

DESPATCH

## EAST AFR. PROT.

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14-9-06

Governor	No.
Johnston	578

(Subject.)

1908

21 Oct.

Last previous Paper.

Money Order from J. H. Read

Founds 15 lbs Re 93.02

Send report by Charactor of timber, &  
request payment to and being written off to  
Forestry Dept.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Head

A curious story - I think the  
Forester did his head very heavy  
lps - as a punishment for not  
taking his traps about.

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I think this the ~~way~~ action was  
seemable - the ~~way~~ was.

Similar the amount being written  
down the amount being written

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Last previous Paper.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Governor's Office,

Nairobi.

October 21st 1908.

No. 518.

(Incl. 1)

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a

Mr. Hutchins  
No. 59

copy of a letter, with enclosures, from the Conservator of Forests regarding the loss of Rs. 93.02 - stolen from Mr. Seed, one of his Foresters.

2. Under the very exceptional circumstances

I venture to hope that Your Lordship will sanction  
this amount being written off to the Forestry Vote.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Humble servant,



(In the absence of H.R. the Governor)

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

INCLOSURE

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No. 578

In Despatch No. 578 of Oct. 1908.

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Forest Office, 14 NOV 08  
Mombasa,  
Oct. 5th, 1908.

Requesting Secretary of State's authority  
for writing out Rs. 35.00.

sir,

I have the honour to request that the Secretary of State's authority be sought to writing out an amount of Rs. 35.00 under circumstances explained in my No. 5125 of the 26th September 1908 to the Hon'ble the Treasurer, copy attached for information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. Hatchi

Chief Conservator of Forests.

The Secretary

to the Administration.

through the Hon'ble Treasurer,

Mombasa.

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NO. 2128.

Forest Office,

Mysore,

Augt. 24th, 1907.

Sir,

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for information (to be returned) a report from the Forester in charge of the forests on the Kaveri and Sugraka Rivers, detailing the circumstances under which the sum of Rs.95.00 was lost from his cash box, and to request sanction to the writing off of this amount. It will be noted that the loss was the direct result of his zeal in immediately rushing to extinguish the fire lit by the Veterinary Department, a fire which has caused damage to the forest estimated at Rs.700, and which amount is being claimed from the Veterinary Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) D. N. Hutchins,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

The Hon'ble

The Treasurer,

Mysore.

Karura Forest Station,  
September 15th, 1928.

COPY

REPORT OF MR. ASHURU FOR SEPTEMBER.

The Asst. Conservator of Forests,

Nairobi.

SIR,

I have the honour to report the loss of Rupees 75.00 from my cash box during my absence on urgent duty during the night of September 15th. The money was lost under the following circumstances:-

While in the office writing on the afternoon at about 4 p.m. I saw volumes of smoke and flames coming around the corner of "H" block in the Forest Reserve which faces the window of the office, and I could see it was coming rapidly through the mulga trees and on towards the house. I took as Ashuri, the only one guarding the premises, with me, and all available hands I could muster at the moment, leaving my house boy behind. In my excitement to get away to the fire I did not lock the office as is my usual custom, nor did I put on my coat which was hanging over the back of the chair I was writing in. I was away until 9 p.m. when I came back to the house to get some food, leaving all hands at work until I returned, or throughout the night if necessary, as proved the case eventually.

On my return I noticed at once that the office had been left open and that my coat was left behind with the bunch of keys in it. I then thought I would be sure all was right and after having some food, would check my cash. I told my boy he could go to bed if he liked, it was then about 10 p.m.

I found all the loose cash correct in the top tray of the cash box, but thought I had better look underneath as well, where I kept some money in a small silver box, collected for Park tickets and used postage only. This box I found had been emptied and the lid closed down again in the usual way. In

this box I had rupees and cents only collected as follows:-		
1/15 By sale of 87 Fuel tickets @ Rs.1 each	57.00	silver
silver (Rupees & half rupees & 2 cents)		
sale of 50 N'langi cedar plants @ 1/- 100	2.00	
Official receipt No. 47, 3/9/06,		
Timber (sale of Nut material)	2.01	
Official receipt No. 48, 3/9/06,		
Timber (sale of Nut material)	2.01	
Official receipt No. 12/9/06.		
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 55.02.</b>	

Immediately I saw the shortage I suspected my boy and sent for an Askari by name Juma, whom I asked to stand by but not to show himself until I got my boy in the office, should he still be here. I then went to my boy's room and found him in bed. I asked him to come to the office with me as I wanted to speak to him. He came to his door, and I noticed he was to all appearance terrified, and going to make a bolt, so I caught hold of him by the wrist, and while leading him up the steps to the office (which are very narrow) he swung round his arm striking me in the chest and tripping me off the steps to the ground, in which fall I lost my grip. The Askari was close behind and I called to him and he grabbed the boy by the blanket which in the struggle was torn to pieces and the boy then ran away naked in the direction of Nairobi. It was pitch dark, but myself and the Guard gave chase, the boy was losing ground, and the Askari closed up to him when the Askari was felled by a stone, and we heard a rush through the fence into the scrub and long grass, but the Guard was unable to walk, therefore, I returned and sent out 6 men to search Nairobi; the boy was found by them next morning in a hut in the native location in Nairobi, and is now in the hands of the Police. He refuses any knowledge of the theft although the general opinion of all the natives, including the Forest Guards, is that he stole the money and buried it in

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some secret place. This was the only money in the cash box that did not have notes mixed with it, and kept as it was in a separate little box again, which is seldom opened unless a ticket is sold. I think it showed great cunningness on the thief's part, for had I not examined my cash at once it might have gone by unnoticed for days, until I issued another ticket. That same day at noon I had checked my cash book with the money and, therefore, knew that the money was taken that night while I was away at the fire, besides being the first and only instance where the premises have been left with a guard in my absence. I submit this full report with the hopes that under the very exceptional circumstances of the case, the fact of my leaving my coat, containing the keys behind, will be overlooked to a great extent, and compensation granted. I forward the small box which just fits under the tray of the safe, and contained the money referred to.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) F. H. Seed,

Percepter A/o.

P.S.

Since you are so anxious to know what I can say in regard to  
 Phillips and his having passed me (between you and Phillips) \$6000  
 on account of which you are anxious to know if he got it or not  
 I have called upon our lawyer Mr. Tracy to make a full defense  
 and will straighten out all your facts concerning the loss of Phillips.  
 By Indian laws there could be no loss amount of \$6000 in Phillips  
 has taken and, with Doctor and Mr. Ladd, he has been  
 traced out here, but we cannot say for sure, because every time out  
 he has (spoke a few words) and Phillips has come and said he should  
 never trust him again and of course and ignorant that a person  
 who has committed a robbery and demands his release  
 should be allowed to leave and you say, "I think nothing of that & that  
 you didn't believe it" because you don't know what a person  
 who has committed a robbery and demands his release  
 should be allowed to leave and you say, "I think nothing of that & that

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C.A.T.

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C.A.T. No. 590

J.W.  
Sadler.

20 Nov 18

MINUTE 17/4

Mr. Noall.  
Mr. Ellis.  
Mr. Just.  
Mr. Anstrous.  
Mr. Col.  
Sir G. Lucas.  
Sir J. Hopwood.  
Col. Seely.  
The Earl of Crewe.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's draft No. 515 of the 21<sup>st</sup> of Oct, & to inform you that I approve the proposal to write off as irrecoverable the sum of Rs. 93.20 stolen from M<sup>r</sup> Sadler one of the trustees in the Treasury Deptt of the P.