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Prison, A.

MASAI MOVE

Date  
1912

th August

This copy of correspondence with the Secretariat. Complains of attitude of officials in not letting his clients leave the Reserve to consult with him.

Previous Paper.

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Li-G. Fidler

See also

for 27733

ask: not this the only?

H. J. R.

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Subsequent Paper

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A. MORRISON,  
Barrister at Law (England),  
High Court of  
East Africa  
Dress and Consular

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OMBASA,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

18th August 1912.

SECRET

Sir,

Re Masai Move

In continuation of my letters in the above subject I have the honour to enclose herewith copies of the following correspondence:—\*

1. Letter from myself to Secretary to Administration dated 31st July 1912.
2. Letter from the Secretary to the Administration to myself dated August 7th. 1912.
3. Letter from myself to the Secretary to the Administration dated 13th. August 1912.

The spirit that actuates the local administration in this matter appears clearly from the correspondence every practical delay, obstacle short of absolutely deterring my clients from an interview with myself, is being interposed by the local administration.

I have said in the letter to the acting Chief Secretary I cannot understand what political interest calls for such conduct other than the private interests of certain officials whose conduct in the matter does not bear full and free investigation in a court of law.

I therefore request you to take steps to see that this attitude on the part of certain officials here is not continued. I should have readily accepted my clients' case at present.

An attempt is being made to isolate the Masai if their reserves trading has been stopped on the Loit Plains and Masai suspected of being sympathisers with my clients case, have been refused passes to enter into reserve

\* (A) (B) and (C) in Encl 1 in No 3468

accordingly my clients have not yet been able to  
get their cattle sold.

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Since my first letter on the subject a new  
Governor has been appointed to the British East  
Africa Protectorate and if he has free hand I should  
be able to bring matters to his notice which would  
enable him to alter the conclusion of his predecessor  
as to willingness of the Masai to move.

I have to point out that the Masai move is so  
popular among the white settlers (vide the columns of the  
local press passim) that the new Governor would  
incur considerable odium if the responsibility for the  
reversal of the move were left to him alone and on  
general grounds in the interest of the Protectorate  
it is most undesirable that this should be the case.

*etc*  
I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant.

To,  
His Majesty's Principal  
Secretary of State  
for the Colonies.  
Whitehall.  
London, W.C.

*W Morrison*

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31st. July 1912.

Sir,

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Re. Masai Move

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your No. S.3221 of the 26th. instant.

As under recent legislation here the Crown is no longer in general responsible for illegal acts by its servants it may be necessary to communicate direct with the officers in charge of the move before taking action against them. I shall, however, send a copy to your office of any communication, it may be necessary to make to the officers under you.

I have to request you to send me a pass for one "Peter" to go into the Southern Masai Reserve and then to proceed to Rumuruti and also passes for my clients Legalichu Permut, Enessering and Engengess to come to Mombasa via Nakuru from the Southern Masai reserve.

I am, etc

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*Ed. Anonwu*

Chief Secretary,

Secretariat,

Nairobi.

Encl 2 - No

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August 7th. 1945 2 SEP

Replying Please

No. 3321

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 31st ultimo.

Before issuing a pass to the person named Peter to enable him to proceed to the Massi Reserve and then to go to Lusitani I request you to inform me of the nationality of the person in question and the object of his visit.

I regret that the political situation will not admit of Legation, Permit, Shegerring and Angengess leaving the Massi Reserve at present, and I am therefore unable to supply you with the passes you ask for. If, however, you can satisfy the Government that it is necessary for you to meet your clients for the purposes of any legal action in the Courts I shall be happy to furnish you with a pass to proceed to the Massi Reserve.

etc

I have the honour to be etc.

A.C. Hollis.  
Acting Chief Secretary to the Govt.

W. H. L. S. G.

W. H. L. S. G.

August 19th. 1918.

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your No. 3381 of the 7th instant and postpone my comments on its terms.

"Peter" is a Masai boy whom I wish to send to the Masai reserve and the object of his visit to the Masai reserve is to communicate with my clients and their witnesses.

"John" is a Masai boy whom I wish to send to the Masai reserve on a similar errand. I shall be obliged by the early receipt of passes for these boys.

With regard to passes for my clients to come to Masai I must point out that they have to bring myself or Mr. Hone out to them beyond the Masai it will cost them some £150 to £200 for each consultation whereas an ordinary attendance in my office in Mombasa would cost them from 6 to 10 rupees.

Your reference to the political situation I am at a loss to understand. If you mean the general relations between the Government and the Masai I am sure that if I had free access to my clients and could advise the Government regarding the Masai situation it would tend to lighten the political situation whatever it may be more than the course you propose. If, however, by the political situation you mean the personal convenience of the officials responsible for the move then I doubt the refusal of passes to my clients will have any counter effect otherwise I am sure that I at present understand I must therefore ask you either to reconsider your objection at this point or to withdraw completely.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,  
A. G. Chief Secretary

Nairobi.

which I presume includes Mr. Home as well. When I say that  
neither Mr. Home or myself have any other object in vi-  
siting the reserve other than our professional capacity.

I presume no further stipulation will be made  
by the Government. I shall give you due notice when I re-  
quire the pass.

I am, *etc*

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*Wm A. Morrison*

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17 Sept 1909

DRAFT

EAP  
(no 596)  
OAG

Sir

With refer to my resp no.

544 of the 27th of Aug. I have

MINUTE.

- Mr. Manning
- Mr. Butler
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Sir H. Just
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Emmott
- Mr. Harcourt

to request you to inform

me in answer that I have

received his ltr of the 12th of

August forwarding a copy of

corolla which has passed between

him & the Acting Chief Secy

resp. the inclosed memo

Scope of Mr Manning's

ltr is enclosed.

~~man - p. Aug  
(ind. encls)~~

+ M. 27613

Have etc  
J. Harcourt

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