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SALE OF STOCK CAPTURED FROM THE KISTE

It is now proved that any expenditure on an irrigation scheme would be money practically wasted. Proposed to sanction instead a bridge over the Sonah River at a cost of Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000. This will leave a balance of about Rs 30,000. Press desirability of spending it for the improvement of communication in the Prov. as generally.

Mr G. Fiddes

The sale proceeds in the ...
all right & we can approve, but
with regard to the sale proceeds of the
balance of Rs 30,000 I think that
the case is too thin.

The money was to be used for the
direct advantage of the Kiste & then
district (see minutes on 33/15/09) &
I do not see how we can possibly justify
expenditure of the money on the North
Karnaroids district, which is ...
away from the river country.

Act. & approve of the report

on the bridge, point out that the
money was to be used for the direct
advantage of the Kivir & their country
that it is therefore impossible to justify
that expenditure on the North Harroide
district, & say that, in other cases, the
balance must be held up until
some other reproductive work is required
from the Kivir?

H. J. R.

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[cf. account 33415/9]

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I agree we must keep faith.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

January 19th 1912.

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Sir,

I have the honor to refer to your tele-
gram of May 20th and previous correspondence
concerning the disposal of the proceeds arising
from the sale of stock captured from the Kisi.

It will be noted from your collection that it
was proposed to devote the balance of this money
to the inauguration of an irrigation scheme.
The Provincial Commissioner now reports that he
is not satisfied whether the natives, for whose
benefit the project was primarily suggested,
will appreciate it or contribute towards it
in success. In fact he states that any money
spent on it would be practically wasted.

As regards awards, Mr. Anderson is a tho-
roughly competent officer in such matters and has
the interests of the native population of his
Province at heart. In the future, there-
fore, of his award system I should feel
justified in expressing my approval.

It remains to be seen how much work which
would benefit the Kisi natives. The Provincial
Commissioner considers that the work of
greater

The Right Honorable

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greater assistance to them than the construction of a bridge over the Bondu River to connect their country with Lumbwa. At present communication is often interrupted by floods and intercourse between the two districts is much restricted in consequence. Mr. Ainsworth thinks that this bridge is most urgently required and expresses it as his opinion that, when it has been completed, we shall have done everything that is really essential for the welfare of the Kisii. The cost is estimated at from Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 20,000 and I propose to sanction this expenditure subject to your approval, which I trust will not in the circumstances be withheld.

5. The actual balance in hand at the present time is about Rs. 30,000, so that there still remains a sum of Rs. 30,000 approximately to be dealt with. I am opposed to holding up this large amount indefinitely until some other reproductive work is required for the Kisii, when there is so much which might be done for the benefit of the other native tribes in the Nyanza Province. This is particularly the case in the North Kavirondo District where the lack of roads for cart transport is proving a serious obstacle to the economic development which might otherwise be confidently anticipated.

6. I would therefore urge upon you most strongly the desirability of utilizing these funds for the improvement of communications in the Province generally.

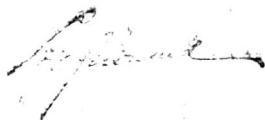
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generally. Its prosperity as a whole cannot fail to react favourably on the various individual tribes of which it is composed and I think that such an expenditure as I propose may quite fairly be characterised as beneficial to the Kisii.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR.

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MINUTE.

- Mr. B. B. 22/2
- Mr. Butler 22
- Mr. Fiddes
- Sir H. Vust.
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Emmott
- Mr Harcourt

I have the honour to
ack. the receipt of your
desp. no 41 of the 14th of Jan.
relating to the disposal of
the proceeds arising from the
sale of stocks captured from the
Klein, and to inform you
that I shall have the
pleasure of a part of
these proceeds in the
construction of a bridge over
the ^{Somde} Sade River, the cost
of which is estimated at
from Rs 18,000 to Rs 20,000.
I do not regard however
the proposal that the
balance of these funds