DOMESTIC.

(Subject.)

Theft of Sheep &c. by Masai

Extract from letter of Mr W. Dunn, Land Manager, asking Request instructions may be sent to the Prot. to prevent the taking of firm official action

(Minutes.)

Mr Read

Standard Officer from the letter of the 19th August that the Masai have removed.

I confess that if the Masai are going to have their sheep out in the fire flames at night the Govt. cannot be expected to protect them from theft.

But not for a reply on the questions raised, & incidentally ask what proposals he has made.

with the settlement of the Mass.
in reserve - of which we have
heard nothing since February

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I wd. suggest that we
are entitled to the Pub. Co
attorney.

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THE EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE LIMITED.

19, St Swithin's Lane,
London, E.C.

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Enclosure:
Extracts.

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25th October, 1905.

Sir,

Referring to Major Villiers' call at the Colonial Office yesterday, I am directed to send you the enclosed extracts from letters by Mr. Walker Dun, the Syndicate's Land Manager in East Africa, in which he from time to time draws attention to the difficulties experienced consequent upon the Masai persistently occupying land leased to this Syndicate, and to the thefts of sheep by the Masai. In view of the fact that any forcible action by the staff of the Syndicate might be regarded as irregular, and would probably add to the trouble with the Masai, my Directors hope that you may deem it advisable to forward such instructions to the Protectorate as may be necessary to procure the taking of firmer Official action in respect of the depredations and encroachments by the Masai of the nature reported upon by Mr. Dun.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Walker

Secretary.

The Rt. Hon: Alfred Lyttelton, K.C., M.P.

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State,

Colonial Office, S.W.

THE EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE LIMITED.

Extracts from letters from Mr. Walker Dun. -

19th April, 1906.

Masai are still on the Syndicate property, eating our grass, and our flocks also stand the risk of diseases spread by the Masai animals.

17th May, 1906.

MASAI.

Counting all the sheep for the year, I find that 500 odd have been stolen by the Masai since the 1st January. I have continually been reporting cases of theft and encroachments of Masai to the Government. I saw Mr. McClellan, the local Sub-Commissioner, yesterday, he says he has no control over the Masai and he is going to see H.M.Commissioner Nairobi on the subject. The Masai warriors are gathering and are going over to raid their neighbours, the Sotiks.

14th May, 1906.

MASAI.

The returns show 483 mature sheep lost or stolen by Masai since the month of August, 1904. Of these 80 sheep were recovered from the natives and returned to the Syndicate by the Government.

The natives lie in the scrub and await a chance to steal. I keep a lot of extra herds on to watch but animals are stolen in spite of these precautions.

It is difficult to get a Government Official to believe that a Masai can do wrong and they have little control over the natives. So far as I can see, we require to be prepared to have a certain number of our sheep stolen for it is impossible to trace stolen sheep as the thief cuts any mark off the ears. It is necessary that regulations regarding earmarks be enforced in this country as in others, our only chance of finding stolen animals is in the case of half-breds. Unless shown where stolen sheep are or the thief is caught for them, the Government will take no action.

Eventually some of our whitemen will probably be killed by natives, and a rising take place. Could the trouble be traced to friction with any of the Syndicate men we stand to lose land and everything. For this reason I have warned all our whitemen to carefully avoid having any trouble with the Masai but to

report cases of theft direct to the Government officials.

The Government have been trying to send the Masai to Likipia for the last three months. It will be a great advantage to us if they go, but we have no guarantee that they will not return, and I strongly advise that we get up as much fencing as possible in the meantime to keep them back. At present there are about 20,000 Masai sheep and several thousand head of cattle round our Naivasha farm but they will not move. A great deal of thieving has taken place at that farm lately.

I asked the Local Sub-Commissioner what steps were being taken to send the Masai to Likipia. He said he had no control over them and they would not go and he was going to see S.M. Commissioner Nairobi on the subject.

I am afraid the Masai question will never be properly settled till they have had a rising, and that is probably only a question of time.

4th July, 1906.

Since last count we have lost 84 sheep at Gilgil and there is reason to believe that they have been stolen by Masai within the last few days. Mr. Griffin is going round with the Government Collector here to try and find sheep with our marks amongst the Masai flocks. We have had two cases within the last week of Masai thieves trying to get into our sheep boma at night.

18th July, 1906.

MASAI.

The amount of sheep stealing done by the Masai makes a very strong argument against our buying Native stock. Mr. Griffin went round some of the Masai flocks but did not see any animals with our earmarks. I went through the Masai flocks round the Government Boma at Naivasha, and found there was a half-bred lamb in one of the flocks and in the same flock there were two sheep I would swear to as having the Syndicate mark. A Government Masai Askari swears that the sheep with our earmarks belong to him and the earmarks are his, so it is simply one man swearing against another, and I am afraid we can do nothing. There are dozens of sheep with both ears cropped off amongst the Masai flocks round the Government Boma at Naivasha.

A band of Masai some days ago wrecked about 200 yards of our fence from Gilgil and drove their sheep through it. We have a native who saw them do it. Up to the present all the Government officials have done is to send out two Masai Askaris to look at the fence. The Masai are on the Syndicate land with thousands of animals and it appears as if the Government are afraid to take a determined stand in the matter of sending them to Likipia. If they continue in their weak policy, we are bound to have continual trouble. In the meantime, we are erecting

about 15 miles of fencing per month and will soon have a large tract of country fenced in, and when it comes to the point I hope the Government officials will not be afraid to take steps to prevent Masai from breaking down our fences and grazing their animals on our land. Government officials will not take up a case against or have trouble with Masai if they can help it, and in the meantime the Syndicate will have to suffer, but the Government will be forced to act when more settlers come into the country.

th August, 1906.

MASAI

I am pleased to say that the Masai have nearly all moved back towards Likipia and you will note that the shortage on animals stolen or lost on our sheep accounts is reduced to a mere nothing.

th September, 1906. (To Major Villiers)

I have just returned from a tour round the property with Mr. Wilson. He seems very much pleased with the country and said he thought he preferred it to Australia. I explained we were always likely to have a good deal of loss in importing animals. I am glad to find that he is just as keen as I am

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that our imported animals should be run out as to the Colonies. I told him we must expect to have animals stolen and some eaten by vermin [illegible] and that the authorities here will probably be writing home to say that the sheep are turned out at night and that I am accusing natives of stealing animals that may have been eaten by wild animals, and when the animals are run out at night we can expect no redress from the Government for animals stolen. As it is I am looked upon as a man with a grievance as I report cases of theft.

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t. a. P. No 490

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3 November

MINUTE.

Mr Ellis 1/11/15

Mr

Mr Introduce.

Mr Ons[illegible].

Mr Lucas.

Mr. Graham.

Mr M Ommanney.

Earl of Onslow.

Mr Chamberlain.

Ans'd 7431
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Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you for the consideration of the Secretary of State for the Colonies a letter from the Aborigines Protection Society on the subject of unauthorized depredations by the Masai on land leased by the Protectorate.

I should at the same time be glad to receive a report on the proposals which has been made in settling the Masai

t. to Protectorate & C.O. 25 Nov

The Secretary
Post Office Syndicate

MR 1/11/05

3 November 05

Sir

I am directed by Mr. Ryan to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult. & to inform you that he has communicated with the O.A.G. & the E.A.P. on the subject of the complaints of your Manager with regard to unauthorised deductions committed by the Manager in Land Revenue by your Syndicate

Yours

RHA

DOMESTIC

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Mr Read

Mr Mohlen

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Mr Anderson

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SYNDICATE LIMITED.

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The Assistant Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
African Protectorate Department,
Downing Street,
S.W.

As you are doubtlessly aware we have published some time ago a booklet on "Game Shooting in British East Africa" drawing the attention of the sportsmen of the world to the British East African Protectorate as the country where big game is to be found still yet in abundance. We are happy to say that this [illegible] has been eminently successful, the proof of which is [illegible] of letters and applications from all parts of the world [illegible] we are receiving daily. [illegible] this first publication [illegible] we intend also, [illegible] forming our aim as a syndicate [illegible] to develop the country, we propose to issue a [illegible] of our booklet designed [illegible] use, [illegible] game preserving [illegible] a few [illegible] of the [illegible] Rate.

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To the Assistant Secretary
of State.

Oct. 30th 1903

[illegible]orate Mr. Andrew Lynton, and we would propose to include his report as a part of our publication, besides Game Laws and other [illegible]ations that you would wish us to include. We, ourselves, [illegible] only an indirect small profit out of this publication, [illegible] country, on the contrary, would be a great gainer, as, at [illegible]sent, there is only one small pamphlet on British East Africa, [illegible] hardly any circulation, printed by the Emigration Bureau, [illegible]dway, Westminster, whereas our booklet would be distributed [illegible]rgely, and free, all over the British Dominions, so as to reach [illegible] the proper and desirable classes of people. We beg to submit [illegible] you, Sir, the following proposal: viz., that you, resp. His [illegible]jesty's Government, will either supply us with the printed Report [illegible] Mr. Lynton, printed on the same paper and in similar style to [illegible] publication, or pay for the paper and printing of same, and we [illegible]ust that you will recognise, firstly, the advantages of this pro[illegible] to the country, and, secondly, our disinterestedness in the [illegible].

Our efforts, past and present, have been, and always are [illegible]ected to the real development of the country, our trade including

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TRADING & DEVELOPMENT
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Oct. 30th 1915

To the Assistant Secretary
of State.

not only the importation of goods, but also the exportation of produce of the country, this latter even being our main aim and object and so we are constantly engaged in the work of opening up the resources of the country. Our export of Mangrove Bark alone will prove to you the truth of our assertion. Lastly, and not least we are fulfilling most loyally and willingly our obligations towards His Majesty's Government.

Trusting that our request will meet with a favourable reply

We remain, Dear Sir,
Yours very truly

M.D. 38709 4th 457

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M. Monkton trading & Development Syndicate Ltd

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Mr. Ellis 13/9
Mr. Reed 18
Mr. Antrobus.
Mr. Carr.
Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Graham.
Mr. M. Ommanney.
The Duke of Marlborough.
Lyttelton.

M. Monkton &c.

Gentlemen

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed letter of the 30th ult. and to inform you that he regrets that he is unable to accede to your request for the publication of your proposed handbook for the Queen Victoria Institute by supplying you with the details of Mr. Newton's report for insertion in the publication, or by paying for the cost of reproducing the report,

Copy to Attorney Office 17 Nov 27.

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