

EAST AFR. PROT.

No. 28506

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5 AUG 08

Name of Individual

Consent
to issue

1908

A July

of previous Papers

24003

(Subject.)

Claim for compensation

Sends report by her husband on game catching operations. Requests claim for compensation may be considered.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Arthur

I think that we should inf. her that her petition has been recd. Officially through the Govt, & that the S. of S. report that he is unable to see any ground for interfering with the matter - & send copy of consp. to the Govt. L.T.?

I do not think that we can go into this long nigmarole of the person's. We must assume that this lawyer has made out the best case he can for them in the petition.

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H. J. R.

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very same in 1908 Aug

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den July 5/08

Dear Sir Francis Hopwood

I am afraid you will think
me very troublesome but - I have
just had a letter from W. J. R. Hopwood
in which he tells me you have
made inquiries at the Colonial Office
that nothing is known there
of my husband's case, the Governor
has been asked to make a report,
Thank you very much & I am going
still farther to encroach on your
kindness.

Last week my husband's case
was, at least, heard in Pitcairn (I suppose
in consequence of your inquiry)
he was fined 250 rupees & both
land & confiscated without com-
pensation.

Will you ask that the papers
belonging to the case shall be
read at the Col. Office as they
will show the whole correspondence
with Hobley & also ask that

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Mr. Ashley Fisher, the Game
Clerk in the Pub. Commissioner's Office
shall be put under oath

If my husband was allowed
to shoot a Plains Cow & catch
the calf (one of the most protected
of animals) it would be self
understood that he could also
catch other young animals
ordinary antelopes etc on his
license. He also took out other
licenses (extra ones) amounting to
400 Rupees, acting on that advice.

The Game Ranger Percival twice
sent word that he could catch
young animals if he did not shoot
the mother.

The Game Ranger saw the Plains
but as they are unable to bring
them up properly, they let him do it
& then when the Plains were strong
confiscated them.

Why is Lord Delamere allowed

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to keep two under exactly the same circumstances? are there two laws?

Mr Fisher also gave my husband the same information that he could catch young animals.

I must apologise for troubling you so much but this case means a great deal to us which must be my excuse.

The Farm gives me in kind regards
Yours sincerely
Anne von Bronsart.

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absolutely but ones to understand
will stand up for you my husband's

Dear Sir Francis Hopwood
 I am enclosing a report
 my husband has written out of
 the case. It is long but he feels
 you should know full in detail
 as I hope, for my sake as well
 as his, you will go through it &
 lay it before the Colonial Office.
 It is not appealing against
 the case that was decided against
 him in Pitui as Mr Deligree
 the District Commissioner is a great
 friend of mine & as he tried it he
 will not take further steps ^{in appealing it}
 would look like a reflection on his
 judgement which was only in
 the same case I had no connection
 with the Antecedent affair with Mr Holly
 Do as you wish & cannot afford to give
 all up now we hope to get at least
 20,000 rupees compensation and a
 special licence for catching animals
 to make up a little for all we have

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Sir,

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I have the honour to make the following report to you, as I hear, that His Excellency the Governor of British-East-Africa also has been asked for a report about our "Game-catching case".

I had made a contract on five years with Mr. John Hagenbeck, Colombo, in January 1903, according to which I should supply a new Zoo at Colombo with African animals. Mr. Hagenbeck had received a concession for a Zoo from the Government Colombo, also got land for this purpose.

My wife, then my fiancée, asked in London personally His Excellency the Governor, if we could have a concession for catching wild animals, and His Excellency said this was against the law.

So we made our mind up to take two sportsman-licenses out and to catch the animals allowed on the license, instead of shooting them. These animals would have been quite sufficient.

Yr

carrying out my contract with Hagenbeck.

When I arrived at Mombasa in February 1917, I at once went up to Nairobi, to get my official information about the present Game-Regulations. As these regulations continually are more or less altered, as I wanted to make certain about the present state, before I started my undertaking, and before I made my report to Mr. Hagenbeck.

At Athi-iveru, the last station before Nairobi, I saw Boers loading a young Rhino for sale and export into a train down to Mombasa. At Nairobi-Station the first man I met, was the Game Ranger, Mr. Perival, who walked up to me. I asked him, if one was allowed to shoot a Rhino-Calf and catch the calf and export it? Mr. Perival said: Yes, now you can, and you can do with the calf, whatever you want. Then Mr. Perival said: But do not take it officially. So I went next day to the Sub-Commissioner's office at Nairobi, to make certain. I was received by the Assistant Collector, Mr. Trinius, whom I asked, if I was allowed on my sportsman-license to shoot mother-animals and to catch

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and expect that young ones? Mr. Fisher said "Yes, I think you can now" so I asked Mr. Fisher I want to know it for certain. Mr. Fisher asked me to wait a little, he would ask the Sub-Commissioner Mr. Hobbley. He went into Mr. Hobbley's office, and after several minutes said "Yes, you can" so I asked Mr. Fisher: "Suppose I shoot a Rhinoceros and catch the calf, that counts for two Rhinos on the license?" Mr. Fisher said "If course then you have got your two Rhinos you are entitled to."

I was anxious to get as many animals as possible, so, on account of this official information I took extra licenses out for

- 2 Extra Rhinos
- 2/1 " Giraffe Bull
- 3/1 " " Hunt-Bull
- 4/4 " " Gazelles
- 4/5 " " Kungurus

Said about Rps 400 - four hundred extra.

Then I started my expedition, after I had reported to Mr. Hagenbach that I had now the license

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to catch sufficient animals. -

I bought a whole outfit with great expenses, especially extra-made animal tents with great canvas surroundings, lots of materials to catch animals with, "Conteuse" milk in great quantities, doxkeys for loads, milk-cows, milk-pots etc. etc. engaged a great number of porters, as I could not get sufficient donkeys, engaged a great number of Mānais, and started my undertaking. All this was done under the eyes of the officials and some-angers, who saw and knew all my preparations well. -

I must still mention, that the pro-
for the fact, that the Game Regulations had
been altered, i. e. that the Game-Book at
the Sub-Commissioner's office scratched in my
presence with pencil the ostriches out, which
were still as allowed animals on the list,
but had been taken off. This is very impar-
tant, as it shows to me, that the regulations
had been altered, since His Excellency the
Governor has told my wife, we could not catch
animals and export them. Further, this in-
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information which His Excellency gave to my wife was
ment for "a special license to catch animals
in greater numbers; but my information was
only about the allowed number of animals one
may sport with, and extra licenses I had paid
for.

In the Game-Regulations is said, that one can
not kill or catch immature animals, or
^{young} animals unless accompanied by their mothers.

As a matter of fact, all animals
I caught were not accompanied by their
mothers, and were according to my best
judgement also not immature.

Nothing is said in the Regulations, what they
understand about "immature", and all
Game-Rangers and officials, whom I asked,
had nearly all different opinions about it.

In my eyes "immature" means
animals are not able yet to live without
their mother. But all animals I caught
could live without their mother. If you give
them milk, of course they take it. Two Blonds
which are certainly mature now, still would
take

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a lot of milk if they would get it. An animal in captivity of course has to get special food to make it up again. That he cannot get in the herd and choose all that food he likes, and as captivity always prevents more or less a proper development like in freedom -

But even if the Game Rangers would declare these animals immature, it would certainly be no reason to fine me or confiscate them after I have got my official instructions, that I was allowed on my license to do so, and that the printed regulations had been altered to this effect.

I know that Mr. Hobley has given similar or the same informations also to other gentlemen, as Mr. Perival knows too. Further Mr. Hobley has admitted to Mr. Perival, that he gave me these informations, as Mr. Perival wrote to me in a letter "very long you got it alright enough from Hobley". So it is no good if Mr. Hobley says, that he did not give me these informations.

Mr. Fisher who had a long talk with me about it

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at the office, and who gave me these informations
on Mr. Hobley's order, came about 5 months
later as Assst District Commissioner to Kibale
near our place, and paid me a visit.
Although it had already been asked about my
case, although he knew that I was here, when
he arrived here, he pretended never to have
seen me before and introduced himself to me
That looks rather strange.

When I told him about the informations he had
given me on Mr. Hobley's order, he said: "I
cannot remember it; if I have done so, Mr.
Hobley certainly orders me to do so Later on
he reports officially that it was very un-
likely that Mr. Hobley should give such
an information!

But the best proof, that I have got these
informations and took them from some part of
course, as they were given me on my special
enquiry officially in the office by an official
on order of the highest official of the Province
is, that I started all my investigations and
exploration, entered a lot of heavy expenses and
took

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all the extra-licences out!
Should anybody be so foolish and enter expenses up to forty-thousand Ruper, to catch animals, if he knew before hand, he could not expect them, or they would get confiscated?

The most strange part of the whole case, however is that, all game-Rangers, except Mr. Galitznik, have been in my camp (Major Ross, Mr. Pennington, Colonel Patterson), have seen our Elounds besides that I had reported it myself, but never confiscated them; they let us keep the Elounds, enter all expenses to bring them up, as they do not know how to bring them up healthy, and even, after my license had expired over one month I only managed finally the case to be heard by reporting to His Excellency the Governor, that all my collection, legally shot on my sportsman license has been stopped at the coast. The all skins and trophies get spoiled in the coast-climate, and that I never get a reason for stopping my collection, nor get

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Summons to appear at the Court. Only on this
my complaint to His Excellency the Governor
my case was finally heard end of June a.c.
My license had expired end of February! —
and I got fined £25 Pounds for

- 1 Snaffle cow, I shot by mistake - Rp 25
- 2 Glounds captured each Rp 25 - Rp 10-0

and the two Glounds to be confiscated by
the Agriculture Department, who want them
for trials to span them into carts!

I have still to mention several statements:

1) Mr. Perrin wrote me suddenly about
May 1907, he drew my attention on the Game
Regulations, according to which one could not
catch "immature animals, or such accompanied
by their mothers" - to "prevent overmutilation
skins." But at the same time Mr. Perrin
sent word to me by Mr. Bronsart: "As long
as Bronsart does not kill the mother, he can
catch as many young animals as he likes." The
very same word he sent to me later on by
one Major E. Boileau.

2) Major Ross, when he visited my camp, told me
he

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could not see, how the Government could confiscate the young animals or prevent me to export them; anyhow he would do his very best. That was May, June 1908. I never heard from Major-Lewis again, and a whole year after they allowed us to keep them and spend a lot of money on them, they confiscate them for the "Agriculture-Department"!

I have reported myself shooting a Graffe-Low by mistake; still quite understood that there cannot be made exceptions, and do not mind a lot to be fined for that. But about the Islands, as far as I know and certainly could not think for a moment that all these official and "semi-official" informations were wrong. I worked Mr. Hobley and Mr. Fisher and the Joanesse Clerk, who witnessed the whole information would have to make their statement under oath.

At the end I wanted still to point out, that

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easily could have shot in the course of a year
all animals which I am entitled to on
 my license, but did not do so, as I am a
 great friend of Game-Protection, I do not think
 that here is anybody in the colony who does not
 know this or would not admit it. Honestly I
 did not shoot all animals - anyhow I could
 have shot a great number, after I was obliged
 to catch these - as I and my wife devoted
 the greatest part of our time to bring these
 animals up, what is not so easy!
 I even did not shoot my two Elephants,
 although could have done so easily, as there
 are Elephants only a few days from my place,
 and one big Bull came walking one day
 slowly along on the foot of our hill.

If I did not shoot: 2 Elephants
 1 Rhino
 8 Waterbuck
 78 Wildbeest
 2 Vayx
 1 Kudu
 2 Roan

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5 Zebras

2 Prantia

6 Thompsonia

and lots of warthogs
and other animals. I was entitled to and I
sawly could have shot.

But I shot thirty lions in the course of about
4-5 years in British-East-Africa. One can
repute 100 antelopes, Zebras ... Killen a
year by one lion, that is 3000 animals
a year. If one give the lions I shot an
average number of 5 years they would
have lived, it would mean 15000 va-
luable animals saved by my shooting
these lions. -

As a matter of fact what I have lost by
the wrong official informations, which of
course bona fide comes to the following:

- 1) Papers 40.000 (according to our
books) which have been spent from
February 1907 till February 1908 for
the animal catching and skinning.
- 2) All animals and their trophies which
I did not shoot.

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- 3) A great deal of my collection of these animals I that any how, being absolutely spoiled in the wet climate of Mombasa, as they stopped me exporting them
- 4) My 5 years' contract with Hagmann
- 5) Rm. £25 Fine and on top of all of that the two Gloude conspirators.

I know now well that the Government here holds still against me, that I had during the Boer-war formed a committee home to send ambulances etc. out to the Boers and that I had written pamphlets against the English.

We had wrong informations in Germany and I have several times expressed that I deeply regretted my actions then. If I would have known what I know now I would not have done so. I believe it is paying too much attention to me, to hold this still against me after so many years. I can say that nearly all officials who know me personally are on

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very good and friendly terms with me, and I enjoy and have enjoyed much hospitality in British-East-Africa, wherever I come.

I have endeavoured to do my best, to prove, that I certainly mean only to do good to a Colony, in which I enjoy Hospitality. I got the reputation to be rather hard with the natives, but I wish a single case could be brought to prove this. I got as many men as I want and more. Formerly when I was at Kitui, the District-Commissioner himself had great trouble to get porters, while over fifty men came to my tent to ask me for work. This is certainly not personally against the District-Commissioner, but the natives are very afraid of the Government Stations.

I got men who stay with me now 2-8 years, many for 15 1/2 years, and daily have to send men away who ask me to be engaged.

Another thing held against me is a rumour, which has been put out by my former wife that

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I shall have not the intention to put the Zebras at the Nairwaka-farm at liberty! Everyone who knows anything about Zebras would know how ridiculous this is, that it is simply an impossibility. Captured Zebras are more afraid to get out of the door through which they were caught, than any other place of the world.

When the news reached K. Livingstonia, that the English had succeeded in catching Zebras, one of my Misses came and brought me the news. He looked very sad, and said, now, Sir, you are not the only man who got Zebras. So, we all laughed, and I told him in fun: What is there to do, Lulu? I think we must manage that the fun away again. That was all, all praise to Kaiser, it was a joke. But my former wife, as an act of vengeance, later on reported, that I earnestly had that idea.

When I was working for Colonel Paillie, at Atki River, and caught over 300 Zebras,

In the many of them died of worm-disease,
 as I had been ordered to catch them, before
 all arrangements to keep them properly were
 ready. The coming season came, the new big
 kraals were not ready, and many died, as
 according to my experiences, the worm-disease
 stops, when the Zebras can choose their own food.
 I tried an experiment, first with a few, by
 and by with more, finally with about 120-
 130, who were left to herd them like cattle
 outside of the kraal, and they started getting
 more and more rid of the disease. - Then
 Colonel Paillie came out, gave orders, to start
 to halter Zebras. I warned him and ad-
 vised him to wait, as it would make all
 of them wild, they would go the kraal
around about, to separate single ones, break
 through the line of the feeding Murrain,
 and then do the same, when they were
 outside feeding, and he may lose them.
 But Colonel Paillie insisted upon
 it, but it came as I had feared, one mor-
 ning they broke through the Murrain, the
 Murrain

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were along trying to bring them back, made
 them only wilder, and they stampeded.
 Now Colonel Baillie must have
 been told that I let the Zebras go on pur-
 pose. I do not think it impossible that
 my old Arab, who wanted me to leave Colonel
 Baillie, hoping Colonel Baillie would give him
 the job, may have had something to do with
 this plotting. Anyhow it is so absurd to
 believe I let them go, as I had no mo-
 ney whatever then; I hoped to make a great
 success and to make some money out of
 this undertaking. Letting these Zebras
 go simply would have meant to cut my
 own throat. Anyhow it seems that Col-
 onel Baillie believes it, and, in connection
 with that rumour, my former wife put
 around, there certainly are other people
 amongst the officers who believe it too.
 I was told, one officer of the K. A.
 R. had heard it from one Matsai; if so,
 why did one not bring a case against me
 or confront me with that Matsai? I
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it possible, that the old Arab has instructed
 me of his Messai, to say so.
 Anyhow I had nothing to do with the stan-
 pidity of the Zebres, nor did I ever hear the
 idea, to make the Zebres at Naivasha for
 I showed to Mr. Hays a drove, in which
 I caught over a thousand Zebres between the
 Horn-corns, I showed all plans, Roads and
 the way how I managed the Zebres to Mr.
 Perriat at Nibunanyao. My directors home
 in Berlin were were angry with me, that I did
 so, but I reported my opinion, that it only
 would help the whole Zebra question, to go
 on if the English would take it up too.
 I gave Mr. Hill at Naivasha on his wish
 all hints and experiences I could, before
 the Government started the drives. I offered
 to catch any number of Zebres for the B.
 S. A. Government for nothing to prove, that
 I mean it honest, but my offer was not
 accepted. It is a great pity, as the Zebres
have a great future, I can catch any num-
 ber of Zebres for the B. S. A. Government with
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small expenses, I met with my present ex-
periences only 10-20 Missais, and should
be only too pleased to do it for the Government.
My wife is English; we both took a
fancy to British-East-Africa, and are quite
willing to spend capital here, if only the
Government could give up the old things
they hold still against me.

I have the honour to apply to Your Honour
for having kindly a careful investigation
into our case, it is our case, as my
wife spent about Rp. 20 000 and I about
the same amount; and I only hope we
will either get our loss compensated, as
it is due to official informations, or have
half of it compensated and get the license
to catch animals, to enable us to get the
other half at least back by catching animals
I can only have catch and bring up for
the Government, or for the London Zoo, or for
scientific or domesticating purposes all sorts
of animals; I can only catch, train and
break

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to harness any number of Zebras. I also com-
catch a whole herd of Elephants.

What sort is it, only to protect the Elephants
and leave them as food for lions?

Here around is one herd of over three hun-
dred.

Cheetahs and vultures, who are prohibited to
destroy any amount of ostrich eggs.

The Secretary bird, supposed to live only on
snakes, takes a snake now and then, but
damages birds, especially partridges, quince-
fowls, flamingos, bustards & more than
any other animal does. -

Hoping Your Honour will favour me with a
kind reply, I have the honour to be,

Sir:

Your most obedient servant

Francis Hopwood.

Colonial Office,
London.

J. Bronsart von Schellendorf

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Copy *1 Aug*

Madam,

Baroness von Bismarck

I am glad to ack. the recd. of your letter of the 9th July, addressed to Sir F. Hopwood, on the subject of the refusal of the Gov. of the E.A.P. to grant you a licence to capture certain wild animals, and to inform you that the S. of S. regrets that he is unable to see any ground for interfering in the matter.

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Mr Ellis

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What the way is being

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has duly received through the Gov. the petition in regard to this matter which was prepared for you by Mr. Bygon