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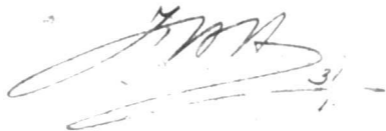
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Please make two flimsy
copies of

Paraphrasing cypher telegram
sent to Gov. East. 1:40 pm. 30 January 1913

Confidential

Please send home, as soon as
possible, copy of any letters from
or reports by W. Collyer, formerly
District Commr. with the Masai,
relating to their feelings and
attitude towards the Masai move


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Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.

Jan. 29th 1913

Sir John Anderson,

Have we got in the Colonial Office, and have we ever seen, reports on the Masai (at the time of the original move) by A. J. Collier, a District Commissioner now deceased ? I am told that these set out the dissatisfaction of the Masai very fully, that they are known to Dr. Leys, that he has told Morrison of them and that they are likely to be called for in the course of the action.

Mr Harcourt.

Sofar as we can find Mr Fuller had nothing to do with the original move in 1904. He was only appointed in 1902 & would have

Is he a very junior officer then.

He travelled out with Mr Read to East in 1911, but said nothing to him of any special Report on the Maori, of whom he was undoubtedly very fond, nor has any report by him ever reached us.

He was contemplating on his return a meeting with the Chiefs, and a subsequent visit with them or some of them to the Southern Reserve, but we have no report of the meeting from him nor of his visit to the Reserve.

Perhaps we had better ask for any reports by him.

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I did not mean the move from East in 1904, but the move in 1960-1. The move ended in East was - You had seen that in the reports. H.

*An extract from the ...
to ...
4. 1. 1917*

Mr,

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Southern Masai. I find they have been allowed to occupy any land they wish from the Gusa wire to the Kiisi borders and there are certainly at present time a great many men out of their Reserve that in it. With unlimited knowledge of these people, I should be able to survey the land out of hand, but I am not qualified to do so. The impression that I have is that the land of these people is no. I will not say that it is in the office of the Surveyor General's office in his opinion. These people have a very low level of civilization as to agriculture, stock raising, crafts etc. and they do not require much of the things that would be required to put them on a par with the other tribes. They have been told that they must go out to work on the Reserve and that they must be self-sufficient. Nyroga does not seem to be a very good man. This is a very old man and he has been a total failure in his life. I have seen him many times and he is a very old man. I have seen him many times and he is a very old man.

It seems desirable that the Surveyor General should be taken to counsel them to carry out the work that have been given, and that the Surveyor General should be given the necessary powers to carry out his duties. I venture to recommend that the Surveyor General should be allowed to recommend the purchase of a patrol of King's African Rifles to be posted to the Reserve.

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E. J. Anderson
has seen
W. J. R.
1911/13

I have the honour to inform you that acting on your instructions, I went to Gilgil on 17th inst. and met Legalismu and some 20 elders and warriors on 18th.

I explained to these people that the present position of the Masai was impossible and that I had been ordered to proceed across the Anala and show representatives of the Laikipia Masai exactly what land they might have there. I also informed these people that they would only get this trans-Anala country if they all went there.

Further they were informed that they had definitively given their rights to Laikipia which was now government property and that although government had no intention of forcing them into the trans-Anala country, yet a rent as well as their other taxes would be demanded for any part of Laikipia.

Legalismu informed me that he had just returned from the trans-Anala country and he did not think it good enough, but on further questioning it came out that he had only been four days there, and that chiefly in the Caepalungu forest. He asserted definitively that he only consented to give up Laikipia under a threat of exportation. He maintained that this threat of exportation was made by Mr. Lane at strong, and that no one but himself, Mr. Lane and O. K. Kika (the interpreter) were present.

It was naturally impossible to take any notice of this latter statement, besides noting it.

The upshot

Officer in Charge

Masai Reserve.

W. J. R.
1911/13

The upshot of the meeting was that Legation told the four elders and the women to go on the square. Jaso Nyire and proceed with the... I impressed upon them all that these men must have an open mind and must not go away with impressions of... the most of it.

They were informed that his Excellency had received reports that this country was better than any part of Lailipia and that the Masai were very lucky in having a chance to acquire it.

Legation was informed that the Masai who have come to the Lotia country from the vicinity of Ngong would be moved back to Ngong as soon as possible, and any further attempt to move the Lailipia Masai would be done deliberately. It was further pointed out that as many of the Lailipia Masai were now on private land, they might at any time be moved back to Lailipia, until the present question of their moving into the trans-Amula country had been decided.

The Masai were impressed in conclusion, that the present "invasion" had come about largely from their own fault: that they had always refused to be of any assistance to the progress of the country, by trading their cattle, and had insisted on sitting still and increasing their livestock in spite of repeated warnings: that the Government were most disappointed and an intelligent race like the Masai should have been content to remain stationary and allow tribes like the Kikuyu and Kavirondo to leave them far behind in development.

I have the honor, Sir,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

District Commissioner.



any of State to the Congress

(sent map on 30th Jan 1913)

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Telegraph to Mr. Harbo

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Please that as soon as possible
copies of my letters from ^{London} Reports by
Jolley, former Asst. Commissioner with
Massi, as to their feelings & attitude towards
me.

Harbo

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