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Sends letter marks in local press by the K. Bonds
^{Editor}
Chicago (Hartman) published in White Book.
For reply.

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(Minutes.)

Mr. Contador

I don't see what he has
to complain of - He says he
was in sympathy with the
objets of the rabble who called
on the Gov. to resign; & if,
as he alleges, he did not
himself ever call upon the
Gov. to do so, it would
apparently only be because
he had not sufficient
pluck. P. H. B. y

Oct. 23. Mr. G. J.

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

September 10th 1908.

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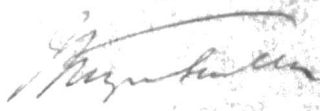
My Lord,

At the request of Mr. Russell Bowker I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which Mr. Bowker is inserting in the local and home press; a copy of my reply is also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,



H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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The Government House Rabble Incident.C O
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To the Editor,

Sir,

I see by the official report of the above incident, as published in the White Book, that Inspector General of Police Donald states in his report to His Excellency Sir James Hayes-Sadler as follows, "I have information, but of this I am doubtful, that Mr. Russell Bowker was the first to call upon His Excellency the Governor to resign at Government House." I will at once satisfy the doubtful General by stating here most solemnly and emphatically that I never called upon the Governor to resign at Government House or anywhere else, either first, second or last. As a matter of fact "I was dumb and I opened not my mouth while (His Excellency) was before me."

I trust none of my friends on reading this will for one moment think that I regret having been one of that "Rabble", or that I was not or am not still in full sympathy with their objects.

My only reason for making this public denial is my inveterate dislike to sailing under false colours, wearing borrowed plumes, or to carrying the sins of others. His Excellency and the General I suppose thought, "If a poor dog has a bad name, etc. etc."

In conclusion I can only express my astonishment that men holding such high and responsible positions should have allowed such a statement to go forth to the World, while the faintest doubt existed as to its truth.

The Government House Rabbits Incident

To the Editor,

Sir,

I see by the official report of the above incident as published in the White Book, that Inspector General of Police Donald states in his report to His Excellency Sir James Hyslop - "I have information, not of this I am doubtful, that Mr. Russell Dowse was the first to call on His Excellency the Governor to remain at Government House, I have also once stated the doubtful General by stating here that I never called upon the Gov. for a meeting at Government House or anywhere else, either first, second or last."

As a matter of fact I was dumb and I opened not my mouth while (His Excellency) was before me. I trust none of my friends on reading this will for one moment think that I forgot having been one of that "Rabbit" or that I was not or am not still in full sympathy with their objects. My only reason for making this public denial is my investigation that I was under false colours, wearing borrowed plumes or to carrying the name of others. His Excellency and the General I suppose thought "if a poor dog has a bad name, etc. etc." In conclusion I can only express my astonishment that men holding such high and responsible positions should have allowed such a statement to go forth to the world, while the slightest doubt existed as to its truth.

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truth.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

Mount Margaret Estate,

Kedong River,

5th. September, 1906.

Russell B. Dowse

P.S. Will all papers that stand for the truth and fairplay please copy.

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Gov. of Kenya, 3 OCT 08

Nairobi.

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September 9th 1908.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your note of yesterday's date, I am desired to say that a copy of the letter referred to will be submitted to the Secretary of State by the next mail.

His Excellency is glad to receive the assurance conveyed in your letter and regrets the inconvenience the publication of the report referred to may have caused you.

I have &c. &c.

Sd/- H. F. G. BELL.

Acting Secretary.

W. Russell Bowker Esq.,

Nairobi.