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submit further report on the present situation and the measures which are being taken to comply with instructions.



We are not told (see para 10) how many of the... remain in the northern part of the... of the East Africa Protectorate. We can understand the willingness of the syndicate to allow them to remain... part of the syndicate's property. They will of course graze the rank grass down and make the land more useful for pastoral purposes later. We ought to ask how many of the... left outside their reserves, and whether the Governor is satisfied that no difficulties are likely to arise from their remaining there for the present.

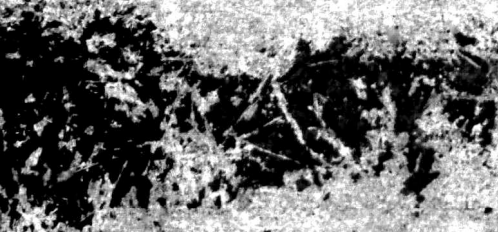
It is very difficult to follow the changes of figures and... so far as I can make out... the present position is as follows: The extension of the Southern

Southern Reserve originally proposed is at present fully occupied by

(a) Northern Assai with 10,000 head of cattle and 30,000 sheep;

(b) Stock from the original Southern Reserve that have moved westward.

There still remain in or near the Northern Reserve the balance of the Northern Assai. The figures given as to their holdings in cattle or sheep vary very much throughout the various reports and the error now shown in paragraph 2 of the report is due to the fact that the total holdings of the Northern Assai are being gradually reduced as the stock already in the Northern Reserve is being moved to the Trans-Amala district. The error in the report is due to the fact that the figures given in paragraph 2 of the report are based on the figures given in paragraph 1 of the report.



In addition to the stock already in the extended Southern Reserve are being moved to the Trans-Amala district. Their holding is described under (a) above as 50,000 cattle and 50,000 sheep, which equals 125,000 cattle. The Trans-Amala district, according to Mr. Macdonald, can accommodate at present the equivalent of 125,000 cattle. This move will

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therefore, leave in the trans-Amala district accommoda-
tion for 52,000 cattle only, and ~~increase~~ in the ori-
ginal extension of the Southern Reserve the accommoda-
tion for 133,000 cattle which will be vacated by the
move ~~and in addition~~.

At the same time the Southern Masai from the
original Southern Reserve are being moved back from the
extended Reserve into their old quarters. According to
Mr. Mason's data will liberate one million acres in
the extended Southern Reserve, with a carrying capacity
of one beast to six acres; in other words, accommoda-
tion for 166,000 cattle.

The total accommodation available ~~now~~ in the
extended Southern Reserve and in the new extension
~~mentioned~~ ~~the~~ referring to the trans-Amala district
is thus 52,000 + 133,000 + 166,000 = 351,000 cattle.

It will be seen that this is not nearly adequate for
the present holding of the Northern Masai who will
remain in the North, as described at (x) above. It is
of course possible that there is some explanation
hidden in the vector of facts and figures that has been
~~presented to~~ ~~us~~ as, but I think we should lay the above
calculations before Sir P. Girouard and ask him whether
he can give satisfactory assurances as to the amount of
accommodation available. We should at the same time
remind him that the Secretary of State is expecting a
report from the Director of Public Works on the water
supply of the trans-Amala district, and we should also
call his attention to what Mr. Hill says in his report
upon this point, and ask what measures he recommends for

making the available water supply suitable for pastoral purposes. It would also be well to remind him that one of the conditions laid down in our telegram of the 3rd of November (no. 24782) is that the trans-Anda district shall be inspected by representatives of the Government and that the Indian Government will accept the same.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

24th November 1911.

NO. 608

Sir,

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With reference to my despatches No. 497 of September 6th and No. 548 of 30th idem, and your telegram of November 3rd, I have the honour to submit a further report upon the present situation and the measures which are being taken to comply with the instructions received in your abovementioned telegram.

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2. As I have already reported in my despatch No. 517, paragraph 5, those Masai who could not proceed into the extended Southern Reserve have returned to Laikipia, though some, I believe, as has been their former custom, have remained in the Northern end of the East African Syndicate's land. This is with the concurrence of the General Manager of that Company. As this portion of the property is at present undeveloped, I see no reason to interfere with this arrangement as it is for the benefit of all concerned.

3. In 1910 10,000 head of cattle moved into the Southern

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Southern Reserve for the purpose of the circumcision ceremony. These, as I have already reported, have not returned. At the same time 10,000 head which still remained on settlers' farms near Naivasha also crossed into the extended Southern Reserve, and in the move which has taken place this year it is estimated that 25,000 head of cattle and half a million sheep followed the preceding, so that now there are 50,000 head of cattle and half a million sheep also within the Northern Masai, or the Naivasha Masai, area now in the extended Southern Reserve. There are also about 100,000 head of cattle and half a million sheep in the Trans-Amala area of the territories to the south of the extended Southern Reserve.

The original Southern Reserve have their boundaries and entered the extended Southern Reserve to enable the grazing to recover, and provide for any further movement, if it is sanctioned, the Northern Masai who are now in the extended Southern Reserve are gradually proceeding to the one million acres in the Trans-Amala, and those herds of the original Southern Reserve which are without their boundaries will be gradually returned to their own grazing ground.

5. In your telegram of November 3rd you have laid down

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down certain conditions which must be fulfilled before any further move can take place. I should desire to place before you the present position with regard to these conditions :

In my despatch No. 624 of November 3rd I described the additional land which would be added to the Southern Reserve. The officer formerly in charge of the Northern Masai - Mr Collyer - has, on return from leave, been placed in charge of those Northern Masai who have moved into the extended Reserve, and has been instructed to at once utilize the area which I have described. The Masai who remained in the North are quite ignorant of the character of this country, and I have every hope that when they do become aware of its existence and value they will fully recognise the desirability of occupying it with their people. As I stated in my telegram of November 8th, no further move can take place until May next, and therefore ample time is available to thoroughly satisfy you or otherwise upon the conditions you have laid down.

6. With reference to my despatch No. 497 of September 6th, paragraph 8, Mr Ainsworth, who as I have already notified you was placed in charge of the move after its serious check, instructed all his officers to report upon any loss of life either to the Masai themselves or to their stock. No report indicating anything more than a normal death-rate has been submitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

GOVERNOR.

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Downing Street,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

20 December, 1911.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FROM: COLONEL SIR FRANCIS BIRCHARD, R.E.
D.S., R.E.

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Sir,

- Mr. B. Bircher
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches of the 12th and 13th November and the 22nd of December relating to the removal of the Northern Masai to districts south of the Uganda Railway.

2. I understand from the despatch which I have recently received from you that the present position is as follows:-

The extension of the Southern Reserve originally

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the 30th of September. You there stated that the number of stock owned by the Northern Masai had been greatly underestimated and that they probably possess 200,000 cattle and 2,000,000 sheep. If this estimate is accepted, there still remain in or near the Northern Reserve 150,000 cattle and 1,500,000 sheep. Taking all sheep as equal to one head of cattle, the equivalent of 400,000 cattle is still to be accommodated in the South.

I gather that the following dispositions are being made. The Northern Masai already in the extended Southern Reserve are being moved westward to the trans-Amala district. Their holding, as described above, is 50,000 cattle and 500,000 sheep, which equals 135,000 cattle. The trans-Amala district, according to Mr. Macdonald's report, can accommodate at present the equivalent

equivalent of 185,000 cattle. This move will, therefore, leave in the trans-Amala district accommodation for 52,000 cattle only, and in the original extension of the Southern Reserve the accommodation for 133,600 cattle which will be vacated by the move. At the same time the Southern Masai from the original Southern Reserve are being moved back from the extension of the Southern Reserve into their old quarters.

According to Mr. Macdonald's report this will liberate 1,000,000 acres in the extended Southern Reserve, with a carrying capacity of one beast to six acres; in other words, accommodation for 166,000 cattle.

The total accommodation still available in the extended Southern Reserve

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Reserve and in the new extension referred to as the trans-Amala district, is thus
 $52,000 + 133,000 + 166,000 = 351,000$ cattle.

This is not nearly adequate for the present holding of the Northern Maasi (namely, ~~the~~

~~equivalent of 400,000 cattle~~) who still remain in the North, on the basis assumed above, ~~and~~

should be glad, therefore, to learn whether in the light of these figures,

you can give me satisfactory assurances

as to the amount of accommodation available.

I. You will bear in mind that I am expecting a report from the Director of Public Works on the water supply of the trans-Amala district. I observe that Mr.

J.K.Hill in his report states that, although there is water in any quantity, in many

instances it is not in a form to accommodate thousands of cattle or sheep drinking

at the same time, and that to make the

abundant water useful for pastoral purposes

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certain works will be required.

I should be glad to be informed what measures you recommend for effecting this and what the cost of such measures will be.

4. I presume that steps are being taken to comply with the condition stated in my telegram of the 3rd of November to the effect that the trans-Amala district must be inspected by representatives of the Northern Masai and that they must express their satisfaction with it.

5. I have to enquire how many of the Northern Masai are still left outside their Reserve on the lands of the East Africa Syndicate or elsewhere, and whether you are satisfied that no difficulties are likely to arise

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from their remaining there for the present.

I have etc.,

J. Haycourt