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Case of R. L. Farant.

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No copies of Col. Sudder's orders to Lt. Col. ... of Mr. Sudder's letter.

(Minutes.)

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The circular does not refer to the special point of this irregular practice as I had understood from the last para. of Col. Sudder's despatch (45831). No doubt however more frequent references will be enough to prevent any further irregularities.

In regard to Mr. Sudder, it is extraordinary that he should have omitted so entirely what his junior in rank (for years his junior in service) told him without reporting the matter. The Provost's report in 45831 recommended that he should be reprimanded. Had that then been done.

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Commissioner's Office

Nairobi,

April 4th 1907.

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My Lord,

In obedience to the instructions contained
in Your Lordship's despatch Confidential (2) of the
8th ultimo respecting Mr. Farrant's case I have the
honour to transmit herewith copies of Colonel Sadler's
Circular to Sub-Commissioners and of Mr. Skene's letter
of September 14th.

Circular
15th 1906
sent to the
Surf, E.A.P.
pt. 14th '06.

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

Acting Commissioner,

H. M. Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London, S. W.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 28 of 1906

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Commissioner's Office

Mombasa,

November 15th 1906.

Sir,

His Majesty's Commissioner desires me to draw your attention to the importance of periodical tours of inspection by Sub-Commissioners and Collectors. They should be on tour for at least 3 months in the year, the necessary arrangements being made to ensure that the Sub-Commissioner and the Collector are not in ordinary cases, absent from Headquarters at the same time. You should visit every station in your province twice a year and oftener if necessary. These orders in no way annul the instructions contained in my circular of July 13th regarding tours in outlying unadministered districts.

You should communicate the purport of this circular to all Collectors in your Province.

I have etc.,

Sd/- F.J. Jackson
Deputy Commissioner.

The Sub-Commissioners.

Mwatate,

September 14th 1906. 317

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Sir,

I have the honour, in conformity with your request, to submit the following answers in reply to the questions enumerated in your despatch of the 8th instant asking for information concerning a sum of Rs. 500 which I handed to Mr. Farrant when he took over charge of Kitui Station from me in December 1905.

(1) The reasons for which this amount was not entered by me in the Cash Book are as follows:-

When I took over charge of Kitui Station from Mr. Weeks in October 1904 he handed to me a sum of money amounting, if I remember aright, to Rs. 500. I understood from Mr. Weeks that this sum which he called "goat money" had been accumulating for some time and consisted principally of the proceeds of sales of goats and sheep given as presents from the natives to the Collector. I am under the impression that Mr. Weeks also informed me that he had added to the "goat money" some of the proceeds of the loot obtained in the Kanyonga punitive operations which had been undertaken I think during April or May 1904. Mr. Weeks gave me to understand that owing to the Kitui votes of "Administration Contingencies" and "Presents to Chiefs" being so small, it was necessary to supplement them in the above manner. Also, that the same method was in practice at Fort Hall at the time he was stationed there. Mr. Weeks further stated that the workmen still employed on finishing the Kitui new house would have to be paid

The Treasurer,

E. A. Protectorate,

Mombasa.

paid out of the "goat money" as the funds allowed for the building were already exhausted. Consequently, I paid off, shortly afterwards, out of the "goat money", the workmen engaged by Mr. Weeks, the new house having then been completed. The wages of these workmen amounted to Rs.100 thus reducing the "goat money", handed to me by Mr. Weeks, to Rs. 400.

When I took over charge of Kital Station from Mr. Weeks there were seven head of cattle which I understood from him had been impounded, some time previously, in the course of legal proceedings, but whose owners could not be found. These cattle I caused to be sold and the amount they realised, Rs.400 I placed with the Rs. 400 of "goat money", both sums amounting together to Rs.800. I hesitated to enter this money in the Cash Book because I concluded that such a course owing to the difficulty of correctly classifying a sum made up of many items of whose origin I knew next to nothing, would doubtless give rise to questions which might lead to a disagreeable construction being placed on the way in which Mr. Weeks had dealt with this money. Having, personally, absolute confidence in Mr. Weeks, I was consequently reluctant to be the means of raising such a question. I therefore determined to seal up the money with my private seal and the late Mr. Hiley also affixed his private seal to the bag. These seals remained intact till they were broken in the presence of Mr. Farrant and of Mr. C. S. Knsted who counted the money.

(2) I explained to these two gentlemen the origin of the money and told them that Mr. Weeks, my predecessor, had as I understood from him, used it to supplement the votes of "Administration Contingencies", and "Presents to Chiefs". I added that I had not however made use of it myself.

(3) The amount was, to the best of my recollection, Rs. 800.
 (4) It was derived as stated in my reply to question No. 1.
 (5) I have never been in the habit of utilizing government money for unauthorized services and have no recollection of ever having done so, except as stated in reply to question No. 1, namely the paying off of the workmen who were completing the Kitui new house when I arrived there. Mr. Weeks informed me that the authorized funds for this building were already exhausted and that the workmen's pay had recently been paid out of the "goat money". I dismissed these workmen and paid them out of the "goat money" the salaries due to them in all Rs. 100.

(6) I understood from Mr. Weeks that the money was made up of a number of separate items, principally the proceeds of the sales of goats and sheep given at different times by the natives to the Collector as presents. I am under the impression that Mr. Weeks also informed me that he had added some of the proceeds of the loot obtained in the Kanyonga punitive operations to the "goat money".

I have etc.,
 Sd/- P. Shene.