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Considers that G.O.C.'s withdrawal from Longido w^d seriously affect position of Masai.

by ~~Admiral~~ Mr. G. Fisher
Mr. Bant

I sent on yesterday a lot of W.O. telegrams which included one from General Wapshare saying that he proposed to withdraw from Longido in a week's time.

Mr. Bant's remarks about the Masai seem very sound; it is not one of those things which a General from India might or has blind to local conditions, would overlook or decline to consider.

? Copy to W.O. saying that Mr. H. trusts that the G.O.C. will give his attention to the position of the Masai which he considers

*Hermitth
H.P.H.*

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of consideration in the case, the
most important matter.

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31.3.15

The message which I have mentioned by
and forward on p. 3 of the memo.
W.O. before writing to the W.O.
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and a letter to Sir H. Kelfield saying
that it is understood from the tel:
which the J. D. C. are sent to the W.O.
that he proposes to move the masses now
further north in order that they may
remain under our protection - & that
the withdrawal will not be carried out
until the rains have well set in & water
& grass can be found for the cattle
& will whether he still adheres to
the view expressed in his tel: ?

the receipt
of longpods

H. J. D.

31/3/15

This is a bit of the unhelpful
kind. If he is convinced of the propriety
of the proposed measure, let him go by
stating his reasons. I do not
desire without comment

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It is to be hoped that the
the W.O. that the
the W.O. to take into consideration
of points that may have

PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM. The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 5.53 p.m. 30th March, 1915)

March 30th. No. 235.

I am informed by General Officer Commanding that it is necessary for tactical reasons to withdraw from Longido to Bissil. I have no wish to interfere with a military measure of the propriety of which I am satisfied, but it is my duty to inform you that the result may be that a large body of the Masai, who have most loyally aided our operations, will be deprived of the protection which they have the right to expect, and that they will be left with their cattle exposed to enemy raids in those parts which are not protected by our patrols since to remove whole of them behind the lines of retirement is not practicable. This may most seriously affect our prestige and may be considered by the Masai to be not of desertion, the reason for which will not be to them apparent.

BELFIELD.

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Downing Street,

6 April, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you for the consideration of the Army Council March 1915. the accompanying copy of a telegram received from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate on the subject of the position of the Masai tribe in the event of a withdrawal of the British forces from Lengido.

2. Mr Harcourt trusts that the position of the Masai will be taken into consideration in any withdrawal of position that may have to be made for military reasons.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(S) H. J. Reed

SECRETARY,

WAR OFFICE.