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Appt of Asst. Game Warden

In copy memo from Lt Col. advocating - proposed to make program in East Africa

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Mr. Antrobus

I do not think that we should sanction this. The fact is that we are reaching a critical point in the game question. Some of the old officials, like Mr. Jackson, who were there before the white settlers came & see them shot, are all for game preservation. It appears however that the big game, & especially the Zebra, do great damage to the settler property in E. Africa, & cause loss of life & property to the natives & dependants. The ~~hard-headed~~ white settlement & big game preservation are indeed incompatible, & the fact has realized this, for he has recently had some sheep recommending certain

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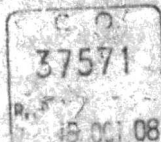
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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 469

(Incl. 1)

My Lord,



I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a Memorandum by the Lieutenant-Governor advocating a small increase in the European Staff of the Game Warden's Department.

Dr. Jackson
Sept. 16th

2. I am in agreement with Mr. Jackson's recommendations and propose, subject to Your Lordship's sanction, to insert provision in the Estimates for 1909-10.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

In Despatch No. 469 of Sept. 18 1908

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Your Excellency,

In view of the fact that well founded reports have been received of the Beers disregarding the Game Regulations since you declined to consider the Acting Game Warden's request for an increase in the staff of his Department, I beg to bring forward the following points in the hope that you will now consider it:

1. The present staff is:-
 - 1 Warden
 - 1 Senior Assistant
 - 2 Assistants

Total sanctioned expenditure £2425.

Estimated revenue £5343.

2. The distribution of the staff is at present as follows:-

The Warden: at home.

The Senior Assistant and Acting Warden: at Nairobi, and in charge of the Southern Reserve and adjoining country to the east.

One Assistant at Nakuru in charge of the Rift Valley, Laikipia, Northern Game Reserve and the country from Lodiani to the German frontier.

One Assistant on the Uasin Gishu plateau. If the Warden was in the country he would be at his headquarters in Nairobi, and would also be in charge of the Athi plains and the country to the east. The Senior Assistant would be in charge of the Southern Reserve, and the country east and west, with his residence at Kiu.

It is clear from recent events that the Assistant

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in charge of the Uasin Gishu plateau will be fully occupied, and that he must remain there permanently.

This leaves one Assistant to look after the Rift Valley, the Northern Reserve and Laikipia and the country from the Nyando Valley to Southern Sotik, and for all practical purposes he might just as well be in Uganda.

When the suggested alterations and reductions of the two reserves are sanctioned, one Assistant should be placed in charge of each, and their first duty should be to strictly guard them and prevent poaching.

The Assistant in charge of the Southern Reserve could however, also look after the adjacent country to the East and West; and the Assistant in charge of the Northern Reserve, with residence at Rumuruti, could look after Laikipia.

The Warden must necessarily be more or less permanently at his Headquarters in Nairobi, but with the aid of his scouts he can look after the Athi plains, and eastward to Kitui. It is equally necessary for the Assistant on the Uasin Gishu plateau to remain there permanently if we are to show the Boers that in the interests of the game, and sportsmen who annually come to this country to shoot it legitimately, and who contribute to the revenue directly and indirectly far more than they are ever likely to contribute for many years to come, we intend to make them respect the laws of the country. I would point out that the northern part of the plateau is one of the best game countries in the Protectorate, and a favourite hunting ground of sportsmen. It is the home of five-horned giraffe, and three herds of elephants which would prove an irresistible attraction to the Boers who are now locating themselves within easy striking distance, particularly

particularly if the Assistant Warden was not always on the spot.

It is therefore necessary in my opinion, and I am sure in that of all others who take the smallest interest in this question, that we should have another Assistant for the Rift Valley, the Nyando Valley and the country between Lumbwa and Scotik and the Sondo Valley.

One extra Assistant will cost £470, and I consider that this expenditure is warranted under the circumstances as explained above, apart from the fact, that the Acting Game Ranger estimates that the Revenue will amount to at least £8000, probably much more owing to the expected invasion of American Sportsmen who will follow in the wake of President Roosevelt.

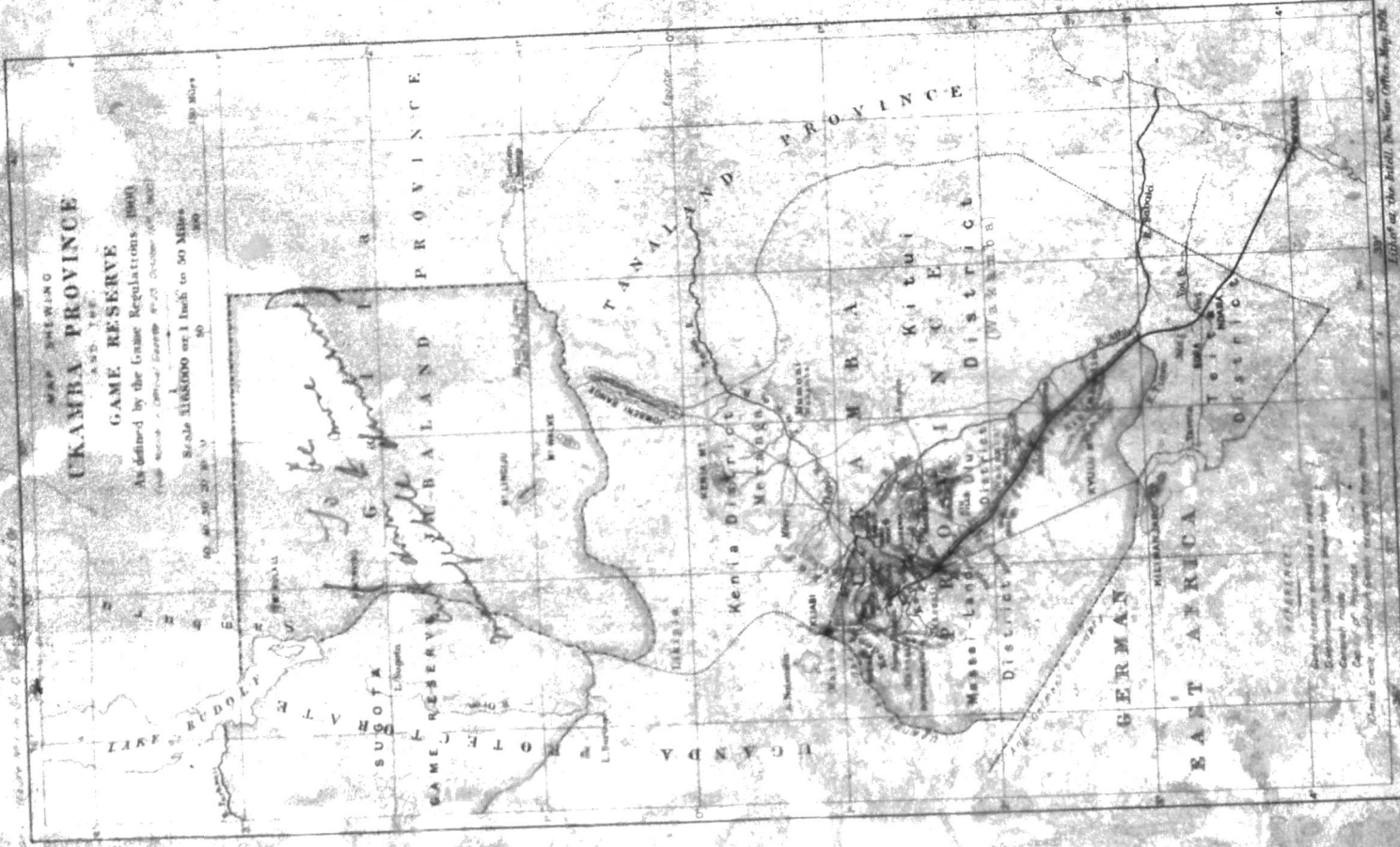
Sd/-F.J. Jackson
Lieutenant Governor.

Nairobi.

September 15th 1908.

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Report of the Staff, the War Office, May 1900

NOTE: Boundaries of the Game Reserve shown on this map are those supplied by the Game Office. No responsibility is taken for any errors or omissions which may appear in the map.

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