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Complaint of Mr. J. Thompson

In respect of treatment accorded him by port. officials

Submits report. Considers that he has nothing to complain of.

~~Mr. Thomson~~ Mr. G. Fiddes

We need make no further reply to Mr. Thompson, I think

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

October 30th 1913.

No. 839

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 780 of the 19th of September on the subject of the complaints made by Mr. F. Thompson in respect of the treatment accorded him by officials of the Government, and to transmit herewith for your information a copy of the reply which I have caused to be addressed to him.

2. Mr. Thompson is the owner of a farm in the sub-district of Dagretti, some ten miles from Nairobi, who in common with two other farmers occupying adjacent areas has for some years past caused considerable trouble to the District authorities on numerous occasions. He is one of those individuals who view every restriction or regulation of the Government as directed personally against themselves.

3. I have no doubt that, in common with other land or stock owners, he was put to a certain amount of inconvenience by the quarantine restrictions which, some few years ago it was found necessary to enforce, but I regret to say that instead of accepting

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

To Mr. Thompson
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accepting the situation as one which it was hoped would benefit the community as a whole he merely made it an opportunity for ventilating his grievances in somewhat opprobrious terms.

4. Personally I am of opinion that he has nothing to complain of. His letters have always received attention, his representations have been enquired into and settled as expeditiously as possible. In common with others, he has suffered from a shortage of labour, though I fear that his disabilities in this respect are partly due to his treatment of his employees, which is not above suspicion.

5. In any case he has never been received with anything but entire courtesy by the Administrative Officers of the District. He is the owner of a tract of land which if energetically developed would become extremely valuable, and I consider that his case is entirely undeserving of any consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

J. J. [Signature]
Deputy GOVERNOR.

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In Despatch No. 89 of 30. 10. 1913

S.No. 168

Nairobi,

October 21st, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency has received from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies a copy of your letter of the 16th August together with the original enclosures.

2. The Secretary of State wishes you to be informed that your letter should have been sent to him through His Excellency the Governor in accordance with the recognised procedure.

3. The original enclosures are returned herewith according to the Secretary of State's instructions.

I have &c., &c.,

Sd/- E.P.Evans.

for Chief Secretary to the
Government.

F. Thompson, Esq.,

Nairobi.