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KENYA

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21st May 1925

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MR. H.P. NORTHCOKE  
CONF 70

RAIDS ON TURKANA BY THE DABOSSA TRIBE.

States as to two raids which have taken place and asks that enclosed reports be brought to the notice of the Sudan Govt, with strong representations for more efficient control.

MINUTES

The meeting closed at 10.15  
in the Sudan Govt. was informed  
that 20 in the past 4 years  
in Jan 1925. The Dabossa  
as had as my 25 minutes.

? Copy B 70. - draw attention  
to my letter 28256. I say  
that the meeting was held  
before that it had a good  
will in regard to the  
proper control over this tribe.

The result of my letter 28256  
B 70 to attend 26 Nov 1925

*Not Shaded*  
D.S. G.S.  
U.S. P.M.  
Part of Stock

Previous Day

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Subsequent Paper  
28256/25



I hope, when the new Scheme  
is in force, the conditions in  
it will be more

considered by the Councils  
to be creditable than

JH

9/17/25

Why not the Sudan Govt

is requested to make good the  
losses & stock ~~losses~~ <sup>or</sup> inflicted  
in the Turkan by one of their  
Govts for whose administration  
they are responsible?

If adequate compensation was  
always insisted on it would  
bring home to the Sudan Govt

the necessity of controlling their  
own people

9/17/25

JH

To take of Harlingen's point in view

A. Whether the Administration (I believe  
that no British Council has yet been formed)  
is to be held responsible for the loss of  
all the stock carried off by the  
and the question of these is a matter  
for settling in the field & not by the  
it is really the business of the

B. No suggestion may be made that as  
I have said the boundary between Kenya  
& the Sudan is not defined, we cannot  
ourselves be dealing with the  
stages of the British Empire. But  
the Sudan is a large & a valuable  
from the Sudan to Kenya but that is  
with an impossible arrangement & the  
proposed way is regarded as the



(through to) for a conference with the Packer  
at which Col Hamilton will be present to  
discuss his proposed matter. At his  
Hamilton will explain what the Kuga felt  
are doing to set their house in order &  
we could write an "opus" against his  
Indian fort and see for an improvement  
of his position. We think that a conference  
of this nature is not fair to bring about  
a useful exchange of views & that it  
might prove a turning point in the history  
of the question.

We are not members of the Council & I  
S. Packer, being a good work to his  
of his work.

Quincy  
16 July 1875

To Shady

- Si. G. Arden can visit us now that  
(a) such comes with possibly after check at  
admission order  
(b) regarding this fact the Gov. of  
Virginia, he had refused to support  
they as efforts to get something done  
A statement might be useful  
in establishing the fact of his refusal

Shady, 12 July 1875  
I have just written to  
Hamilton & will be  
arriving on 12th of next week  
I will be in the city on  
5th of next week & will  
be ready to see you for  
whatever it is required

Quincy  
17 July

Dearest, the Gov. should be at the top  
of the list of those who should  
be consulted in the matter of the  
proposed bill. I will be in the city  
on 12th of next week & will  
be ready to see you for  
whatever it is required

The [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear]

KENYA



GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Nairobi

CONFIDENTIAL

21st May, 1925.

28436

REC-23 JUN 25

Sir,

With reference to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the late Governor's Confidential despatch No. 10 of January 20th last on the subject of the Kitgum Conference in which reference was made to raids on Turkana by the Dabossa tribe from the Sudan, I have the honour to inform you that the raids have recently been carried out by natives of this tribe on the Turkana.

The first raid took place on December 14th last and from the extracts from the Intelligence Report for December and February by the Officer-in-Charge, Kakuma (Annexures I and II) it will be seen that a large quantity of stock was captured and some casualties inflicted on the Turkana by the raiders.

I should add that Zingota is situated in Uganda but is within the area which is being administered by troops of the 3rd King's African Rifles on behalf of the Uganda Government.

3. News of the second raid was received by the Officer-in-Charge Kakuma on February 28th and I enclose a copy of his report (Annexure III).

This raid also took place at Zingota but the raiders did not escape without punishment as on the previous occasion and it is hoped that the retribution which overtook them will have a salutary effect and cause the Dabossa to abate

their activities to some extent.

HONOURABLE  
MAJOR COLONEL L. C. H. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ANNEXURE II

Extract from Intelligence Report for  
February 1925.

Since the Dubessa raid reported in my last report, Esauyen's people have returned from Lingote area and reoccupied the grazing area originally allotted to them on their arrival from the North, on the Tarakh north of Kakuma. As far as can be gathered, the Turkana casualties in the raid were as follows:

Killed 33 (about one third males, remainder women and children)

Wounded about 60 (mostly women and children).

The 15 wounded women and children admitted to Hospital at Kakuma are now nearly well again. The wounds were all open wounds and have healed remarkably rapidly. Although rather frightened on admission they are now thoroughly grateful for what has been done for them. One small boy will require an operation to remove a piece of bone from his leg, and the Asst. Surgeon has been asked for to come to Kakuma.

Turkana who were driving some of the recovered stock to Opolapola, and as a result, it was afterwards learned, a certain number of Dabossa were killed. Another party of Dabossa attacked one of the Sections of the Patrol, and 7 Dabossa were killed. On the 8th the raiders endeavoured to turn the head of the Patrol and 4 Dabossa were killed.

On arrival at Iukichugi the stock recovered was counted and number as follows:-

- 250 head of cattle.
- 93 calves.
- 3,000 Sheep and Goats.
- 23 Donkeys.

This stock was then divided amongst the Turkana from whom it had been stolen, the Equetalle and Mambomong Sections. A party of A. H.C.O. and 3 ORs. was met here with supplies sent out by O.O. Kakuma. The patrol now returned in order to look for the Sahili - Habash Boma, which was known as the headquarters of the Green Raiders. At Opolapola a Dabossa woman was found who acted as guide but unfortunately her husband fled and warned the Swahili and Sahili were killed and 1 wounded, and the remainder were driven North along the N. W. Main River. A fire had been opened on the Patrol by the inhabitants of the neighbouring hamlets they were burnt with the Boma.

On the 21st, from news received the Patrol was able to come into action with a party who were entirely composed of Swahili raiders on Koyapuf Hill West of the River. This party numbered approximately 30 rifles, and had taken up a very good position amongst the rocks and caves. 3 Swahili were killed, and some wounded, numbers unknown, and the remainder escaped. The latter were later reported to have gone to Mogoni and then on to Maji. A number of Donkeys with black spots, with bad gill marks were left behind by the Swahili.

The Patrol then returned to Kakuma.

As far as can be ascertained the total casualties were:

As follows:	Swahili	8 Killed.
	"	5 Wounded.
	Dabossa	43 Killed.



The following were given as the names of the Swahili

Killed:

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Lomurumo  
Modau  
Lopogirina  
Lotumonmoi  
Mongula  
Perisa  
Bakari or Wari  
Lopitimo

The leaders of these villages:

Lokogon  
Arusca

The following are their subordinates:

Bwakomoi  
Lokowton  
Lobakillan  
Nakifariang (now said to be at Uji)  
Horadi

While the patrol were on the Lokalilin River a Dabossa named Lutunmoi reported with typed credentials from O.S. Boyu but proved to be useless and in fact with the Swahili. The Chief of the Ukora (Ugora) Dabossa was sent for and eventually came in. He was of assistance, but the Ukora (Ugora) would not obey him because of the Somali threat. The Somali are in the area of the Dabossa. They were concerned in the Dabossa (Turkana) and that the Dabossa was now in their hands. This he failed to produce 26 Donkeys, 3 Oxen, and 3 calves were brought as being the stock of the Swahili captured in a previous raid. The Dabossa were very hostile and aggressive to the patrol. The Dabossa Sections in raids were given as, Ukora (Ugora), Omagwath, Epaymong, and Ingangiya, and that Arusca was the leader.

The Swahili number, it is thought, about 100, of which one third is used raiding, and third in bringing supplies from Uji, and one third on ivory expeditions. The areas hunted being east near Lake of River called Lotuko, along the Lokalilin River West, and at Apocote Hill. They are all armed with small bore rifles, either German or Lee Enfield 303, and have a very plentiful supply.

supply of ammunition. 200 rounds of 303 S.A.A. and one Lee  
Enfield 303 numbered as follows was captured.

- Body No. L. 67573,
- Bolt No. 94730,
- Disc No. 295.

The owner, who was killed, was a young man of the  
Kavirondo, (Mumias) Tribe, and in possession of 60 rounds  
S.A.A. Mk. vi. and most probably a U.S. rifle.

Supplies of Ammunition are brought from Nairobi for which  
they trade in ivory and ivory.

The ivory suffered one casualty, a six year heifer  
who was wounded by a spear, having entered the forest without  
caution.

Lieut. Macounell reports that the N.C.O. and men of  
his Patrol were dislodging the Kaffirs from Kavirondo Hill  
fought very well, although attacking over the crest and under  
a fairly hot fire.

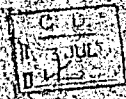
H. D. Mackay  
 Captain,  
 O.C. Kakuma, Det. 3rd K.A. Rifles

Copies to:-

- The Central Intelligence Officer, Nairobi.
- The Officer in Charge, Turkana Districts.

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6 July 1925

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PART

25 JUL 1925

W. of ...

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I am to transmit to

you to be laid before all

the members a copy

of a despatch with enclosure

from the High Comm of Kenya

in which the reports further

made by the ...

made on the Turkana by the Sabosa ...

14 May

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refs

He was to be engaged by the Agents  
at Karachi. He instead of leaving his  
collage he wrote to the Agents for  
instructions. They replied on 12th July  
that he should report to them on  
15th November for medical exam.  
He sailed on 10th Nov.

He says that he was never  
told that this break rendered him  
ineligible for probation & the decision  
was a complete surprise to him.  
He thinks that the decision should be  
reversed in view of the fact that  
it was on account of unsuccessful  
was in the report that he  
did not report within the  
stipulated

The Govt's case is that the  
6 months' rule must be fulfilled  
without disturbance of persons  
& service will be observed.

Shri. Singh's statement  
of the fact is most distorted,  
on that statement I think he  
has a good case. It is often  
observed that "these periods of  
absence, which may be regarded  
as

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The Treasury,

(P. O. Box No. 25)

Nairobi, 20th April, 1923.

Ref. No. 849/1923/2.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th instant and to inform you in reply that I have referred the matter to the Officer-in-Charge, Masai Reserve, to be dealt with by him direct.

I may add that I consider it very doubtful whether Government will accept any liability in a matter of this kind.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

8d/- ?

for Treasurer.

Messrs. Harrison, Crosswell & Hoploy,

Colinists,

P.O. Box 521,

PAIROBI.

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Kairua, 22nd June 1925.

The Officer - in - Charge,

Nasal Reserve,

NAROK.

Sir,

Re Somali Elmi bin Abdi.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. for which we thank you. We are forwarding copy of your letter & the particulars of claim to our client Somali Elmi bin Abdi is at present near Narok and instructed him to call on you as requested.

Kindly keep us informed in the matter.

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

Ed/- Harrison Crosswell & Co.

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Hailebi, 23rd November 23

The District Commissioner,  
Harok.

(Masai Reserve)

Sir,

In re Masai Rates, Re: Claim of Sh. 3074/33  
by Somali Elmi bin Abdi a Somali Trader (Barker)  
of Mara River.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me have  
a reply to my letter of the 24th August last in connection with  
the above matter.

I enclose you copy of my letter in question in case it  
has not reached you.

Kindly also let me know when the claimants are going  
to be paid and how the whole matter stands as far as my client is  
concerned.

Kindly treat this matter as urgent as my client is  
worrying me almost every day.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/- F. Hoplay,

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No. 922/Vol. 8/24.

Office of the Officer in Charge  
Masai Reserve,  
Narok, 31st. January 1924.

Messrs. H. Creamwell & Hopley,  
Solicitors - Nairobi.

Re: Masai Claims.

Gentlemen,

I enclose herewith a list of the claims passed by  
His Excellency the ~~Executive~~ Governor-in-Council and  
I should be glad if you would notify your clients to report to  
my office for payment.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- E. B. Horro.

For Officer in charge Masai Reserve.



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Urgent.

Naïrohi, 27th February 1924.

The Officer-in-Charge,  
Mauai Reserve,  
HAROK.

Sir,

Re: Mauai Claims for Compensation.

Your letter No. 928/Vol. 2/24 of the 31st January last addressed to my late firm of Messrs. Harrison, Cresswell and Hoyle, Naïrohi has been forwarded to me for my attention.

I find from the list attached to your above letter under reply that the name of my client Somali Elmi bin Abdi (who claimed and I am informed proved his claim before you to extent of Shs. 3074/33) is not included in such list.

My late firm and myself are still in the dark as to why my aforesaid client's claim is not allowed and his name not included in the list of the successful claimants in the above matter know definitely whether or not my client's claim has been refused or admitted so that I can advise him as to his future course of action.

Kindly treat this matter as urgent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Gd/- F. Hoyle

No. 922/Vol. 2/24.

Office of the Officer in Charge,  
Masai Reserve,

Narok, 1st. March 1924.

P. Hopley, Esq.,

Advocate - Nairobi.

Sir,

re: Masai claims for compensation,  
Samalis Hassan Ujira and Elmi bin Abdi.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of  
the four letters of the 27th ultimo and the above subject and  
to inform you that the claims of Messrs. Hassan Ujira and Elmi bin  
Abdi were disallowed.

Sd/- E. E. Horne,

Officer in Charge Masai Reserve.

COPY.

The District Commissioner,  
M.A.R.O.K. (Mandi Reserve).

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Sir,

In re Mandi Raids & Re; Claim of Shs. 6050/-  
by Somali Hassan Ullis A Somali Trader (Hawker)  
of plot No. 5 at Bardamat.

With reference to a notice appearing in the issue of the  
East African Standard dated 30th July 1923, I heroby formally beg to  
acknowledge my above-named client's claim for Shs. 6050/-, as my client is  
at present on Safari, I am writing him to come down and see me on the  
subject although his present whereabouts are not exactly known to me.  
I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed by  
my late firm (of Harrison, Crosswell and Hopley Nairobi) to the  
Honourable Treasurer Nairobi setting out all details of my client's  
claim and the Schedule attached thereto, which I hope will formally  
be proving my client's claim.

If any further particulars are required by you, I will let  
you have same immediately after seeing my client.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/- P. Hilly.