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Masai Move  
Mr. A. Morrison.

Sends further copies with Masai Morrison & Home. Includes report by the Tech. Office explaining restrictions on trading in Masai Reserves. Mr. Morrison saw legislation Feb. 27 & 30 Oct. but no further developments have taken place.

Mr. G. Fiddler

In view of for <sup>no further</sup> 55914 <sup>investigation</sup>

unapparent <sup>to</sup> action appears to be required <sup>at present?</sup> Wait!

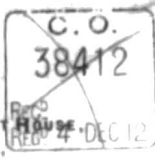
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**AFRICA PROTECTORATE**

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

**CONFIDENTIAL No. 127**

12th November 1912.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 10th ultimo \* respecting Mr A. Morrison.

2. You will by now have received my Confidential despatch No. 108 of the 12th idem<sup>†</sup> enclosing copies of all correspondence with that gentleman and his partner up to that date. I attach copies of letters which have subsequently passed between them and the Secretariat and Attorney General.

3. You will observe that Mr Morrison has been informed that you have received his letter and telegram and have referred them back for my report.

4. As regards the publication of the Notice in the Official Gazette of September 1st prohibiting trading in the Masai Reserves I enclose a copy of a minute on the subject by the Chief Veterinary Officer from which you will perceive that this restriction is perfectly justifiable on purely veterinary grounds and that Mr Morrison is under a complete misapprehension in supposing that it was intended to embarrass his clients. It was in fact recommended by the Provincial Commissioner Naivasha before Mr Morrison was known to have any dealings with the Masai and was practically in force

for

RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, F.G., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

\* No. 31205.  
† No. 34681.

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for some months previous to its promulgation in the Official Gazette, which was considerably delayed owing to the time necessarily taken in drafting instructions of so comprehensive and voluminous a character regulating trade in stock throughout the Protectorate.

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5. I am afraid that Mr Morrison's own methods are such as to make him unduly suspicious of the motives of others, and in this connection I would particularly invite your attention to his statement respecting Mulungit, which viewed in the light of the information now in your possession you will perceive to be decidedly disingenuous, not to use a stronger term.

6. Mr Morrison saw Legalishu between the 27th and 30th ultimo at Nakuru, but no further developments have taken place. I anticipate however a certain amount of passive opposition on the part of the latter as it is unlikely, in view of his peculiar position and pretensions, that he has been able to resist the strong appeal which has undoubtedly been made to his cupidity and ambition. The reference to Mr Hollis's promotion may perhaps be taken as an indication of the unscrupulous means by which Mr Morrison seeks to extend his influence with the tribe, and I feel certain that he has made them the most extravagant promises in regard to the beneficial results which they will obtain, if they assist him to intervene in their affairs.

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I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Handwritten signature:* J. G. ...

(In the absence of the Governor).

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INCLOSURE No 1  
In the case No 127 of 12. 11. 1912

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE  
NAIROBI,

9th October, 1912.

No. 65.

Sir,

Masai Move.

I have the honour to enclose for your information a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr Home and of my reply, on the subject of the application made by Mr Home for a pass to proceed to the Southern Masai Reserve.

I have etc.,

Ed. R.M. COMBE  
Attorney General.

The Honourable,  
The Chief Secretary to the Govt.,  
Nairobi.

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To the Hon.  
The Attorney General.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of the letter received by me from the Hon. Chief Secretary dated the 30th of Sept. in reply to my application for a pass to enter the S. Masai reserve for the purpose of advising my clients and collecting evidence on their behalf.

As you are the titular head of the bar in this country I have the honour to request you to take steps to vindicate the rights of the profession to which we both have the honour to belong.

I have etc.,

W. A. B. H.M.S.

P.S. Mr Morrison and myself act under:-

- A. A power of Attorney
  - B. A Wakalia
- } both signed by  
four Masai  
resident in the  
Reserve and wit-  
nessed by Mr  
Cross Road,

and kindly forwarded officially to us by the Secretariat, Nairobi on the 5th July.

W.A.B.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,

NAIROBI,

9th October 1912.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated October 1<sup>6</sup>th enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to you by the Acting Chief Secretary, I have the honour to inform you that, from enquiries which I have made, I understand that a messenger has been sent at your request, with a letter addressed by you to Egalishu inviting him to meet you at Nakuru, and that, should you desire to interview any other Masai who has retained your services, the Government is prepared to take steps that a similar communication addressed by you shall reach your client.

In the circumstances, I am not prepared to advise the Honourable Chief Secretary that it is necessary at the present moment that you, as legal adviser to four Masai, should receive a pass to proceed in person to the Southern Masai Reserve, or that you have been deprived of any right or privilege to which you are entitled as an Advocate of the High Court.

I have etc.,

W. R. M. COMBE,  
Attorney General.

Home Sec.,

Advocate,

Embassy.

The Secretariat,

Madras.

15th October 1912.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant addressed to His Excellency the Governor.

His Excellency sees no reason for reopening the question of the concentration of the Masai tribe in one Reserve which is being carried out with the full cognizance and concurrence of the Secretary of State and is regarded by those best qualified to judge as a most desirable measure in the interests of the Masai themselves.

His Excellency is unable to agree that you and your partner have been subjected to any undue obstruction in obtaining access to your clients. He is of opinion that you have been afforded reasonable means of communication with them, and such facilities he will always be prepared to give you when he is satisfied that the objects for which they are asked are proper and calculated to promote the welfare of the Masai tribe generally.

I have etc.,

M. G. G. BOWRING

Chief Secretary.

A. Morrison Esq.,

Madras.

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The Secretariat,  
Nairobi.

21st October 1912.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 27th  
ultimo I have the honour to inform you that  
Sogalishu has received the letter addressed to  
him by you and is expected to arrive in Nakuru  
about the 24th instant.

I have etc.,

~~W. F. MONNOR~~

For Chief Secretary.

Home Sec.,

Embassy.



Nairobi,

October 21st, 1912.

Telegram to Mr Home, Embass.

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Engalishu expected to arrive Nakuru about  
24th instant.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Secretariat,  
Nairobi.

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1st November 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that your letter of September 14th and your telegram of the 1st ultimo have been received by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies and have been referred back by him for report to the Governor, through whom they should have been sent in the first instance.

I have the honour to be,  
<sup>etc</sup>

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Ld W J Monson

FOR CHIEF SECRETARY.

Harrison Esq.,  
Nairobi.

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INCLOSURE No 2

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Department of Agriculture,  
Veterinary Division,  
Nairobi,

6th November, 1912.

The Hon. The Director of Agriculture,  
Nairobi.

The Notice under the Diseases of Animals Ordinance 1/08, which appeared in the Official Gazette of 1st September, 1912, contained instructions to permit Issuers.

In Districts where permission to trade in stock is governed by this Office alone, it has been customary to notify Issuers of Permits that trading is prohibited.

The prevalence of rinderpest and pleuro-pneumonia on Laikipia has closed the Masai Northern Reserve to trading for some considerable time past and I cannot advise it being re-opened until the completion of the Masai Move.

With the influx of large mobs of cattle into the Southern Reserve from Laikipia, it was found necessary to control trading as far as possible in this Reserve to give the Masai time to settle down in their new locations.

Like all Native Reserves, that of the Southern Masai cannot be accepted as clean, and taking into consideration the fact that the Masai invariably endeavour to conceal outbreaks of disease, trading in this Reserve has had to be regulated with considerable stringency.

During the present Masai Move, the trading has  
practically

practically been confined to trading in animals for  
butchering and permits have been issued by this Office  
to local firms and ten Somalis for this purpose.

Cattle can only be brought out from the Southern  
Reserve through Ngong; on no account is permission  
granted for their removal direct to the clean areas  
of the Rift Valley.

~~Ed.~~ ROBERT J. STONEY

Chief Veterinary Officer.