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(Signed) R. L. ANTPOUS

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 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Death of the Hon. A. Olyitt,

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ack? secret copy of 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. to submit  
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General Dept

Mr. Cox

Col. Pitterson came home on leave  
 with his team, which took him to the (see  
 1955). On the 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. he was told to be  
 back at the end of the leave (see in P. 1955)  
 he pleaded ill health was sent to Gen. P.  
 Mansour who recommended a number of  
 of leave & recommendation that he 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 January (1908) it was proposed that  
 to terminate the appointment at once on  
 health grounds. but the Sec. of War  
 saw Col. Pitterson was headed back

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actions will be taken at present dates  
I understand his Lordship's wish was to  
assist the Governor's of the telegram  
in 1876 to Col. Patterson's defence

So Col. Patterson is at present in  
know informally, or indirectly  
How comes the Governor's Resp. which  
practically accepts Col. Patterson's  
explanations, suggests that nothing can  
be done & says for only the view that  
Col. Patterson may return to the Protectorate  
at pleasure.

I think therefore that we must inform  
Col. Patterson that the Govt considers his  
explanations satisfactory on all points  
that he is desirable in the opinion of the  
Govt to return to the Protectorate but the  
Governor will insist on the circumstances  
that Col. Patterson must renounce  
his office in his mind, and that we shall  
be glad to hear whether he is prepared  
to do so. I shall refer to this matter  
in the course of the day

L. H.  
15 June

We should not be justified  
in saying that the Governor

N.B. Since  
the time  
Washington

consider his explanations  
factory on all points. The  
Governor accepts his explanations,  
but nothing more. With regard  
to Mr. Blyth he merely says  
that "no judicial mind could  
hold that my impropriety has  
been proved"

In these circumstances I do  
not think that more can be  
said to Col. Patterson than  
that the Govt of State accepts  
his explanations, and is pre-  
pared to allow him to return  
to the Protectorate and resume  
his duties if passed by Sir  
J. Shannon as physically fit  
for service. Remind him that  
Sir J. Shannon recommended that  
he sh<sup>d</sup> be re-examined about the  
22<sup>nd</sup> of this month, and instruct  
him, if he wishes to return, to  
be ready on or before that  
date.

W. J. H.

H. B. R. O.  
1876

I spoke to Mr. [unclear] & have  
arranged with [unclear]  
that steps should be taken  
to let Mr. Patterson see his  
P. Nansen as desired by Sir  
P. 3 months ago.

J. H. C.

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at [unclear]

Mr. Nansen

Mr. F. Hopwood would be  
glad if an official letter  
could be written <sup>in reply to</sup> Mr. Patterson  
sending <sup>him</sup> to Sir P. Nansen again  
~~to be in accordance with the~~  
~~order of the [unclear]~~  
~~Patterson [unclear]~~  
~~to be sent to [unclear]~~

Off. Secy.

11/22  
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C. H. C.  
5 Feb.

Governor's Office,

Nairobi.

10th December 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

SECRET.

My Lord,

I have the honour to reply to Your Lordship's despatch, secret, of the 6th of October last regarding the circumstances connected with the death of the Honourable A. Blyth.

2. I have carefully considered Colonel Patterson's statement and beg to submit my replies to the questions asked in paragraph 3:-

A. The safari appears to have been a joint one, part belonging to Col. Patterson, and part to Mr. Blyth. The whole safari was got together by Col. Patterson. Permission was given by the Lieutenant Governor for Mr. and Mrs. Blyth to accompany Col. Patterson as personal friends of the latter. Col. Patterson's reasons as given in his statement, for asking for that permission appear to be reasonable.

B. Col. Patterson explains that he went on to Marsabit, after Mr. Blyth's death, because he could not allow private business, however serious, to interfere with public duty. This decision was

unfortunate

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON. S.W.

unfortunate and unnecessary, and appears to have been the main cause of the trouble in which he subsequently involved himself and Mrs. Blyth. The circumstances were such as to justify his immediate return. I am unable to say how far the dispute between Col. Patterson and his party developed into a mutiny. That there was a dispute as to the return journey is evident, but Col. Patterson could alone know the extent it reached. He was certainly in a very bad state of health when he returned to Nairobi, he was anxious to be off home, and as the conduct of his porters was not then in question it is understandable that he made no allusion thereto.

3. I am not aware of any motives which might have induced the porters to combine and tell lies, beyond the repeated chastisement inflicted on the witness Ibrahim bin Ali, which may have had a bearing on this point.

4. With reference to the circumstances more immediately attending the unfortunate death of Mr. Blyth, the finding of the Magistrate who held the enquiry was that death was caused by a self inflicted bullet wound, and that at the time Mr. Blyth was suffering from depression as the result of illness and not accountable for his actions. The Magistrate ~~added~~ that there was no evidence to show that Mr. Blyth was influenced by any conduct of Col. Patterson and Mrs. Blyth.

5. There is absolutely no foundation for the rumour referred

referred to by Col. Patterson in his statement, that he shot Mr. Blyth. The finding of the Magistrate is a sufficient answer to this.

6. As regards the allegations made by the native witnesses at the enquiry, these are insinuations rather than evidence. The nature of the enquiry demanded these being recorded, but the Magistrate considered it neither necessary nor desirable to come to any conclusion thereon in the absence of Col. Patterson and Mrs. Blyth. At the time I considered, as noted in my confidential despatch of the 27th of June, that these allegations required to be explained or denied. This Col. Patterson has now done; and my opinion is that in face of all the facts and of Col. Patterson's explicit denial of any impropriety on his part, no judicial mind could hold that any impropriety has been proved.

7. I shall address Your Lordship separately in reply to Your Lordship's confidential despatch of the 8th of October, regarding Col. Patterson's accounts. In the meanwhile I would observe that he has already refunded £97. and that the final settlement of his accounts, which are being examined in connection with his explanation, is not likely to be a matter demanding any severe measures.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

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8 February 1909

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Colonel J. H.  
Patterson DSO.

Sir

I am directed by  
the E. & C. to inform  
you that when the  
Medical Officer to the  
Dep't reported on your  
health last October,  
he recommended that  
you should be re-examined

MINUTE.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Anstons.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- The Earl of Crowe.

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H.

at the end of January.

2. By <sup>an</sup> ~~understanding~~

for which I am to  
express best thanks  
apart, you are not