding the stock. Here again the Masai have been proved to be the culprits, though no particular person can be charged with the crime.

(c) An attempted theft of stock in the South Kavirondo District in the course of which one native of the location attacked was killed. It is probable that the evidence forthcoming in this case will be sufficient to convict the guilty parties, all of whom are Masai.

(d) A theft of 10 head of cattle in the course of which 5 head of cattle are reported to have been stolen and one woman killed, and

(e) A theft of 10 head of cattle from natives residing in the East Africa. In both these cases the predatory parties are Masai.

2. Legislation is proposed to be making every effort to discover the offenders in each of these cases, but the evidence, except as regards (c), is of such a scanty description that I fear there is little hope of his success. No assistance in this respect has been given by the Sections implicated, all the members of which are doubtless fully conversant with the details. I consider therefore that the above indictment is sufficient to justify the imposition of a total punishment, and I have therefore ordered the infliction of a fine of 100 head of cattle on every village of the Parko or Laita Section of the Masai under the Collective Punishment

Ordinance

Ordinance 1909. There are 4 villages of the former Section and one of the latter, so that the total fine will amount to 500 head. I would moreover ask your sanction to devote the proceeds of the fine, after the necessary blood money has been paid to the relatives of the murdered men, to works undertaken for the improvement of the Masai Reserve.

3. The present position is fraught with difficulties, as, unless the Masai are taught a severe lesson, these raids are bound to increase in numbers and gravity. The Luma have evinced a loyal confidence in the willingness and ability of the Government to protect them, but they cannot be expected to suffer such longer in silence, and drastic measures are necessary if they are not to adopt retaliatory tactics and inevitably bring about a serious encounter. I trust therefore that you will approve my action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*A. Conway*  
GOVERNOR.



*[Handwritten signature]*

6. Feb

DRAFT.

P. No 164

C. Belford Esq care

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your order No. 42 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. respecting the ... and ... I believe have been ... certain sections of the Board.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Downie Esq
- Mr. B. Stornley Esq
- Sir G. Fiddes, 1 March
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

I approve of your proposal ... in ... extracting a fine from ... sections of the ... the Collection

Under the Ordinance, also of your proposal and to apply the proceeds after payment of ... to works for the improvement of the ... Resolves ...

(Signed) L. HARCOURT I have

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