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Malindi Commission

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W. Reed.

We can await the further communications which W. de laey is certain to send when he has scanned & read the report of the Commission.

But it is not altogether satisfactory that we do not receive his letters - with the other comments - from the Protectorate Govt. His best point is that his district has decided to export foodstuffs [than others, is said to be more local market]. Apart from what may have been the Govt. Arabs' contribution to food production (the Arab way will have sunk through various difficulties),

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The explanation is no doubt (a) that...

(c) that the closer concentration of the
Girama has prevented, very largely, their
favourite agricultural device of burning
over the forests. (see Mr. Hottley's
report in 59335); but the position
is not satisfactory and we must hope
that the dispatch forwarded in 59335
will contain a constructive programme
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(c) that the closer concentration of the
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report in 59335); but the position
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Mombasa 513
British East Africa
2nd October 1911

The Right Hon

The Secretary of State for the Colonies
Cromwell Street, London, S.W.



Sir

re Malindi Exemption -

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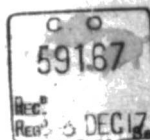
I have the honor to forward you a copy of a letter I have received from the Hon the Deputy Chief Secretary herein and a copy of my reply thereto, to be attached to the file of documents which should be in your possession in this matter for future reference, where occasion permits me to cause adequate attention to be paid to: 1. The stopping of native food production in this country and 2. The dishonest acquisition of the native lands without payment.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

W. E. F. de Lacy.



THE SECRETARIAT,

Nairobi,

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No. S. 15335 Vol. II.

September 14th, 1917.

Sir,

Re Malindi Commission of Inquiry.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo the contents of which have received consideration. It is to be regretted that you have thought fit to criticise the report of the Commission before you have had an opportunity of reading it and that you have impugned the integrity both of the members of the Commission and of His Excellency the Governor with equally little ground for your allegations.

2. The Chairman of the Commission both on his own behalf and on behalf of the other Commissioners takes strong exception to your insinuations against the impartiality of the Commission and has asked that you be requested either to withdraw such insinuations unnecessary or that you substantiate them.

3. I shall be glad to receive any reply you have to offer to the preceding paragraph.

4. I am moreover directed to say that a despatch has now been received from the Secretary of State intimating that after careful consideration of the report of the Commission and its annexures it is clear to him that your allegations must be held to have no foundation other than unsubstantiated native report.

The report will be laid on the table at the next meeting of the Legislative Council when printed, and a copy will be forwarded to you.

I have etc.,

Ed. W. J. MONSON,

AG. CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT

W. E. F. de LACY, Esq.,

MOMBASA.

Mombasa,

2nd October, 1917.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your No.S.15335 Vol.II of September 14th ultimo.

1. With regard to paragraph I of your letter I deny having impugned the integrity of the Commission and admit that my remarks upon His Excellency the Governor together with his long suppression of the Report of the Commission may bear a construction to that effect. 516

2. Respecting paragraph II of your letter my esteem for the personnel of the Commission is such that I hope their report will enable me to withdraw some of my remarks.

3. With regard to paragraph IV of your letter I have reason to doubt whether the Report of the Commission has ever reached the Secretary of State and consequently whether anything in connection with it is "clear to him". I shall however be able to ascertain whether this is so or not in the future.

4. I note with thanks the concluding paragraph of your letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Hon'ble

The Ag. Chief Secretary

to the Government,

NAIROBI.