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September

Stationer has recently visited the Southern Base &c. Submits observations respecting the tribe. Offers to supply any further information desired.

Last previous Paper.

Sir G. F. S. de.

Previous letter attached.

There is little that is new here, & the last part of para. 2 gives a wrong impression unless my previous info is incorrect. (After I have Sir H. Johnston with me)

Para. 4. Good grazing land but no reference to water.

Para. 5. This confirms previous accounts.

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Dear Sir

In response to your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. I have the honor to submit the following brief notes of observations made in the Southern Masai Reserve during the early part of 1913.

Masai differ very little from other East African natives except they are more reserved & shy & speak a rather impossible language. By reason of their great wealth of cattle, they do not feel the need of European guidance & counsel as do most other natives & accordingly they Masai hold themselves more aloof & independent than Kikuyu, Kavironda, Kisii etc. Individual Masai, however, who do come in contact with your Government officials appear to display a proper friendliness & respect.

Masai are by no means the brave & picturesque savages they have been popularly represented, nor do they display any special skill except in the management of their enormous herds, at which they are superb.

With bow & arrow, spear & runga the Elmorani I tested, seemed no more expert than other tribes. They manifested a keen interest in my firearms.

The warriors have probably degenerated in physique by reason of their custom which permits indiscriminate

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? Ground up goats (Elmasai) & unmet.

incense between boys & girls in their early teens.

The cigarette & umbrella habit is growing fast amongst the Elmasai & should do much to curtail their by inducing them to trade their cattle & the Hut tax will act in the same way.

During my sojourn I treated a considerable number of patients & found their great friendly gratitude with Elmasai & with other East African races, appears to be an unknown quality.

The problem of feeding the country & increasing herd of Elmasai cattle & sheep will prove very difficult, but there seemed to be plenty of first class grazing land available between Ollara River & them, especially around Guli-Guli Hill. The area is a Reserve territory but is practically unutilized except for a few Wa'Keterebo.

During my passage on foot over the plain along the track used by the Elmasai during their exodus to the Southern Elmasai Reserve, I saw the remains of many sheep & cattle which had died en route but the number did not appear much greater than the normal mortality percentage to be expected amongst such huge flocks & herds.

above notes are highly condensed but have the merit of emanating from a civilian not Resident in the East Africa Protectorate  
I shall be pleased to give any further information in my power should occasion arise.

I believe me

Your obedient servant,  
Henry Hemsted

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M.D. M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.

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+ unprejudiced evidence

at the forthcoming enquiry

into the Massa question

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To The Mr. Hon Lewis Harcourt  
P.C. N. P.

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19 Sept 1913

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I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> of September  
and to inform you that I  
have read with interest your  
observations on the insect  
fauna of the East Africa Protectorate

I am —

replied  
Received 18.9.13

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