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ARREST OF MR J. HILL

Submits further report on circumstances. Encloses copy of his letter of 18th September.

~~Mr. G. Frider~~
Mr. G. Frider
 We have heard nothing more from him since our 1st & the 5th of Feb: + I think that we need only send copy to the Adm. O., with reference to our 1st & the 5th of Feb: a/c
To
Adm. O.

A. S. D.

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This letter of 15 Sept. hardly amounts to an agreement to be sent home at the expense of the Post. He accepted the situation because he was destitute, but as he was "recovered under medical care" his deportation presumably is also to be defrayed on the same account and this also will apply to the

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Case of Mr. Nitch

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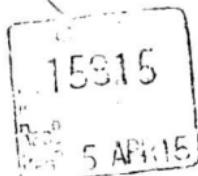
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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 184



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

13th March 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your
despatch No. 85 of the 5th ultimo respecting
the arrest of Mr J. Hill.

2. Mr Hill was in the first instance
arrested together with Messrs Schauer and
Welter as a German subject but on arrival at
Nairobi he was able to satisfy the Provost
Marshal that he was of British nationality and
he was accordingly released.

3. He was subsequently re-arrested under
Military Law owing to the suspicious circumstances
in connection with the Kijabs Sanatorium
described in the enclosure to my despatch No. 993
of November 24th, but after two or three days
detention was again released.

4. As he had no means of support he
applied to Government for assistance and was
granted a free second-class passage by the S.S.
Dunvegan Castle.

5. I attach a copy of his letter of

September

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEOIS WARDEN, D.C.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

The Hill.

Nairobi.

September 18/14

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ARRIS

To His Excellency the Governor
Government House,
Nairobi.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 25th ult., to your forwarding same to Lieut. Colonel Ward, and to his reply on the 29th idem, I have now been informed by the Commissioner of Police that the Government are willing to grant me an assisted passage to England in respect of one half its value.

As I have absolutely no financial resources and as my present position is entirely owing to the action of the Government, I consider this concession to be very unsatisfactory.

As it is probable that the facts of my case have either been ignored or underestimated, I humbly beg to reiterate to Your Excellency the details of my previous communication.

I am employed by Schauer, Welter & Co. of Kijabe Hill as Bookkeeper and Correspondent, having entered into such service on July 9th of this year. But owing to hostilities I was arrested together with my employers on August 8th and after spending one night in Nairobi Gaol was allowed to return to Kijabe the following morning. Subsequently I was re-arrested, taken to Naivasha, interrogated by the P.C. and D.C.

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there, and ordered to be taken to the 'Intelligence Office' at Nairobi; but instead of this action being taken, I was put into prison, where I remained three days, and after that period was transferred to the Government School with German prisoners, remaining there about a week.

It is now a month ago since I was released on parole; but finding it impossible to obtain employment, and having exhausted all my means of existence - my July salary constituting my sole resources - I was compelled to protest against such treatment of a British subject in my letter of the 25th ultimo.

Having been taken from my position without means of self-support, and my future in the Protectorate having been ruined, I consider, that in the interests of justice, my case should receive more consideration than the concession as stated by the Commissioner of Police, and should be brought before Your Excellency's notice.

Your obedient servant,

Sd. JOHN HILL.