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Sir,

With reference to my despatch no.1008 of the 29th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a report from the Assistant District Commissioner, Marakwet, on the subject of the disaffection amongst the tribe.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your humble, obedient servant,

Mr. Hughes
Dec. 16th

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
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Asst.Dist.Commissioner's Office,
Marakwet,
December 16th. 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that shortly after the recent patrol was finished the Karpen section of Ende gave out that they were going to have nothing more to do with Government and that certain men who had run away from this Boma were not going to be given up.

I believe the trouble arose from talk in the circumcision hut as the boys who were confined there felt that the recent patrol was an insult to their manhood. On hearing of this Capt Saunders wrote to me on the 18th ult which letter I received on the 20th suggesting a surprise on Karpen at dawn on the 22nd, asking for my authority and for Capt Orr to cooperate. Unfortunately Capt Orr's porters had run away and consequently he was delayed at Sirgoit. I wrote back at once to Capt Saunders informing him of the fact and suggesting that he should wait until Capt Orr had arrived here. However that letter did not reach him until the afternoon of the 22nd.

Capt Saunders reported that he arrived in Karpen at dawn on that day viz the 22nd but found few people about as they had got news of his coming. A message was sent to him that the men of Karpen were waiting in the gulleys to the north and that if he wanted to fight they were ready for him there but that if Lelderit (the Headman in Karpen) would come in they would accompany him otherwise they would wait and fight.

On the 23rd Capt Saunders went out at 5 30a.m. with 20 men to the gulleys mentioned in the previous [illegible] many valleys to clear the

the bush. He returned to camp to find one solitary Chebleng had come to fire across into camp and had been wounded for his pains.

On the 24th Capt Saundres went out in the same way to look for took firing volleys in the same way. he came across a temperary boma where many had slept the previous night. Later on in the day Lesereko sent into camp asking for peace.

Onthe 25th and 26th Capt Saunders remained in the same camp and many Chebleng arrived theugh Karpen was poorly representd asking for peace.

On the 27th Capt Saunders moved down to a camp in the valley on the R. Cheseken which is the boundary between Ende and the Hill Buk of Chepulel.

ON the same day Capt Orr and myself left Marakwet Station. Capt Orr had 150 loads in excess of his porters but I managed to get the Marakwet to take them along from camp tp camp.

On the 1st inst we arrived at Capt Saunders's camp on the Cheseken and in the afternoon we had a large meeting of Ende but only a few of Karpen were in as the majority had fled and were hiding in the mountains.

At this meeting they informed me that they new quite acknowledged the Government and wished for no more fighting, but for how long I cannot say as exactly the same thing was said at the end of the former patrol some three weeks before.

Of course the great mistake made was not to have severely punished Ende when the first Marakwet patrol took place, as they have never forgotten the fact that they successfully murdered 42 Askari of Mr Hyde Baker 12 years ago and had not been punished for it and still openly boast of their accomplishment.

However on the whole I think this last action on Capt Saunders's part has had a good effect as it

The Government can act promptly and will stand no nonsense.

I should have preferred to have waited a little longer there until all Karpen had come in but Capt Saunders was anxious to get back to Marich so as to be able to take over from Mr Bruce.

He reported that from accounts received there or four Chebleng had been killed and one or two wounded, though I was told by the natives that only one was killed but I daresay they were not telling the truth.

I also have the honour to report that after our meeting on the Chesekon I went up into the Suk Hills with Capt Orr by the new road which was opened by Capt Saunders a short time ago and we reached Marich on the 4th. The Suk carrying the 150 loads from camp to camp as the Marakwet and Chebleng had done but not so willingly

I remained at Marich two days to await the Inspector General of Police as I had come away before his arrival at Marakwet.

On my way back I collected Hut Tax from the Hill Suk at the different camps along the lower road.

At the Chesekon Lelderit and some of his wazee came in to see me he had previously sent me a message asking whether he might come in to see me without being arrested he told me his people had had quite enough fighting and asked for peace and quietude to rebuild their huts which had been distroyed, to which I assented.

I reached the Boma on the evening of the 14th, and I appolgize for the delay in sending in this report which was unavoidable.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. Hughes.
Asst. Dist. Commissioner.

The Prov. Commissioner

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