

EAST AFR. PROT
No 1/1/10

1417

1908

C. O. Gamble

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H. J. H.

Mr Reed

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Mr Auliches

Mr Cox

It seems ^{to me difficult} ~~impossible~~ to deal with this case on the info submitted

Capt. Edwards tells us Mr Gamble's despatches are unaccountable & his attitude towards his own C.O. offensive & insubordinate.

In para 2 he says Capt. Edwards is in great measure to blame, & yet in para 3 recommends that Mr Gamble's services be dispensed with.

The Gov's suggestion is practically to let Mr Gamble

who is on leave should be given a very
severe "blowing up" & told he must mend
his manners in future.

But can we take the responsibility of doing
even this much without the papers' right and
not to ~~use~~ telegraph for the con? in original

I find in 1560 a strong recommendation of
Mr Gamble by Sir Pol Gorges in connection with
the Treasury at Fanzibar: "he is quite the best
& most capable paymaster I have met in the
Armed Forces of the Protectorate". We have however
some ground for thinking that Pol Gorges
recommendations are not over much to be relied on.

To G 14/1

Yes, let us have the papers. The
S.A.P. Police is in a terrible
state of disorganization & I think
that we should not rely on it at
the unsatisfactory expense of it.

J.R.

16/1

The Governor only who is to
give Mr Gamble's and I think that
we might do this at once, on the
strength of what the Governor says,
without first sending for the other
papers. J. W. Gamble's reports.

the views taken by the Governor
he will write, and his letter
can then be sent to the G.O.
for report.

16/1

Very well
J.R.

10.1.09

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Governor's Office, 12 Dec 1908

Nairobi.

10th December 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Confidential (131)

My Lord,

Amongst the matters brought to the notice of Captain Edwards on his arrival and assumption of his duties as Inspector General of Police was the behaviour of Mr. O. Gamble, Pay and Quarter Master to the Force.

2. Mr. Gamble had taken a most unsarranted view of his position and of the responsibilities of his office which led him to express himself in an improper and insubordinate manner both to the head of his own Department and to a senior Officer in another branch of the Service.

3. Captain Edwards has perused the correspondence which, as it is somewhat lengthy, I am not forwarding to Your Lordship in extenso, and has expressed his opinion of it in the enclosed minute.

4. While I quite agree that Mr. Gamble is deficient in tact and lacking in a proper sense of discipline, I hesitate to recommend such a drastic course as that suggested by the Inspector General of Police, more particularly as the Officer concerned has just proceeded on leave.

L.S.P.
SECRET.

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON. S.W.

leave.

5. This is not, however, the first occasion on which his conduct has been brought to my notice, and some months ago I had to reprimand him for rudeness to a leading Arab Official at the Coast. I think therefore that very serious notice ought to be taken of the matter referred to by Captain Edwards and Mr. Gamble clearly given to understand that any further complaints of a similar nature will render his retention in the force impossible.

6. I have the honour to express the hope that Your Lordship will concur in this view and will cause Mr. Gamble to be warned accordingly.

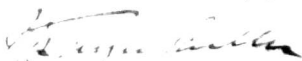
I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,



ENCLOSURE

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Despatch No. 131 of 12 1908

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Secretary,

The tone of certain of Mr. Gamble's minutes are unwarrantable and his attitude to his own Commanding Officer and Provincial Commissioner, Kisumu, offensive and insubordinate.

I am of opinion that the late Acting Inspector General - Capt. Riddick - is in a great measure to blame in so much that he does not appear to have taken any decisive action to put Mr. Gamble in his right place. Had Capt. Riddick dealt with this matter in the manner it merited much of Mr. Gamble's unwarrantable conduct might have been prevented.

I am of opinion that an Officer so wanting in tact as Mr. Gamble has proved himself to be is of very little use to the force and I therefore propose, provided His Excellency concurs, to recommend that his services be dispensed with.

signed. W.F.B. Edwards Capt.

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Inspector General of Police.

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- Mr. Dandy 15/ AD 19
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- X Mr. Harris 20
- X Mr. [illegible]
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Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

The Earl of Creve.

2. The Governor states that
 that he has already
 had occasion to
 refer and you for
 instance for Arab
 official and he
 desires that you may
 take for he cannot
 that any further
 conduct of the kind
 on your part

Sir,

I am a to inform
 you that it has been brought
 to the notice of the Governor
 of the CAPT that the
 certain of your conduct, and
 your attitude to your
 Commanding Officer and to
 the General Commission
 of this, have been
 unsatisfactory and leading
 to a proper sense of
 discipline

~~The Governor states that~~
~~complaints of your~~
~~conduct have been~~
~~made to the~~
~~Governor and that~~
~~he has been~~
~~advised to~~
~~refer you to the~~
~~General Commission~~
~~and that you should~~
~~be prepared to~~
~~justify your~~
~~conduct~~