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Arrest of Mr Graham.

Has called on Mr Hinde Sub Commr. Kenya Province for report on - his letter on subject which appeared in Africa Standard of Aug 19.

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Mombasa,

October 11th 1905.

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 407 of September 17th forwarding a letter from Lord Windlin on the subject of the arrest of Mr. Graham. I have the honour to state that I have called on Mr. Hinde, the Sub-Commissioner of the Kenya Province, for a report on the circumstances of the case.

2. In the meantime I enclose a letter which appeared in the East African Standard of August 19th, from which you will see that the facts were not as stated in the numbers of July 22nd and 29th.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,



Acting Commissioner,

Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
LONDON.

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BEDFORD PARK,

FORT HALL.

August 6th, 1905.

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TO

The Editor of the "African Standard."

Sir,

May I call your attention to a gross misrepresentation of facts published in two recent issues of your paper, re Mr. Graham. Your correspondent states that Mr. Graham was arrested for inflicting a "slight flesh wound" on a native. The man in question has, owing to the "slight flesh wound", lost the use of one of his lungs, the bullet having passed through his arm and into his chest.

Mr. Graham's sentence was six months' simple imprisonment without hard labour, and a fine of Rs. 500 not Rs. 600.

Owing to Mrs. Graham's delicate condition her husband's arrest was delayed until a fortnight after her confinement; and when he was taken to Fort Hall, the Government supplied a police guard on Mrs. Graham's house, where it has since remained. Mr. Graham was sent into Nairobi in charge of the white Sergeant in whose tent he slept and during the day he was handcuffed to a policeman.

As to the remark in your paper that Mr. Graham's heavy sentence was due to a quarrel with the Sub-Commissioner, it only shows gross ignorance of the facts of the case on your correspondent's part.

The Sub-Commissioner was home on leave when the offence took place and previous to his going on leave had only seen Mr. Graham once.

If your informants were to verify their facts before rushing to pen and paper, we might hear less of these "terrible miscarriages of justice".

I am &c.,

Sd/- Chas. T. Fischer.
(Settler).