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1905

13 March.

Substance discovered by Anglo German
Boundary Commission

believed to be asphaltum
In same, and sample for analysis

(Minutes.)

Copy of report at once. Photos &
sample is required to the Director of the
Imperial Institute ask him to be good
enough to furnish a report

at once.
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Commissioner's Office, APR 35

Mombasa,

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March 15th 1905.

No. 143

My Lord,

I have received a sample of a substance which is believed to be asphaltum from the Boundary Commissioner who discovered it, as reported in the memorandum which I have the honour to transmit herewith, at the base of Luanji with a latitude South of 12' and Longitude East 36' 30". I am forwarding the sample to Your Lordship under separate cover and have the honour to request that it may be analysed.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Respectful servant,

J. Stewart

Marquis of Lansdowne, K. G.

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M.E.M O R A N D U M.

This stuff was found at the base of Sunji Hill (Latitude S. 2° 13' and Longitude East 36° 34') on a Rocky River bed. There are a few springs of fresh water underneath the cliff, from which the stuff issues. Colonel G. Smith R.E. found it some weeks ago. The cliff is about seventy feet high and overhanging, and the deposit bubbles out, but so slowly, that there is no visible movement.

I am enclosing 2 photographs of the place (they are marked with numbers on their backs). To the left of the photographer's head in No. 1 is a deposit and bubbles can be seen on the face of the cliff to the left of the Mahai.

At the bottom of the cliff are several tons of the stuff, on which the men are standing in illustration No. 2 and the black discolorment of the cliff in streaks is visible.

The place is much frequented by baboons and small gazelle, which probably accounts for the smell of the stuff.

There are no native inhabitants in that part, with the exception of roving bands of Masai and 'Ngorobe.

Water is scarce and there is none within ten miles of these springs.

In Ngorobe Hill (about Latitude South 1° 28' and Longitude East 36° 57'), there are cliffs somewhat similar to Sunji, and should the material prove valuable, it might be worth while exploring there for more.

(Sd.) H. G. T. Selig, Major

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The Director of the
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- Mr. Graham
- Sir H. Osborne
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13 April 1874
I am directed by
Her Majesty's Secretary of State
to transmit to you the
accompanying copy
of a despatch, with
enclosures, which has
been received from
H. M. S. Commissioner
for the East African
Protectorate on the
subject of a
substance believed to
be asphaltum, which
has been discovered
by a member of the
Royal Geographical

Boundary Commission.

2. I am to request
that you will be
good enough to
furnish a report
on the sample
which was enclosed
in Sir J. Stewart's
despatch.

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H. H.