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Death Sentences

Is advised no legal authority for carrying out otherwise than by hanging. Regrets mistakes in instances ref. to States it is not possible for mistakes to occur again.

Mr. Fisher

Put by!

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It is the hope that we shall have no more of these cases.

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CONFIDENTIAL (78)

Sir,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch Confidential of the 18th ultimo, I have the honour to report that I am advised that there is no legal authority for carrying out sentences of death otherwise than by hanging.

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2. I regret that a mistake should have occurred in the instances to which Your Lordship refers, but the change in procedure was at the time comparatively recent and the consequences of the repeal of the Native Court Regulations 1897 were not fully realised.

3. At Kitui executions had always been carried out by shooting as no hangman or gallows had ever been available, and in these instances the warrants were drawn up in the usual form the fact that shooting was no longer a legal method of execution being overlooked.

4. It is not possible for this to occur again

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H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

as it is now clearly understood by everyone
concerned that hanging is the only legal method
of execution.

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

J. J. Faulkner