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Administration of Sierra Leone

Reports that up to the time of his arrival in country the tribe had successfully secured official control. Reports that he has parted an administrative officer in this country & that the chiefs have taken oaths of allegiance to Gov. States that while uncontrolled they did not intend their own country but agents have now been made to receive them. Requests permission to investigate them for coconut trees which they have planted outside their territory. April 2, 1914. Requests telegraphic.



Mr. [Name] Sir J. Fiddes

My article in Herald seems sufficient to illustrate the difficulty. We have had some reports as intelligence about Mr. Hobbs' case and the result which led to it. In Sierra Leone we have placed great confidence in their articles, whose prestige has been shaken.

We need only concern ourselves with the proposed removal of the migrant Sierra Leone from the north of the Sabaki. Their move (apparently) of recent date, and there is plenty of land in their old home, and they are willing to return.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 420.

May 4th, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that my attention has been directed during the period of my residence in the Protectorate to the problem of effecting a closer administration of the tribe of the Gikanda, a people occupying a coastal area which extends from the neighbourhood of Ratal to the Sabaki Riv. at Kilindi. Up to the time of my arrival in the country this populous tribe had successfully evaded effective control and its existence which was useless to the country and detrimental to the natives, consisted in their exportation to growing grain for their personal consumption and for use as a medium of exchange with the native owners of

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOCKING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

tribe
coconut plantations which supplied them with the fermented juice of that palm, to the immoderate use of which they are almost universally addicted. They have consistently combated all efforts to induce them to work, and thus a section of the people which is capable of supplying a large proportion of the coastal labour requirements has led a useless and degenerate existence.

2. I made a commencement last year by posting an administrative officer in their country who, in the first instance, was able to make but little headway with them. Still his presence had the effect of convincing them that the white man's government was really in earnest in its intention to bring them under control. As this had the effect of creating a feeling of disaffection, which might possibly have developed into active misconduct, I sent the Provincial Commissioner through the country with an escort of police in November last to interview the headmen and impress upon them the necessity of complying with our orders. The principal chiefs were brought down to Comasa, where I interviewed them myself and made it clear to them that they were no longer to be permitted to have matters all their own way.

3. This action has been productive of promising results. The headmen have taken vows of allegiance to Government in accordance with their ceremonial tribal custom. The people have paid the whole cost of the tour of the police detachment, and, if not yet wholly reconciled to the new order of things, they are evincing a spirit of compliance with instructions which promises hopefully for the future.

4. In the course of his tour through the country the Provincial Commissioner found that some sections of the tribe, amounting in numbers to some 5,000 in all, taking advantage of the fact that they were entirely free of control, had wandered outside their own country and scattered over an extensive and fertile area to the north of the Sabaki River, a district which is entirely outside their traditional tribal location and to which they must not be permitted to remain in occupation because the tribe cannot be effectively controlled unless all its members are concentrated and retained within the area to which they are rightfully entitled, and also because they are at present occupying an extensive area of land which must be rendered available for white cultivation.

5. The Provincial Commissioner and I being

in agreement as to the propriety of removing these people across the river to their own location, it is felt there is an abundance of vacant and suitable land for their occupation; friendly has been in communication with them on this subject and finds that they raise no objection to removals provided that they are allowed time to gather their personal goods and to select alternative positions within their tribal area. He informs us that, if arrangements can be concluded without serious delay, it should be possible to have all these people back in their proper territory by the end of the year, when an area approximately 75,000 acres, over which they are now dispersed, will become available for other purposes.

3. The only matter which prevents the immediate settlement of the question of removal is the fact that the people have planted some 4,000 coconut trees in the area which, for years past they have improperly occupied, and his opinion that it would be an ill-judicious and wasteful proceeding to effect their removal without giving them some compensation for this property which they must leave behind. The trees are naturally of poor growth, and of small value, most of them having been used

used only for the purpose of extracting "today", and the assessment made in respect of these amounts only to from Rs. 1 to Rs. 3 per acre, the total amount to be paid being about 1820 in all. I however I am not in a position to provide funds for this expenditure, I find it necessary to approach you with a request for authority to make this payment later on in the year, when the people have actually moved, from general savings which will undoubtedly be available when the time comes for discharging the compensation. I do not propose to make any payment until the people are definitely settled in their own location.

2. I consider that a very satisfactory commencement has been made in reducing the vagaries to order and understanding. I anticipate with some confidence that, when the process of administration has been further advanced, the tribe will become an asset of much potential value in coastal development and that the money now asked for will be really well expended in effecting that consolidation which is essential if administration is to be productive of the best results.

3. As I am anxious that the process of removal

removal shall be commenced with as little delay as possible, I shall be grateful if you will oblige me with a telegraphic reply to my proposals.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway, Esq.

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to June
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Your dept of 4 May 1914
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DRAFT.

June 1914

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 420, of the 4th of May, and to ~~inform you that~~ confirm my telegram of the 4th of June informing you that I approve of your proposals with regard to the return to the Waiyama country of certain ~~members~~ sections of the Waiyama who have migrated to the north of the Sabaka River.

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Mr H. B. Kelfield

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