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I have written to you
providing the sum of
£1000 of the 31st of
Sept., and being you
~~kindly~~ glad to get
any info with
which you can furnish
me with as to whether
any balance remains to
the credit of the late Survey
account a receipt of
stores handed over by
Comptd. Whitmore.

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for
M.G. May 1897

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(Subject.)

Actions of Post ^{re} Officials

To receive & letters complaining of
injustice done to them

(Minutes)

Mr. Reed

? Copy to the Govt for inquiry
& report a copy to the Comptd.

If one writes much about
of it - let it emerge that
the favoritism of the
Govt (?) is a gone sum-

M.G.

at

From: Hon W. R. Wijdicksen
 To: H. M. Secretary of State for the Colonies
North House
J. Smitham

Dec 1907
 Post Office

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My Lord

I beg to enclose you a copy of part of a letter from the wife of the proprietor of the farm next door to mine in British East Africa.

This letter will serve to show you the great injury done to settlers in that country by persons in government employ. The manager I employed to look after this farm for me was killed by a lion while of out lion shooting in June 1906 - owing to the state of the country I have so far been unable to get anyone to take his place.

I have written two very strong letters to the Commissioner at NAIROBI complaining about this case, but from my previous experiences of the government of B.E.A. I do not imagine that will effect much. One of the objects of the farm was to preserve wild game.

I have the honour to be

Yours obedient servant

W R Wijdicksen

P.T.O.

Extract of an letter from Mr. Laws to his sister Mrs. Lucas -

"We went up the hill on an inspection. The last Surveyor seemed to come for power - He set 3 fires slight a burnt hole hill right down to our house (for hours). The next last Sunday, he was left -

We put up targets to shoot at which we fired ~~at least~~ 100 shots in three. We shot Mr. Rhine taking all available leads which we found -

Needless to say we saw not a sign of the beast of any descrip. two today. Though I went all through it -

Mr. Laws is writing to Commissioner and it -

Had not seen up since the Beacon (one up - was horrified at what they did. There must be no trees cut so such magnificent as

I have understated it really. The same was there about a week - we do not see him - he took up so much the stamped shouting through our trees just below the house a good number also two big dogs up there going to happen often there won't be a sign of you - in view of our three property laws (the law - woodland) - This is tried & have had Surveyor's party, in view of this the first were civil & a sign against I think though he

t could be law to cut down 300 trees without leave from the proprietor - But all things are possible to a B.E. a official "land"

Extract from letter from Miss Lucas to W. B. Myrick (united) -

Dear Mr. Myrick

Perhaps I ought to have sent you the whole of my sister's letter as in it she said: "Laws was very angry and was writing to the Commissioner. The few - now less than all right as far as regards the game were asking leave to shoot a buck on the plain. He told me he had not cut down much - granted us the first instance & let you know about it & sent a memorandum (letter) with a cable to dispatch, on the Saturday morning the Surveyor having died Friday evening but he took it upon himself not to send it, great chaste thought" "Send you my letter to Mr. - his reply - certainly nothing more provoking could have occurred, the chief value of the property being trees gone scarce.

Between us told him to go and extract of a letter from Mrs. Laws to Miss Lucas the remainder is from Miss Lucas to W. B. Myrick

P. G.

Extract from letter from Mr. Lucas to his wife
in which he says "the famous Mr. Laws has
at last arrived & the owners of the next property
will be asked to meet him at the house of the
Rev. Mr. Lucas -

"We went up the hill in our expectation
the last Surveyor would come for
prices - He set 3 fires alight & burnt
the hill right down to our houses (for
ours). He went last Tuesday. He won't
be left -

We put up targets to shoot at what we
afforded with at least 100 shots in them.
He shot two Rhinos, taking all away
the heads which we found -

Needless to say we saw not a sign of the
a beast of any description today. Then
we went all through it -

Mr. Laws is writing a communication
to the paper -

... not seen up since the Beacon fire
up - was horrified at what they
saw. "The must be 500 trees cut down
so a magnificent as

I have understated it really. The old
man was there about a week - we
not see him - he took up so much who
tramped shooting through our trees
just below the house a post over to
also two big dogs - if this is going to
happen often there won't be a house
of 2 years in any of our three properties

Laws - (not Mr. W. H. Hyndman) - This is
third we have had (survivor's party),
now & the first were about
a day off right & took though he

it could be law to cut down 800 trees
must leave from the property
must imagine. But all things
possible to a B.S.A. official would

Extract from letter from Miss Lucas to
W. B. Hyndman (cont'd)

Dear Mr. Hyndman

Perhaps I ought to have sent you
the whole of my sister's letter as we do
say: "Laws was very angry as no one had
the commission. The first man too behaved
all right as far as regards the game even
asking leave to shoot a buck on the plain.
He told me he had not cut down much -
granted in the first instance to let you
know about it & sent a memorandum (allow
locutor) with a cable to dispatch, on the
Saturday morning (the surveyor having
arrived Friday evening) but he took it
upon himself not to send it, great chagrin
thought". Send you my letter to let
a bit reply. Certainly nothing more
proceeding could have occurred the
chief value of the property being thus
grossly reduced.

Between inserted commiss is an extract of a
letter from Mrs. Laws to Miss Lucas the
respondent is from Miss Lucas to W. B. Hyndman

P.T.O.

Very kind

Note

These letters though undated were written about the beginning of October 1907, as they arrived in England in 1907 -