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(Subject)

Death of Mr R. B. Newton
Surveyor

To report on, with copy of death
certificate

(Minutes)

Mr. Read

? Copy of report & a copy to Mr. C. C. & Co.
ref to letter of April 19th
W.B.S.

17/5

Yes. and telegraph to

Stewart Harnden

Ans'd 17/5

Paragon
referring to your dep. No 1

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W.B.S.

shall I

Lytherton

manager

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So proceed + if he asks

to select my own managers. I have
said that although I am leaving in
of an end - that it will be possible to
some of the excellent W. G. and R. L. and
who have been employed upon it. See
particularly cheap. etc.

H. J. R.

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Commissioner's Office

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Mombasa,

April 22nd 1905.

Sir,

With reference to my telegrams Nos. 104 and 105 of 11th and 14th instant, I have the honour to submit the following report on the circumstances attending the death of the late Mr. R. S. Newton, one of the Government Surveyors.

On April 10th Mr. Newton was engaged in surveying an estate on the West bank of the Mombasa River. After finishing at 12 noon he removed his hat and coat and entered the water presumably with the intention of crossing as he had taken a slight dip to a point on the other bank. It has since been discovered that there is a very deep hole a few yards from the bank with a muddy, slicky bottom covered with weeds, and it is

surmised

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies

Downing Street,

LONDON.

surprised that the deceased slipped into the hole and was entangled in the long grass.

Two Indian chairmen were a short distance behind at the time, and his dog alone was present when he sank. On hearing a shout proceeding from the water and the barking of the dog, the two Indians ran to the bank and saw two large air bubbles coming to the surface.

Information was immediately sent to the Government Farm at Naivasana, and the river searched the same afternoon. Owing to the treacherous and boggy nature of the ground however, the body was not discovered until the morning of the 14th instant. It was then found to be covered with long grass which beset to the banks of the river. The remains were buried at Naivasana the same afternoon.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the death certificate.]

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

D. Howard

No. 229

Reference

our Telegrams Nos. 106
& 108 of April 11th
& 14th.

Signature

Geo.

Received

By

Edw. J. H. Keaton

Agent, representatives of
the United States

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Salvassa,

April 15th

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COPY.

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Having heard the Police and Sub-Commissioner's
Official Reports regarding the manner and circumstances
that led to the death of Mr. Newton on the 10th April,
I am of the opinion and satisfied that cause of death
was due to Asphyxia brought about by drowning.

Sd/- Henry A. Hedeker,
Medical Officer.

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