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Keys H.

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12 Feb.

Last previous Paper.

Publication of Report.

Request permission.

Mr. G. H. G. G.

Mr. Keys is the self-appointed champion of the  
Masai against an inglorious  
Government. In that business, he  
displayed an entire lack of the most  
elementary notions of discipline.  
We cannot let him publish this  
document - at any rate - as it stands,  
+ set himself up again as a  
~~self-appointed champion~~

critic of the Government's administra-  
tion of the Coast. Of course,

there is in the report a good  
deal that might be published -  
chiefly historical - but if you  
cut out all the unpublishable  
parts, you destroy the whole

Send enclosure. 19 Feb.  
Copy above to Mr. Keys - 3 Aug 1913

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Next subsequent Paper.

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sketch (as he calls it) - we are aware of the difficulties in Mombasa as to sanitation, land etc. - it is not necessary for S. Jeps either to send them for us to read about in his report or above all to publish them to the world at large.

But I am clear that it is not for us here to say that he may publish the report omitting A, B, C etc etc.

I ack. receipt - quote C.R. 44-45 - say that subject to the strict observance of those regulations he is at liberty to write for publication - say that obviously the enclosed report contains much matter that is unsuitable for publication - say that if he wishes to publish a report on life in Mombasa he must avoid throughout anything which ~~in any way~~ reflects on, or criticisms of the <sup>administration</sup> of the <sup>(or)</sup> Mombasa in particular -

out

that S.J. cannot undertake to 45  
revise the enclosed memorandum for publication - but that if he will revise it himself in accordance with the principles laid down & submit it in the revised form, S.J. will be glad to consider whether we have any objection to its publication.

Alls

Sir G. Frides, 17/1/15

I have only skinned through the article. Most of it is arguable & the rest is technically proper.

I suppose we must proceed - I should think colonial officials ought to be that way that being in the country they work in. Statements of opinion are always to come in even if they are wrapped up as facts.

Alls 17/1

I agree in part, but occasionally it is both harmless & useful - at Col Reg etc permits it.

W/S. M

Reply is prepared P.M. 18/2  
W/S. M  
18.2.15

Rouhead, Berkhamsted

12 February 1913

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Sir, It has been suggested <sup>to me</sup> that parts of an official report which I wrote a year ago in East Africa might be published in some periodical. The report was not written with a view to publication and contains matter obviously unquotable. But I feel uncertain which parts of it would be considered objectionable. I can think of no other course than to take the liberty of sending the report to you, and I have the honour to make the request that such passages as would be considered improper in print

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Should be marked. I presume  
Some course of the kind must be  
taken when Officers seek permission  
to publish information about the  
Countries they serve in. I hope my  
request may be not altogether  
unusual and pray to be excused  
for giving trouble in such a  
matter.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

The Under Secretary  
of State for the  
Colonies

W. Norman Leys  
Medical Officer in the  
Queen's Protectorate

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W. Leys, Esq. M.B., Ch.B.

19 Feb 1913.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Deed 18/2/13
- Mr. Britton 18/2
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,

Thank you, &c. for the receipt  
of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> of  
February enclosing a  
copy of an official report  
which you wrote in  
Bombay & requesting that  
each page of the  
report as would be  
considered improper in  
print may be marked  
with a view to its publication

*Report in original  
(in accord with)*

*Copy to Deeds & Gen. Secy*

in some periodical - without  
those papers.

2. In reply I am to  
draw your attention to  
Colonial Regulations  
44 and 45, which  
read as follows -

44. No public officer  
can be permitted to be  
the editor of a newspaper  
or directly or indirectly to  
take part in the manage-  
ment of it. He may  
not contribute anonymously  
to any newspaper in the  
Colony or elsewhere; nor  
may he write or insert  
which can properly be  
called political or adminis-  
trative, though he may  
publish signed articles  
upon subjects of general  
interest.

45. No public officer, whether  
on duty or on leave of absence,  
is to allow himself to be  
interviewed on questions of  
public policy or on  
matters affecting the defence  
or sanitary resources of  
any British possession,  
subject to the strict observance  
of these regulations, you are  
at liberty to write  
articles for publication.

3. The enclosed report  
enclosed in your letter  
obviously contains much  
matter that is unsuitable  
for publication, and if you wish  
to publish a report in  
life in the colony, you  
must avoid throughout  
~~anything~~ which reflects on,  
anything in the nature of  
criticism or reflection on  
the

the administration of the  
Est. generally or Bombay  
in particular.

4. Mr. H. regrets that he  
cannot undertake to write  
for publication your  
report, but if you revise  
it yourself in accordance  
with the general principles  
laid down above & submit  
it again in revised form,  
he will <sup>then</sup> consider whether  
there is any objection to  
its publication.

5. The report enclosed in  
your letter is returned

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