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Governor  
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PATROL OF K.A.R. INTO KAMASIA COUNTRY

1914  
2nd September  
at previous Paper.

Reports circumstances in which it was considered desirable to send to collect fine of 500 head of cattle. Regrets delay in reporting. Sale of cattle realised Rs 29,737.50. Submits proposals for expenditure.

Mr. G. Zeller

ack. + approve of the  
expend proposed in the  
last paper. We may that  
in future to report cases of  
the kind. [I refer to answer  
in the paper of 4/2/14]

G. Z.

2/21/14

Colonial Office 3/11/14

Subsequent Paper

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NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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September 22nd, 1914.

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and that two of his Lumbwa herd boys had been murdered. In December of that year further information was received that twenty head of cattle had been stolen from Mr. McCall and 13 head from various Somalis. The Assistant Superintendent of Police, Nakuru, immediately on receiving the news of the theft from Mr. Baillie endeavoured to get on to the track of the thieves and was convinced that the stock had been taken away into the Kamasia country.

4. The Provincial Commissioner, Naivasha, moreover considered that it would be a good opportunity to utilize the detachment of King's African Rifles, which was being relieved at Ngabotok, for the purpose of patrolling the District where the stock were supposed to be concealed and to levy a fine upon the tribe if such should prove to be the case.

5. After discussing the matter, therefore, with my Executive Council I authorised the Officer Commanding Troops to despatch the patrol and to exact a collective fine of 500 head of cattle from the Kamasia tribe as I was satisfied on the evidence which had been placed before me that both Mr. Baillie's and Mr. McCall's cattle had been tracked into that District. Further I instructed Mr. Crewe-Read



9. Subject to your approval I have authorised the following works to be undertaken out of the proceeds of the sale:-

Erection of two cattle dips at £200 each	Rs. 6,000
Salaries of two attendants at £100 each	4,800
Road from Ravine to Kabernet including bridge over the Parkerra River - total length about 52 miles	17,912
	<u>Rs. 28,712</u>

The District Commissioner, ... hopes  
 to be able to induce the ...  
 the work on the road but the ...  
 such that a ...  
 have to be made.

Yours obedient servant,  
 Sir,  
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ENCLOSURE

In Dispatch No. 523 of Sept. 1913

Veterinary Office,

Nakuru.

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3 - 8 - 14.

Chief Veterinary Officer,

NAIROBI.

Sir,

Ref. your No. 7.5.13 - 27.7.14.

I have the honour to supply the following information with regard to the Kamasia cattle.

1. The cattle were received from the D.C. Havine on 6th. September 1913.
2. The total number of deaths from the time they were collected from the Kamasia until they were sold was 345.
3. Soon after these cattle were collected and herded together deaths from East Coast Fever occurred. Changes of pasture did not check the mortality which continued after the cattle were handed over to the Veterinary Department on 6.9.13.

Arrangements were made with Mr. A. S. Evans whose farm is in the Kamasia country, to dip the mob on the completion of his dipping tank. The mob were dipped for the first time on December 10th. and dipping was continued at regular 3 day intervals until the date of sale.

The cattle continued to graze on the same highly infested area until the 31st. of January when they were removed to Nakuru where the dipping was continued at the Government dip which had been under repair

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until that date. The last death from East Coast Fever in the mob occurred on the 17th. December, i.e. between the 3rd. and 4th. dippings.

These details do not require any explanation. They show that all the areas used for grazing these cattle between Kavine and the Mole river are highly infected, as clean ground was apparently unobtainable, and that the mortality from East Coast Fever ceased when systematic dipping was adopted.

The degree of immunity amongst these cattle is uncertain, if any existed. So far as I know East Coast Fever is not general in Kamasia country. The stretch of country I mentioned lying between Kavine and the Mole river is bordering on the known infected country of the basin Gishu Masai.

The amount realised for the cattle when sold here on 3.7.14 was Rs.29737/50 or an average of about Rs.88/- including calves at feet. So far as I know this is a record for a mob of mixed cattle at any recent sales locally or at Naivasha.

It is interesting to note that a saving of Rs.30,000 could have been effected if a dipping tank had been available for these cattle when the fine was collected.

I base this calculation on the average price of these sold and the total number of deaths, 99% of which were due to East Coast Fever.

I attach a casualty list of the cattle from the date they were handed over to the Veterinary Dept., also



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a copy of a similar list whilst they were in charge of  
the B.C. Ravine.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

d/- A.G. Doherty.

Veterinary Officer.



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Statement of casualties amongst Kamasia  
cattle collected as a fine vide P.C's M.P.No.690  
of 31 - 1 - 1913.

Receipts.

Issues.

Illegated  
from  
basis.

500 bulls, bullocks  
& cows & calves.

by deaths

163 bulls, bullocks,  
cows & calves.

Births.

147 ditto.

Left at  
Ravine as  
being unfit  
to travel.

19 ditto.

Sent to Stock  
Inspector, Hole 445 ditto.  
River on behalf  
V.O.Nakuru.

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Total 647.

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5 Nov 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No 843, of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Sept. and to inform you that I approve of your proposals for the expenditure of the sum of Rs. 287/2 from the amount realised by the sale of cattle collected from the Kamasia tribe in payment of a fine.

2. I have to

DRAFT.

E.A.P.

No. 989

Mr. W. H. Balfour

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper Nov 4/14

Mr. Bottomley 4/10/14 f.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

request that care may  
be taken in future

to report promptly in  
all cases of the kinds  
mentioned in a fine of this kind.

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(Signed) L. HARGREAVE.