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EXEMPTION OF TURKHANA FROM PAYMENT.

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Was authorized on recommendation of late
Commandant of the K.A.R. It is not considered desirable to
impose taxation on outlying tribes, until Govt can afford
adequate protection. Position will be reviewed towards end of
present year.

*I.e. there is no necessary connection
between military administration
& non-levitation of tax*

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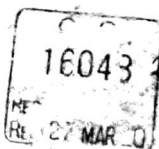
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AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

CONFIDENTIAL

My Lord,

See 73683/19

With reference to the inquiry raised in the third paragraph of Your Lordship's despatch "Confidential" of the 8th January, I have the honour to report that the exemption of the Turkana from the payment of Hut or Poll Tax was authorised on the recommendation of the late Commandant of the King's African Rifles, whose opinion on this point was supported by the Chief Native Commissioner and the present Commandant.

2. It is not considered desirable to impose taxation on outlying tribes, before Government is in a position to afford them adequate protection under a more settled condition of affairs than at present exists and it was decided on these grounds to forego such a demand from the portions of the Turkana district which were controlled by the military authorities during the first two years of the new administration.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c. &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

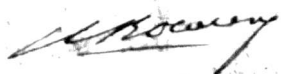
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3. The position in this respect will be reviewed towards the end of the present year with a view to introducing the recognized form of taxation.

4. I regret that the matter was not explained more fully in my despatch, Confidential, No. 196 of the 24th November last.

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



ACTING GOVERNOR.