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EDWIN A. RAY'S ON THE SHU TRIBE

Reports as to and measures taken for punishment. States as to disposal of captured cattle. That he cannot agree entirely with the aurial action of Mr Becc Asst Dist Commr, in ordering a fine - at loss on Lobwin's village and as consequently transfer his to another dist where he will be under a senior ... Camp entirely held Capt Span who commanded the K.A. ... and his S.O. has been instructed to deal with the matter in his confidential reports.

Colonel Sherrin  
Mr. Fisher

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Is it return?

to ...  
is not that

Span. It feels

some initiative - bill

there are some clauses

the law here. The same ...  
strongly ...

H. V. R.

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He would especially ...  
to have ...

with the Board in the amount of the ...  
At the same time I feel strongly ...  
hope has ... me privately that  
be considered ... of ...  
some ... I have every confidence in  
of ... judgment of the ...  
give us further trouble and ...  
point to this, we shall have settled  
the business very cheaply in ...  
money as they have always ... the  
character of a very ... and  
(as ... ) ...

2. With regard to the last few lines of  
the Dispatch I should like to be  
informed of the instructions which  
have been laid down for troops in  
the conduct of ...  
vide ... to ... EAP in

EAP  
1879

4th May 1879

Sr J. ...

Reading the ... before the ...  
with ... the ...  
initially degrading him. There ...  
we are not aware; ...  
for ... I cannot ...  
for the ...

as I can see the only alternative was  
to get the ~~to~~ ~~order~~ - in which case  
the ~~Turkmen~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~  
might have been ~~lost~~ ~~for~~ ~~several~~ ~~months~~,  
at the end of which time the business of ~~the~~  
had to be ~~put~~ ~~through~~ ~~again~~.

The results attained have been very  
satisfactory (see also the letter to 10/76)  
especially as there was very little bloodshed.

Capt. Span no doubt took a certain  
military ~~and~~ ~~view~~; he has had to be  
a good officer and in such cases it is  
hard to find the result.

I think that in a ~~letter~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Gov.~~ ~~of~~  
might say that as regards the proceedings of  
the Board & Capt. Span, their officers of  
course assumed a certain responsibility in  
going beyond their instructions, but that their  
action appears to be justified (see results),  
and that on a review of the facts ~~of~~ ~~the~~  
the Gov. had better do not choose to  
express any disapproval of the proceedings

And ask about the instructions alluded to  
at the end of Lt. F. King's message, ~~concerning~~  
to the dept. on 20/7/97

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Your drafts & letters please

the former is to give further  
instructions as  
to how they  
shall be  
carried out

Yours  
19.5  
at once

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI, K. P. 14 MAY 10  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

APRIL 21st 1910.

No. 222

My Lord,

I regret to have to report that owing to  
raids committed by the Turkana and to the defiant  
attitude of these people it has been necessary to  
punish them.

2. Trouble between the Turkana and Suk, the  
two principal tribes inhabiting the Baringo  
District, appears to date back to March 1907.  
Nothing of a serious nature occurred however be-  
fore February 1909 when a series of raids and  
counter-raids culminated in a treacherous attack  
by the Turkana on a Suk village called Akwilo, near  
Kwilo, about 50 miles north of Springs - during  
which 15 persons, including women and children  
were massacred.

Mr. Baker, the late Provincial Commissioner  
of the Naivasha Province, visited Akwilo shortly  
after the massacre and endeavoured to get into  
touch with Lorain, the Turkana Chief, but without  
success, the only answers to his overtures being

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
THE EARL OF CREWE, K.G.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,

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of a decisive nature. At the time we were unable to make a demonstration in force as the whole of the available troops were in Somaliland. There was consequently a delay of several months, and the Suk, despairing of our help, repeatedly applied for permission to take the law into their own hands. They were with difficulty restrained; and the Turkana, finding that we were powerless to protect our allies, and that the Suk did not retaliate, became more daring and continued their raids, killing natives and looting cattle.

4. The country was in a state of turmoil; life and property were insecure; and the Suk abandoned many of their villages in the plains and took to the hills. The position was precarious, <sup>for</sup> during the whole of the latter months of last year the Suk and neighbouring tribes were watching our movements. They were unable to understand the delay and were rapidly losing confidence in the Government. It only required a little more success on the part of the Turkana for the friendly tribes to break out into open revolt.

5. On the return of the troops from Somaliland I ordered half company King's African Rifles under Captain Span to proceed to Kerio, intending, if the Acting District Commissioner was unsuccessful in obtaining reparation with this force, to despatch later a company of the King's African Rifles to patrol the Kerio and Turkwell Rivers. The friendly natives also provided a number of horsemen, guides, <sup>and</sup> when it was intended to employ in driving in the

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the cattle which it was hoped the Turkana would pay as blood money for the murdered man.

6. Unfortunately our knowledge of the country was deficient. It appears that during the dry weather the Turkana are obliged to concentrate at certain water holes and rivers, whilst during the rains they are dispersed from where they will.

Our men were impatient and a killing party was sent out to the Turkana. It was perceived that the Turkana were not in the habit of trading with the British and on this account it was decided to delay of several months before sending a party to the Turkana to leave the district and to the Lake Rudolf. The attack was undertaken on the 1st of August. The attack was undertaken on the 1st of August and was accomplished with very little loss of life. The Turkana live stock consisting of all to 1000 head of cattle, 1000 sheep and goats, part of which had been previously looted from the Subur.

7. On receiving a report on his action, I reported the same to the Provincial Commissioner at Nairobi, and Colonel Llewellyn, the Officer Commanding Troops, proceeded to Beringo, the former to fix the Collective Fine to be imposed on the Turkana and the latter to report as to the position and the necessity for a further patrol.

8. The live stock which had been looted

looted by the Durans from the Bak amounted to 104  
 cattle and 1,000 sheep and goats, whilst for the  
 murdered Bak, numbering 25 in all, 5,000 head of  
 cattle were due as blood-money according to their  
 own reckoning. I have sanctioned the return of the  
 104 cattle to the Bak, and as a set off against the  
 blood-money due, I have authorized handing over to  
 the Bak 104 cattle, and, under the rules in  
 force... I have  
 also... who accompanied  
 the... herds... each of the  
 in... 5,000 sheep and goats... on  
 position or died... accordingly  
 10... cattle, 30 donkeys and 5,000 sheep  
 and goats

... now... to...  
 ... is now on his way to... If  
 hope negotiations are satisfactory, I propose to  
 be... to... the balance of the...  
 ... have not received full  
 ... reception... to their...  
 ... murdered... they have... my...  
 ... as much as they can expect... on...  
 ... rate as... prepared... to...

There is... of the Durans...  
 to retaliate or that any further measures will be  
 necessary, but I propose to keep at least half a  
 company of the King's African Rifles in the  
 Faringo District for the present.

11. Although I consider that Mr. Beech was  
 placed



placed in a difficult position and that reports have been satisfactory. I cannot entirely agree with his hurried action. Had Lobn's village not been surprised, there would have been great bloodshed, for the Turkana are a war-like race, and it is possible our troops might have been repulsed, in which case our position would have been worse than before. I have therefore transferred him to another district where he will be under a senior officer. Captain Spas acted on the urgent request of the Acting District Commissioner, notwithstanding this should hold him entirely free from blame and have instructed his Officer Commanding to deal with the matter in his Confidential reports. Both officers have some excuse for their actions in the fact that nothing has been laid down clearly in print for the conduct of patrol work. This has now been rectified.

I have the honour to be  
 Your Lordship's humble,  
 obedient servant,

GOVERNOR

Prof. H. L. L. L. L. L.

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Gov. L. L. L. L. L.

27 May 1910.

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- Lord Crewe.

Have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 229 of the 21st of May, regarding the proposed amendment to the Education Bill, and the action which you have taken in the matter. I am glad to hear that I have been consulted with regard to the proposed amendment, and I am glad to hear that you are satisfied with the measure which has been adopted.

Cousin

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with regard to  
the proceedings of  
Mr. Beech, the Acting  
District Commissioner,  
and Captain Spar,  
should be glad if

of their action, which  
appears to have been  
justified by the  
results.

I with ref to the  
statement in the final  
page of your report,  
under entry, as to  
the fact that nothing  
was done

in your report you state  
that on my inspection there  
was no need to  
proceed in the East with

To the Comdant of Expedition  
Patrols & Scouts in the  
course of those which  
were enclosed in my

conf. desk of the 14<sup>th</sup>  
of May 1909. etc

request that you will

inform me of the nature

of the reports which

you have

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