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MR N.E. BECKMAN'S CLAIM

Trs extract from Report by Mr Townsend dealing with points at issue. Is of opinion that Mr Beckman's ~~claims~~ are not justified.

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*To Swedish Legation. 28 April 15.  
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*Dr. Lewin  
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LEGATION HOUSE  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

13th March 1916.

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 43 of the 19th of January on the subject of the claim submitted by Mr N.E. Beckman, Licensed Surveyor, and to transmit herewith an extract from a report by Mr A.E. Townsend, Deputy Director of Surveys, Coastal Branch, dealing with the points at issue.

2. I am of opinion that Mr Beckman's complaints are not justified.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*C. E. Townsend*  
GOVERNOR'S Deputy

HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
10, WHITEHALL PLACE, LONDON, S.W.

Nairobi.

9th March 1915.

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ENCLOSURE

The Director of Surveys.

re S.11215/3 of 26.2.5 - Colonial Office  
Despatch No. 43 of 19.1.15 - Mr N.E. Beckman,  
Licensed Surveyor.

In regard to Mr Beckman's letter through the  
Swedish Legation, I will deal first with his Ithanga  
accounts for work done.

In the first place, Mr Beckman has not the right  
to fix the rates himself - he appears to have done so.  
He has fixed the rate at Rs.10 per 1000-feet, whilst  
Mr Galbraith recommended a rate of Rs.8 per 1000-feet  
for boundaries, and Rs.12 for river traverses, with  
which I agree.

There now remains Rs.115 to pay on the above  
account, but there is an error in his work which we  
must rectify - under departmental regulations errors  
must be rectified by the Surveyor or it will be done  
at his expense by the Department. The cost of  
rectification will swallow up any balance which remains.

In regard to Laikipia work we have paid 60%  
up to date, and we have just received Mr Baker's report  
on his field checks, which will allow of paying up to  
75% of the account.

In this connection Mr Beckman's account will need  
amending, as he has again-charged Rs.10 per 1000-feet  
whereas Mr Baker, who has carefully examined the work,  
recommends Rs.8 per 1000-feet on 12 farms, and Rs.10  
per

per 1000-feet for the balance. The checking of Laikipia by the Computing Office has not proceeded up to date, owing to the large accumulation of work from previous surveys, which required attention before the work done by Mr Beckman could be attended to.

All checking work is done as rapidly as is possible with the staff available. Were we to make a special effort in Mr Beckman's case we should inconvenience in like manner other Licensed Surveyors who effected work for the Department before Mr Beckman arrived in the country.

Our position is briefly this; a large amount of work was done before we had an adequate staff for the work leaving us with tremendous arrears to make up. Consequently, instead of being in a position to deal with work as it comes in, much has to pend checking of work previously lodged.

In regard to Mr Beckman's statement that he wrote to the Government of B.E.A., I find that a letter was sent being received in this Department on Oct. 23. A reply was sent to that letter on the 20th Nov. 1914, informing him that we were unable to pay any further monies until check was completed. The case I have mentioned above was discovered, and investigated, and I deemed it prudent to withhold further payment on any of his work, until I received Mr Baker's report.

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A further sum will now be paid on Mr Beckman's account for Laikipia work, bringing up the total to 75% of the amended total, on check being made in the office and found satisfactory such balance as is due to him will be paid.  
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Sd. A. E. TOWNSEND.

D.C.B.

to General Surveyors. The fees  
are paid according to the  
regulations of the land and  
the General Surveyors, as set out  
in the regulations of the Surveyors,  
General Surveyors, in full  
just paid in the account  
the Surveyors.

3. The Surveyors, Departmental  
regulations, a proportion of  
the fees, as determined until  
the Surveyors have been checked  
and any errors must be  
rectified by the Surveyors  
and the Surveyors.

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rectified by the Surveyors  
and the Surveyors.

A check for \$8,000.00 has been  
paid to the Surveyors, as per  
the regulations of the land and  
the General Surveyors. On this work  
a sum of Rs. 115.00 has been  
paid to the Surveyors,  
but an error has been 593  
discovered in the work and  
the cost of rectification will  
be about the balance.

6. As regards the second piece  
of work, 60 per cent of the  
fees has already been paid  
to the Surveyors and and  
should be made up to  
75 per cent as the report  
on the field checks has  
now been received. In this  
case the fee has been  
paid at Rs. 8 per thousand  
feet in the case of the Surveyors  
of the Surveyors and Rs. 10 in the  
other cases. The payment  
of the balance of the fees  
must be returned to the  
Surveyors to be checked.

Signed H. C. 1910  
for the Chief Surveyor of the State