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Native Leves

20 Oct.  
 Last previous Paper.  
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Send memo by O.C. <sup>273</sup> K.A. & Public Code  
of rules for the employment of Native  
 Leves in K.A.

(Minutes.)

~~24/11/08~~ 24/11/08

16/11/08

M. J. P. 11/08

These rules seem to meet the case -  
 I would omit the sentence in rule 4, which I have  
 underlined in red ink.

I sent copies of these rules to O.A.G.  
 Uganda & Kenya. I will send them  
 to ~~Kenya~~ as they do not apply to that country  
 as the rules there are more likely to have to refer  
 to foreign existence than to be employed in  
 similar expeditions.

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11/11/08

No. in books

Passed as proposed?

20 Nov. 20

11/11/08 (P.T.O.)

Send to M. J. P.

See page 317  
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I see no objection to the rules of  
the Council being clear they apply  
to punitive operations only.  
Principles are perfect.

Col. Sully  
Lt. Col.

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22.11.

Sir F. Hopwood.  
I annex a copy of C.D.C. Memorandum  
No 404 M. which has been  
prepared at the instance of the  
Colonial Office in view of a  
request by the Inspector General  
of the King's African Rifles for  
instructions as to the employment  
of native levies in the East  
Africa & Uganda Protectorates.  
2 It will be remembered that  
the military members of the  
Colonial Defence Committee were  
unwilling to concur in the  
Memorandum as they considered  
that the instructions contained  
in it might hamper the action  
of officers carrying on military  
operations in those regions.  
3 It was accordingly decided

at the meeting of the C.D.C. on  
the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1909 that the Memorandum  
should be laid before the Committee  
of Imperial Defence in order that  
an authoritative ruling may be obtained  
on the questions of policy involved.  
4 The Memorandum 404 M enunciates  
no new principles of policy. It embodies  
instructions contained in the despatch  
dated 1.9.03 (on H.S.144/07) addressed to  
the Governors of E. Africa & Uganda  
regarding the employment of native  
levies on punitive operations. +  
reaffirms the general principles stated  
in the C.D.C. Remarks 457 R (see C.O.  
31226/07) on the Nyasaland Defence Scheme  
revised to July 1907, regarding the employ-  
ment of native levies in the event of  
war with a European power which  
were concurred in by the Army Council.  
5 I have issued to the Secretary of the  
Committee of Imperial Defence copies  
of C.D.C. Memorandum 404 M for circulation  
to members of this Committee & I shall  
arrange with him that the members  
of State shall be invited to attend a  
Meeting at which the matter will  
be discussed.  
9 In the meantime no action is  
required on this paper.

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi.

October 20th 1908

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 514

(Incl. 2)

My Lord,

*MD  
23 144/17*

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 436 of the 1st ultimo, I have the honour to submit a Memorandum from the Officer Commanding the 2nd King's African Rifles on the subject of native levies.

Col Mackay  
Oct. 5th  
Code of Rules

2. Your Lordship will observe that in Colonel Mackay's experience levies have not been considered a component part of the fighting force but have been utilized for duty with captured stock and reconnaissance duties generally, and that a certain number of levies should, in Colonel Mackay's opinion, invariably form part of a punitive force for the performance of these duties.

3. In accordance with the instructions contained in the last paragraph of Your Lordship's despatch

under

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

R.



ENCLOSURE 1/1

In Despatch No. 510 of 1908

C. S.  
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MEMORANDUM

During the last 9 years I have taken part in or commanded several minor expeditions in East Africa on each of these native levies have been employed with advantage.

On the coast expeditions against the Somalis and Wakamba, Galla and Wanika were employed as levies.

In one expedition in the Kitui District of Usamba friendly Wakamba were employed against their own tribe and were most useful.

In the highlands of East Africa when punitive measures have been taken against the Nandi, Sotik and Fikuyu tribes, levies from the Masai tribe were used with advantage. In the recent expedition commanded by me against the Kisii, Nandi levies were used and proved themselves most useful. I am strongly of opinion that a certain number of levies are essential on all punitive expeditions for the driving of stock, carrying of despatches and reconnaissance duties, the tribe and numbers of the levies employed should be left to His Excellency's discretion who would embody in his instructions to the Officer Commanding the Force, the name of the tribe and the numbers to be employed. I gather from the enclosed despatch that it is the opinion of the home authorities that levies have been used for offensive measures; in my experience this has not been the case, their principal duty at all times has been to guard and drive captured stock and for reconnaissance.

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recent Kisii expedition the 50 Wandj levies employed were under the orders of an officer detailed by the Commander to specially look after them and issue the necessary orders as to their daily duties. I consider this is the best system.

I would suggest for your information that the following points may be included in your Code of rules regarding employment of levies.

Numbers employed not to exceed one third of the Military Force. His Excellency should lay down the tribes from which levies should be drawn.

No levies to be employed without His Excellency's sanction. A Military Officer should be in charge of all levies. Their duties to be guarding and driving of stock and reconnaissance work.

Sd/- J.D. MACKAY, Lt. Col.

Commanding 5th Battalion,

King's African Rifles.

Nairobi,

October 5th 1909.

RULES REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE LEVIES IN  
THE BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

1. Composition  
&  
Numbers.

When an expedition is to be undertaken the Officer Commanding the Field Force will receive instructions from H.E. the governor prior to the commencement of operations regarding the number of Levies to be employed and the tribes from which they are to be drawn. The number of Levies with a Field Force will be kept as low as possible and they will not ordinarily exceed 1/3 of the Military Force employed.

2. Duties.

The duties of Levies will be principally reconnaissance work and the guarding and driving of captured stock.

3. Employed with  
Intelligence  
Department.

Natives required to act with an expedition as guides or messengers or for intelligence purposes (such persons being necessarily inhabitants of or acquainted with the sphere of operations) shall be under the control of the Intelligence Officer.

4. When employed  
for other  
purposes including  
fighting.

All Levies (other than those mentioned in Rule 3) shall be in charge of a Military Officer specially detailed for that duty or of a Political Officer, (they shall be drawn as much as possible from localities remote from the sphere of operations and if required for fighting shall be composed of ex-soldiers and ex-police men of good character and persons accustomed to discipline to such an extent as may be available.

5. Payment etc.

Natives, employed in the manner indicated in Rules 3 & 4, shall be paid for their services at a rate authorized

6. Looting

authorized rate and their numbers shall be limited to the strength laid down in Right Force orders.

7. Rewards

Looting in any form is absolutely forbidden. Special Rewards shall only be given on the recommendation of the Column Commanders and shall be:- to natives mentioned in Rule 3 in the form of money only; to those mentioned in Rule 4 either in money or out of the proceeds of captured stock as may be considered advisable under the existing circumstances.

SA/- S.H. Llewellyn  
Lieut-Colonel  
Commanding Troops  
S.E. Protectorate.



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*Dec '08*

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch no. 51 of the 20th Oct., and to inform you that I approve of the draft rules regarding the employment of levies *for punitive expeditions* in the E. A. P. enclosed in that despatch.

I think, however, that the requirement that levies should be drawn from localities so remote from the sphere of operations may be omitted from the rules.

E. A. P.  
No. 618

G. P. O. 8/12

Mr. [Name]

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*Copy for Mysore 27/12 & Dec.*

for 2730 Z.A.P.

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*Handwritten signature*  
Dec 1908

1) Uganda  
no. ~~11~~

2) Nyasaland  
no. 271

4314/17

Sir,

(To 1 only) With ref. to my disp. no. 271 of the 1st Sept.

I have bc. to transmit to you for your info. and guidance a copy of the draft rules which I have approved regarding the employment of levies on the ~~employment of levies on the~~ *importation of goods*

U.P.A. 2/12

Mr. ~~W. H. H.~~  
*McKendrick*  
*furrow*

(To 2 only) A copy of my disp. directing the preparation of these rules is enclosed for your info.

*and to request that similar rules may be introduced in the rest under your Govt.*

*Draft rules as amended*

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*(To Nyasaland only) To S.A.P. 15/12/08*  
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