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Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 85 of 30th January last respecting the application of the Collective Punishments Ordinance to a section of the Chonyi Tribe living in the Malindi District and to inform you of the following further facts which have been elucidated in this connection.

2. During the month of July of last year as the result of investigation it was discovered that several outrages had been perpetrated by the young men of the section of the Chonyi Tribe under the charge of Mzee Golije upon persons accused by them of being the cause of retarding the rain.

3. Owing to the fact that all the elders and young men were implicated in the movement,

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it was at first impossible to obtain direct evidence of the commission of the offences though all the witnesses who were called admitted that they had taken place.

4. Subsequently, however, as the result of more careful enquiries direct evidence was obtained of the following facts:-

(i) That an old woman had been stripped, beaten, burnt in vital portions of her body and had been left to die by a large number of young men.

(ii) That two other men had had their huts burnt but had avoided further ill treatment by taking flight.

(iii) That Mzee Golijo went to, and was present at, the original meeting in which it was decided to take action against the three persons who had been singled out.

(iv) That Mzee Golijo knew of the intended acts and took no steps to prevent their occurrence.

(v) That, when, as a result of information supplied by Mzee Rangoma of the Rabai Sub-District certain members of the Chonyi tribe had received sentences of imprisonment in the Assistant District Commissioner's Court at Rabai, Mzee Golijo threatened the informant with penalties.

5. I am of opinion that Mzee Goliyo's continued presence amongst the Chonyi tribe will be inimical to the maintenance of law and good order, and, in order to inculcate a lesson in the minds of the natives concerned, and to ensure that responsibility for the crime perpetrated shall fall on the headman as well as collectively on the tribe, I have authorized by warrant his deportation from Malindi District to Mumias in the Nyanza Province for a period of two years and trust that you will approve my action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Conway Beyard

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 383, of the 19th of May, and to inform you that I approve of your action in authorizing the deportation of Mzee Soligo to Sumner in consequence of his complicity in the outrages perpetrated