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Report on the summary of
Report of native reeve
Flogging of natives

last previous Paper.

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The Acting Commissioner of the East Africa Protectorate
Cairo, Egypt

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PARAPHRASE of telegram from the O.A.S. of the East Africa Protectorate, (received March 16th. 5-28 p.m. 1907) No. 36.)

With reference to your telegram of March 15th., there is absolutely no foundation for reports of a rising.

On Monday evening O'Gagan, Hassan, and other flag-bearers of the natives of the town of ... collected a group of 100 persons, of whom many were armed, as supporters and witnesses. They disregarded attempted intervention of by European police officer and magistrate. Natives were alleged to have insulted two European ladies whom they were pulling in rickshaw. Details very vague, but insult was apparently not of a serious nature and at most did not amount to more than rudeness and disobedience. Culprits were not taken to the Police but were taken down to the town and treated as arrested. Flogging was carried out in a most brutal manner. Majority of spectators were led by ringleaders to believe that the insults offered to the ladies had been of a gross nature.

Immediately after the flogging O'Gagan and a ... collected a group of about 30 persons ... gave me the ... in complete ignorance ... of their excitement could be allayed only by means of self-protection being given to them by the Government.

In order to calm these excited and hysterical people and avert what might have led to a serious fracas in the town I consented to a loan of ammunition being made on certain conditions to persons whose isolated position rendered them in their own opinion insecure. At the same time I pointed out that the Government did not share their apprehension: and was in fact convinced that there was no foundation for the idea of a native rising. I have published a Notice to the effect in to-day's Gazette. Up to the present only one man has applied for any ammunition.

I regard the whole incident as deliberately engineered and planned.

planned by Hogan, Burn, Ficht, Low ~~Winters~~ and others with a view to bringing the Administration and more particularly the Judicial and Police Departments into contempt and I consider the matter serious in view of the fact that all our available forces are native and cannot be used against this gang of European lawbreakers. I would urge the immediate appointment of the European police force asked for in the Estimates if sanction has been given.

I have made careful enquiries and am convinced that there is absolutely no feeling of unrest among the natives. They are perfectly quiet at present. Whether they will remain so if incidents like that of Thursday are repeated is another matter but personally I am of opinion that it would take a great deal to rouse them.

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The Secretary of State for the Colonies

Parliamentary

~~East Africa Protectorate~~
(Sent 6.40 p.m. 24/4/07)
Telegram.

March 18th

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I have received the news contained in your telegram no. 36 with regret. I presume that legal proceedings have been taken against ringleaders.

A reduction from thirty to twenty has been made in the strength of the European Police Force in the Protectorate. Twenty may be appointed at once.

Will the force which you said there have been sufficient to bring the ringleaders to justice.

Yours faithfully
S. J. ...

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The Secretary of State for the Colonies

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With the force which you will see have been sufficient to bring the ringleaders to justice.

Edwin

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