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States what is being done to improve the water supply in the Southern Masai Reserve. Reports as to visits of Masai elders and warriors and their opinions of the Trans-Wara area.

Mr G. Feldes

Unless Ol. Ke. Malet is identical with Ol. Ke. Malet, I cannot trace the names of any of the 6 representatives of the chiefs who signed the 1911 agreement as we had better print them out at the O.S. for further info as to their status.

Neither can I trace the names of Legislative members but this does not matter as we proceed from our point of view.
H. J. R.

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Mr. Pelfield should see the instructions as to the dark pie lands of W...

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In our letter of 11th May on 11/8/2.

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~~It is a pity that the Government should be so~~
~~slow in coming to a decision on the matter.~~
I shall be glad to hear definitely that
Legatishw is enjoying himself in the
Garden of Eden.

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It is a pity that £2000 (not
£200) was set apart for the
water supply.

This is an unsatisfactory dispatch.
As proposed, Mr. Belfield should
fully understand our attitude
on this question.

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I note that the land in the northern rows, when
vacated by the Madai, is not to be disposed of or
deed with in any way until the S. of S. has indicated
his approval.

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June 5th 1912.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 248 of May 1st relating to the removal of the Northern Masai to districts South of the Ugan'a Railway.

2. A sum of £200 allowed in the current year's estimates for the improvement of the water supply in the Southern Masai Reserve has been placed at the disposal of the Provincial Commissioner, Maivasha, and steps will be taken to construct dams across suitable stretches of valley in the Trans-Mara country with a view to forming tanks for pastoral purposes. A report on the progress of these works will be submitted to you in due course.

3. With reference to the last paragraph of your despatch, I have the honour to report that six elders and a few warriors from the Northern Reserve accompanied Mr. R. W. Hensted on a tour of inspection of the Trans-Mara country in November last. The names of these elders

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elders are Ol-le-Maleta, Ol-le-Mangugu, Ol-le-Koisikir, Ol-le-Geru, Ol-le-Koiyei and Ol-le-Muita. Unfortunately no instructions were issued that a statement of their views should be drawn up and signed by them, and the only evidence in writing that we have that they expressed satisfaction at what they saw is Mr. Hemsted's report, from which the following extract is taken:-

'I pointed out to the elders every part of the Ol-orukoti (i.e. Trans-Mara) area and explained to them as far as possible how far they would be able to extend in the direction of the South Kavirondo and Lumbwa Districts. They unanimously expressed the opinion that the country was eminently suitable for the Masai and their cattle and that they considered themselves fortunate in having an opportunity to acquire it. A warrior who accompanied me was so pleased with this country that he immediately returned to Laikipia with the intention of fetching his own cattle and of inducing his friends to bring theirs also.'

4. This warrior, whose name is Gilgil, did not however move his cattle. His reason for not doing so is stated to be that Legalisnu threatened to curse him if he returned to the Trans-Mara country.

5. After Mr. Hemsted's departure to the Trans-Mara area Legalisnu deputed four elders to visit this district and they accompanied Mr. Collyer, who left at the end of November to

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open a station on the River Magor. These men, whose names are Ol-le-Mbojwenck, Ol-le-Gariengé, Ol-le-Kool and Ol-le-Lemeen, are known to be Legalishu's tools, and it is highly probable that they were instructed not to commit themselves by reporting favourably on the country they were about to visit. The following is Mr. A. W. Hemsted's report on the views expressed by these elders:-

'I returned to the Mara River on December 6th and met Mr. Collyer who had arrived on the previous day. He had with him four Laikipia elders who had been deputed by Legalishu to accompany him to Ol-erukoti. I took these elders on a tour of 14 days duration taking particular care that they should see every part of Ol-erukoti, and impressing upon them that they must keep an open mind and arrive at some definite conclusion. They appeared to be keenly interested, inspecting all the herds of cattle met with, and making careful enquiries as to the permanency of the streams, the nature of the grazing, &c. They informed me that they would give me their views on arrival at Kisumu.

'I arrived at the above station on December 19th and had a protracted interview with them. They, however, reluctantly declined to commit themselves in any way. They admitted that the grazing was sufficient and good and the water supply

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supply adequate, but on being pressed as to the report they would return with to Laikipia, were generally rather foolish in their remarks, asserting that their cattle would fall into the game pits, and that they themselves would contract sleeping sickness from the Kavirondo. It was perfectly impossible to get them to say anything definite, and the only conclusion they would come to was to the effect that they must see Legalishu.

"I strongly suspect that they had been instructed by Legalishu to adopt this non-committal and rather unassailable attitude, and Mr. Collyer is of this opinion too.

"It is not improbable also that they hope that by making a show of reluctance to accept the Government offer they may obtain still further concessions.

"I have every reason to believe they are perfectly satisfied with Ol-orukoti as a cattle country, and, indeed, there can be little doubt about it".

I have the honour to be,

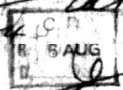
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,


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8 August 1912

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I have the honor to
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desp. no 464 of the 5th
of June * relative to the
narrow of the Southern
Passage to the Antarctic
Pacifica.

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- Mr. A. B. 2
- Mr. Butler 3
- Mr. Read 3
- Mr. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

~~2. Not agreed to by
Sea elders mentioned in
para 3 of your despatch
unless O.L. - G. - Mallets is
identical with O.L. - G.
Mallets & am unable to
trace the names of any~~

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your despatch among
the things which appear
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are all identical with
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to be furnished with
further info as to
these states.

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I have etc
L. Hayward