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(Subject)

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Estate of late W. L. Gunn Gray

Previous Paper

1945

In connection with death of Mr. Gunn, and request that inquiries may be made as to disposal of estate

(Answer)

Mr. Gray

of the letter of 16 Aug 05

copy of letter Comm^r referring to 12842, with copy of 5/1 on 12842. for further report - & return the orig. and keep copy of the ltr of 16 Aug for

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I have a copy of the
last letter to the
Gov. of. and will try to
have a copy of the
last letter to the
Gov. of. dated Jan. 30.

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BROOKS'S,
ST. JAMES'S STREET.

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Dear Antreas

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Mr Gray has asked me
to make some further
enquiries into the case of
his son who died in the
East Africa Protectorate
10th or more than a year
ago.

I enclose you the following
correspondence

- (1) Your letter 1584 of 1902
- (2) Mr. Skene's Report
- (3) Mr. Hammett's Memo
- (4) A letter dated Aug. 16, 1904

From reading this
 Consignment and in
 particular Mr. Hamilton
 memo, it appears that
 the late Mr. G. G. Gray
 was in possession of
 some property at the
 time of his death
 that his effects were
 sold along with those
 of his partners who also
 died about the same

time

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Mr. Gray the father of the
 late Mr. G. G. Gray wishes
 to claim the property of
 his late son -
 He states that in addition
 to the effects found with
 him at his death that
 he also had some money
 and he believes that
 he used a portion of his
 money to purchase from
 the Government a tract
 of land -
 He has not been able
 to trace any particulars

of the enforced purchase
but perhaps there may
be some official record
available for reference
to prove or disprove the
accuracy of the statement.

From Mr Hamilton's
memo it appears as if
a share of the proceeds
of the sale of property
found at the death of Thomas
Jacques & Anne Goyer belongs
to Mr Goyer's representatives -

I shall be very glad
if you will institute enquiries
and send me the result

Yours truly
Thomas F. Johnson

NAIROBI,

16th August, 1904

Dear Johnie,

I have received your welcome letter but how sad did I feel when I read its contents. Dear Brother I can't realize that Bobby has departed from this life. Poor Bobby how unfortunate some of us are here below John you haven't given me any details of his later illness, or his last hours. No doubt the loss of our dear Mother and the want of a home and left almost depending on some one until he recovered after such a roving life and an independent spirit such as Bobby had no doubt broke his heart. Well Johnie Bobby was a good brother and I can't tell you how I feel tonight as this sad event brings my memory back to many happy incidents spent in our early youth together as boys and Oh dear they seem to ^{live} climb to mind tonight. But dear Johnie we all shall soon follow he has only been taken away from our midst in the pride of youth and beauty. It sounds to-night in my ear fresher than ever that hymn taught to us in our earlier days by our dear Mother

We shall meet in that beautiful home

Where the saints they are fairer than day

I shall earnestly pray to our heavenly Father tonight to ask for the meeting in that happy Beyond of a good Mother and her dear boy. Poor father Johnie I feel so sorry for all of you that my heart is overflowing tonight you see I had some bad luck in the south with people going insolvent I lost about £500 in three months. At last I sold out and came up here Johnie

I am writing this in a strange tent tonight my home is 200 miles from here away up central where I have left my comrade on the ranch. I have entirely given up civil life and have taken 10,000 acres of ground for cattle ranching and horse breeding elephant and wild beast hunting. I have only come in here to receive my Papers of ownership for the above mentioned, and am waiting at present for a pass from the Government to proceed to Abyssinia to buy horses and cattle from my place to Abyssinia is a distance of 17,000 miles by foot with a dangerous country to go through full of savages. Johnie I have become so fond of travelling that I am tired of city life. There is plenty of shooting and plenty of excitements that life is a pleasure one forgets all his griefs and there is an opportunity of making your fortune or becoming an outlaw or dying in the pursuit of a life you love. Dear brother picture life in an overcrowded country with poverty staring in every face you meet people you have known in better circumstances in their youth with good parents a good home and bright prospects and a good education and probably to-day you may meet them fallen to the lowest stage of humanity. Again you can see ^{walking about in a decline} human beings walking along on the brink of the grave praying to God to end their misery. Oh these stages of life reflect on my mind and I often thank our heavenly Father that for guiding my footsteps to this country. Dear Johnie if you think of coming out here I shall be pleased to welcome you and help you but I won't write until I return from Abyssinia

Now

Now Johnie give Jacob Hugh and Father Mary and William
Hamilton my best love and when you write again kindly
give me all the information regarding our dear Bobby's
last days. I remain your loving brother Willie

Dear Johnie au revoir but not good bye
Remember me to all the old boys. Hands across the sea.
Makes me long to roam in lands unknown
W.G.

Dear Brother don't think bad of my roving for I can't
help it and the thought of no home.

Dear Johnie I am writing to Port William to thank
them for their kindness to Bobby before death
May God protect you all and help you in your hours of
sorrowing.

W.G.

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Major S. S. ...

Case 15489

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27th June 1905

MINUTE.

- Mr. Lee 1/2
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Antrobus
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir H. Osmanney
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lottelton

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the letter to Donald Stewart's despatch No. 200 of the 21st of April 1905, enclosing a report on the circumstances attending the death of Mr. W. S. Gray and to transmit to you, for further enquiry and report, the accompanying copy of a letter which has been received from the Hon. Mr. ...

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