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Death of W. Dixon in Belgian Congo

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI, 22 NO. 13
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

October 30th 1913.

No. 840

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of certain correspondence relating to the death of a Mr. W. Dixon in the Belgian Congo and to request that you will cause the matter to be referred to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs with a view to coming to some arrangement regarding the disposal of the effects of the deceased.

From Govr. Uganda

Jul. 29th

From Mr. C. E. Smith

Aug. 10th

From Lord Delamere

Aug. 19th

From Commr. Police

Aug. 27th

From Govr. Uganda

Oct. 1st

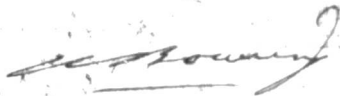
From Adm. General

Oct. 18th

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



In the absence of the
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 210 of 30.10.1913

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Uganda Protectorate.

No. 8421.

Uganda, REC of 22.7.13

29th July, 1913.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your information and any action Your Excellency may consider necessary, a copy of a letter, dated 11th July, 1913, from Mr. C.W. Chitty to the District Commissioner of Toro, reporting the death of a Mr. W. Bixen in Belgian territory.

I have &c., &c.,

Sd/- F.J. Jackson.

Governor.

H.E. the Governor,

East Africa Protectorate.

Nairobi.

Tere, Uganda,

July 11th, 1918.

District Commissioner.

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Dear Sir,

I herewith beg to submit to you the following facts concerning the death of a British subject named J. Dixon on time of Njero, B.E.A. On the 3rd June of above date I was at the Military Post of Niaka, Congo Belge, when I was informed by the Officer in Charge Mons.O. Pensons that Mr.W.Dixon had been shot with a poisoned arrow. As the officials did not seem inclined to go to his help or assistance I went myself the Belgians giving me four unarmed askaries also six porters. I left Niaka Post at 4 O'clock on the 3rd June and reached Dixon on the 6th of June about 100 or 115 miles from Niaka; he was suffering from a bad wound in the right shoulder, the arrow of which he had cut out with a razor. He informed me he was deliberately shot by a native and had cut the arrow out himself; he was at times delirious and after carrying him for four days he died about 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the 10th June at a place called Mahulu where I buried his remains. Although I sent in two most urgent letters to the Doctor at Kilo, he refused to come out to my assistance or render any aid at all. The Chief Doctor of Kilo a Mons.Beck finding it necessary to make a few enquiries re the shooting of Dixon also found it necessary to take an armed guard of 200 native soldiers. The Chef de Post of Niaka met me eight hours from Niaka also with an armed guard of 25 men (three days after I had buried Dixon) the authorities gave me not the slightest assistance either medically or otherwise but left me to do as I could. I handed over to the Belgians 1,388 Francs approximately 258-6-8, six fair sized tusks of ivory, tent, clothing, beds, three guns

and

and ammunition; there is also a cycle at Bugera and gramophone and records at Wihube. I am bringing this to your notice as the Belgians seem very much inclined to hush the whole matter up, but the facts are as I state them; he was most deliberately shot, and had been shot six days before I reached him.

Respectfully yours,

Sd/- Chas.W.Chitty.

British East Africa,

Njoro,

10th August, 1913.

The Secretary
to the Administration,
Nairobi.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.S.6509 of the 7th instant.

Some weeks ago I took steps to inform Mr. Dixon's relatives (who live in Glasgow, Scotland) of his death in the Congo.

I have no doubt you are aware that the Chef de Poste, Trumu, Congo Belge, has possession of his personal effects and in a letter received from Mr. Dixon previous to his death he informed me that he had left a considerable sum of money (probably £400) with the Chef de Poste, Bega, Congo Belge, for safe keeping. The property at Trumu consists of tent, two guns and ammunition, a bicycle, camp beds, &c., and 1,333 Francs = 258.5.0 found on him at the time of his death; also six tusks of ivory.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- Claude E. Smith.

Njoro.

August 19th, 1913.

Dear Mr. Bowring,

You know you were talking to me about Dixon who was killed in the Congo the other day. I find he owes my Manager Lidster £100. Lidster has sworn an affidavit before Bell at Nakuru about it which he is sending up to the Belgians. He has nothing in writing but there is no doubt about the facts. Lidster wrote to him for the money and this letter which he was - apparently writing before he died shows he was trying to get gold or notes to send or at any rate said he was.

If any communications are passing with the Belgians I should be very grateful if a word could be put in about this debt as the Belgians are quite likely to get away with what Dixon had I should think.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Delamere.

Please return Dixon's letter to E.N.Lidster
Florida Farm, Njoro.

No.P.525/3/18.

Office of the Commissioner of Police,
Nairobi,

27th August, 1918.

Sir,

re death of Mr. W.Dixon in Belgium
Territory.

With reference to your S.6509 dated 7.8.18 I have the honour to inform you that Mr.C.E.Smith of Njoro gives the following information about Mr.W.Dixon; he states that Mr.Dixen was at one time in his employ at Njoro and left about 2½ years ago for the Congo; that he has recently heard from the Secretary of the Congo Government that Dixon has been killed in the Congo by natives who shot him with poisoned arrows. Mr. Smith heard from Mr.Dixon just before his death. Mr. Smith states that he has written to the people of the deceased who are in Glasgow informing them of the affair.

I have &c., &c.,

Sd/- P.F.Browne.

Assistant Commissioner,

In absence of the Commr., E.A. Police.

The Hon.Chief Secretary,

Nairobi.

UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Uganda,

1st October 1913.

No. 3421

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No.S.6509 of the 3rd September, relating to the death of Mr.W.Dixon in the Belgian Congo, I have the honour to inform you that from inquiries made it appears that Mr.Dixon was not possessed of any property in Uganda at the time of his death. As Mr.Dixon was resident in the East Africa Protectorate, Your Excellency will no doubt address the British Consul at Stanleyville with reference to the disposal of the deceased's effects.

I have &c.,

Sd/- F.J.JACKSON

Governor

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR,
NAIROBI.

Administrator General's Office,
Mombasa,

18th October 1913.

Sir,

Re W. Dixon deceased.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of copy correspondence sent under cover of your letter No. S 6508 of the 14th Instant.

2. It appears to me as the late Mr. Dixon died in Belgian territory that the administration of the estate left by him in the Belgian territory is a matter that should be settled by the Belgian authorities and the Foreign Office.

3. It is fair to presume that the Belgian authorities will deduct some amount for fees and therefore it seems unreasonable for me to deal with the matter which entail a fresh amount of fees being charged.

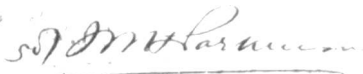
4. If however you consider it advisable for me to take action in the matter I will do what is necessary.

5. I am enquiring from the Land Department and the Banks whether Mr. Dixon had any interest in this Protectorate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Administrator General.

The Honourable

The Chief Secretary,

Nairobi.