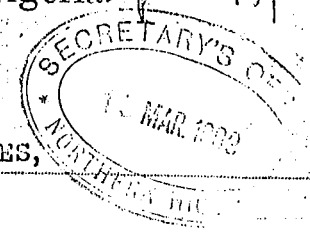


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 Dec. Quarter
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FROM THE RESIDENT, LOKOJA PROVINCES,
 To

THE SECRETARY, TO THE ADMINISTRATION, Z U N G E R U.

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With reference to the following extract from a wire
 from His Excellency, the Governor, No. 640 dated 23.2.08
 "Your proposals Staff practically mean; Bassa and
 Kabba combined require a central Staff of two x
 If independent not required x Under circumstances
 it may be best to revert to old arrangement and
 thus free an Officer for Koton-Karifi"

I have the honour to report as follows:-

2. The proposal I submitted was the following:-

Handwritten note:
 10/12/08
 to Dec. 1908

	<u>Administrative Div: & Offices.</u>	<u>Requirements.</u>
Kabba	(Kabba District Office	1 Pol: Officers
	(Egbirra & Kukuruku Office	1 " "
	(Koton-Karifi & Niger	1 " "
	(<u>One on leave</u>	1 " "
Bassa	(Itobe District Office	1 " "
	(Ankpa " "	1 " "
	(Agatu " "	1 " "
	(<u>One on leave</u>	1 " "
Lokoja	(Senior Resident.....	1 " "
	(Assist: Resident(to enable touring)	1 " "
	(Cantonment Magistrate.....	1 " "
	(<u>One on leave</u>	1 " "
Total		12 Pol: Officers

3. The establishment (never complete) of the two Provinces prior to being grouped need I believe to be considered as:-

Kabba	{	1 2nd Class say £650	including £100 Duty Pay
		1 3rd Class " £450	.
		3 Asst. Resdts: " £1050	@ £350

Baasa	{	1 3rd Class " £550	including £100 Duty Pay
		3 Asst. Resdts " £1050	

Lokoja Cant: Magis: 2 3rd Class " £900 (Ormsby & Wilson Jones)

 Total 11 Approxim-
 ating £4650.

4. My present proposal shows 4 in each Province - 8; and 4 for the Lokoja Office including the Cantonment Magistrate. Total 12, and I recommend they should consist of the following:-

1 1st. Class say £900	(including £200 Duty Pay)
1 2nd. " " £550	
10 Asst. Resdts: £3000	@ £300
Cant: Magis:.....	60 Duty Pay

Approximating £4510.	

The above arrangement would further fill every Division which has never been possible heretofore.

5. I would amalgamate the two present Provinces into one, to be designated the "Lokoja Province", and it would contain six Divisions none of which singly would be too difficult for an ordinary Assistant Resident to supervise.

6. In regards to the desirability and advantage to be derived from Lokoja, as a Headquarters of the lot, (on

the wire) against two independents (off the wire), one 5 days distant and the other six, (meaning 6 and 12 days respectively before any urgent information could be obtained, I should say there was no question.

7. As I have recorded in my Annual Report for 1908; through the courtesy of the Head-Agents of Local Firms, it has been found by careful checking that Kabba and Bassa alone have been responsible during the past year, for the following accounts:-

		(Rubber £28. 300
Exports	£65. 300	(Kernels £30. 200
		(Various £7. 100
Imports	£130. 604	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Volume	<u>£195. 904</u>	<u>126,111,130,000</u>

As per Mr. H. ...

8. With such figures before me I would earnestly ask whether these two Provinces are not deserving of keener interest, and more generous treatment.

9. Given a full Staff and the necessary money whereby the country could be made more settled, communications to Kwana Rubber and Kernel centres improved, I consider the above report figures would probably be touched within a year.

10. Southern Nigeria with its wealth would doubtless be willing to effect this at once, and if circumstances demand that all our interest and resources must of necessity be concentrated in the North, would it not then be worth considering the advisability of handing over this valuable district to the Southern Government to develop its assured wealth, ready to hand, for the advantage of the country itself, and the home markets as well.

The Protectorate to retain Lokoja with a 10 mile
radius as an enclave.

H. D. Gammage

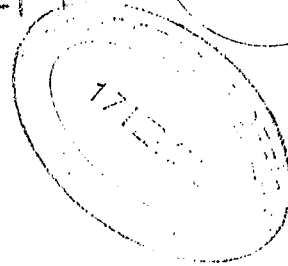
Resident, Lokoja Provinces.

Lokoja, 27th February, 1909.

31. December

1908

Consent 18/2/08



Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the Lokoja Provinces Report No. 4 for the quarter ending 31. December, 1908.

2. The following returns accompany the Report:

Consent 18/2/08

- ✓ Quarterly abstract RevenueKabba ;
- ✓ Do. do. do.....Bassa
- ✓ Above combined.....Lokoja Provinces
- ✓ Return of Freed Slaves.....Kabba
- ✓ Do. do. do.....Bassa
- ✓ Return of births and deaths....Lokoja Town
- ✓ Return of touring
- ✓ Three Sketch Maps and Reports (for return please)

18/2/08

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. D. Amore

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.

The Secretary,

To The Administration,

Z u n g e r u.

RESIDENT....MAJOR LARYMORE.

General - Political - Administrative.

1. Nothing of great importance requires reporting, or recording for this Quarter.
2. In Kabba, a good deal has been done in assessment work to the advantage of the Province.
3. The chief item of interest otherwise has been the Egbirra and Kukuruku Patrol which, starting from Lokoja, landed at Egori down river, opposite Ida, and toured quietly through the entire portion of the Kukuruku and Egbirra Districts which required visiting in this manner.
4. The Patrol concluded its work entirely peacefully, and great credit is due to Assistant Resident Mr. Groom who was the Political Officer in charge, and to Lieut. Blackwood who commanded the Escort.
5. While this Patrol was out, I happened to be touring to the South of Kabba and there found that 3 or 4 places could not be visited as Police were fired at. One of them was moreover at the time harbouring murderers.
6. I accordingly applied for the remainder of the ^{then finding the Patrol} Company to be stationed in the Egbirra District during the dry season, which would enable the entire neighbourhood to be thoroughly visited and overhauled.

Camp

Quart

I cannot understand this

Don't think p.m.

7. The Detachment arrived at the beginning of December, and to date has been doing excellent work.

8. The behaviour of the men is beyond praise and reflects the greatest credit on the discipline which evidently prevails in the 2nd. Battalion.

9. On the return of the Detachment, I should much like a similar arrangement with Koton-Karifi.

But I have no Political Officer to spare, and a Patrol in that District must, I regret to think once again be put off. I have been endeavouring to arrange one since last December year, but paucity of European Staff has always been the difficulty.

10. In recent correspondence on the question of taking Mr. Groom from Egbirra, and making him Cantonment Magistrate in Lokoja, I asked for some other arrangement, as the above would undo much of the good done by Mr. Groom in that backward District, and I showed how the present Staff was allocated.

11. If the following be accepted as the legitimate requirements of the two Provinces, it will be admitted I think how inadequate is the present European Staff:-

Administrative Division & Offices.

Requirements.

(Kabba District Office	1	Pol: Officer
(
(Egbera & Kukuuku Office	1	" "
(
(Koton-Karifi & Niger Office	1	" "
(
(One on leave.....	1	" "
(
(Itobe District Office	1	" "
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(Ankpa Do. do.	1	" "
(
(Agabi Do. do.	1	" "
(
(One on leave.....	1	" "
(
(Cantonment Magistrate	1	" "
(
(An Assist. for Senior Resident's		
(Office to take charge of Of-		
(fice when latter tours.....	1	" "
(
(The Senior Resident Central Of-		
(fice.....	1	" "
(
(One on leave.....	1	" "
TOTAL	12	Pol: Officers

i.e. 9 present, and 3 on leave.

The existing Staff is:-

Larymore - Ley-Greaves - Sciortino - Byng-Hall -
Lang - Groom - M. Lyte - Woodhouse - Byfield.

Total 9 - giving, if only 2 be away at a time, 7
to fill 9 places.

Since writing the above, Assistant Resident Covey
has been appointed, making the total 10, but even so
with 4 away, as will be the case, (Larymore, Sciortino,
Byfield, Maxwell-Lyte) this only leaves 6 for the

Handwritten notes:
 Bussard
 Katsina population 500,000
 1. Political Officers
 Hadaya Kalam
 1. Political Officer
 Zaria
 1. Political Officer
 Bauchi
 1. Political Officer
 Nassarawa
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 Ibadan
 1. Political Officer
 Kogi
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 Lagos
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 Rivers
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 Kaduna
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 Zamfara
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 Sokoto
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 Niger
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 Abuja
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 Bussard

Handwritten numbers:
 120,000
 £5500
 185

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the nine places which should be kept filled.

12. But even should other Districts be allowed to go without, I certainly think every effort should be made in regard to Koton-Karifi.

Here is a place within 4 or 5 hours steam of Lokoja where people turn out and fight with as little concern as others go down to the river and bathe.

Last week, 2 or 3 men were killed, and the Lokoja Council have begged me to bring before His Excellency the urgent desirability of impressing on the District, with force for choice, that they cannot behave in this manner with impunity.

*I cannot understand
what staff means
70% since 1907
The Council do not*

13. In this particular instance one village actually hired levies to fight for them - (Bassa-komou who occupy the South portion of Koton-Karifi District).

They succeeded by this means, and defeated their opponents.

The killed had their upper and lower lips cut off, and were finally placed under thatched roofs, pulled off houses, which were fired, and their bodies thus burnt, to the indignation of all.

14. The Town itself of Koton-Karifi is perfectly all right; but the places in what is known as the TAWARI country i.e. North-East and East of the town and the BASSA to the East and South-East are the chief offenders

15. I don't think there can be any real solution until a Detachment of Soldiers, say half a Company, with a Political Officer are actually stationed in the District for about a year.

This has never been feasible, strange to say; and since Mr. Carnegie was killed in 1900 the District has continued unsettled.

** Extracted to
M.P. 832
1909*

** If such abuses
are being perpetuated
immediate action should
be taken as is done
in the case of
either Kallawalla or Agade
I certainly hope so
then station an
Asst. Comm. in the
District
There already is
a CM in Lokoja
I have telegraphed
with a view of
13/11/09*

16. The District is so easily arrived at from Lokoja that the half Company could be changed as often as efficiency demanded without any difficulty.

17. I am leaving a note with Mr. Ley-Greaves to bear this matter in mind and do all that can be done to effect some arrangement.

But the solution above all I consider, would be the amalgamation of Nassarawa with the Lokoja Provinces.

The people of Nassarawa have always been in touch with Lokoja.

Nassarawa practically conquered Koton-Karifi years ago, and to join the Provinces up now would mean an immediate well-used highroad with continuous traffic between the two places. It is of course the most direct route from Lokoja to Keffi and Nassarawa Town.

It is a fine country - it is from the neighbourhood of Koton-Karifi that about seven-tenths of the Lokoja Market is filled to-day, and to settle the more distant parts, and give people confidence to open up and cultivate a larger area could only result in mutual advantage to both sides.

18. The few places in dispute on the Lagos Boundary ILASA, - EGBIRRA-EKOLE, and ARA, continue to prove a difficulty. While near them recently on tour messengers arrived to ask how they were to settle Cases which their own Native Courts had refused to deal with.

It is difficult to suggest a way out of this difficulty, as both Southern Nigeria and Northern Nigeria have agreed to leave these villages severely alone.

I will consider this as question if some amalgamation.

Instructions are being sent dealing with this question.

19. As we got nothing from these places, and as, situated as they are, with both Governments standing aside, they are a happy hunting ground for all bad characters, I would suggest that, pending amalgamation, they be administered by Northern Nigeria.

We could waive the Tribute under the circumstances; but in other respects they would have to consider themselves under this Government, and within the jurisdiction of the Kabba Provincial Court. I would suggest that the Government of Southern Nigeria be addressed on the subject.

20. From Bassa, the Resident reports that everything is progressing satisfactorily.

21. Mr. Sciortino recently went across the Province from its North-West to its South-East corner with only six Policemen, and was welcomed throughout this journey.

22. The intimation concerning the Southern Nigeria Column did not reach us in time, and I heard of Col. Trenchard's arrival on our Bassa Boundary only three or four days before he was to be at Ankpa.

I fortunately succeeded in catching Mr. Sciortino who was up near Gbegbe, and it was on this occasion he made the cross country journey I refer to above.

23. Mr. Sciortino met Col. Trenchard and discussed ^{matters} with him, affording him all the information we possessed.

24. Col. Trenchard has since expressed every thanks for the manner in which he and his Column were received.

25. Mr. Sciortino accompanied the Column back across our Southern Boundary. It is now wending its way Eastward en route for Katsena Alla.

*Unfortunately this
could not be given you
as Sciortino gave
no information concerning
the approach of the Column*

Southern Nigeria is about to establish a Station near Ankpa, and, once they are settled here, a Joint commission might arrange a working Boundary from the point ~~UNNUNUN~~ reached to date, onwards, to our Bassa Eastern limit.

While endeavouring to be even with Captain Byng-Hall, who had started compiling "an OKPOTO VOCABULARY", I commenced to jot down and learn ordinary Simple Sentences in "OKPOTO".

I then discovered (1) that IGARRA i.e. the language of IDA, and the river-side villages, coming up stream, was identical with what I was learning; and (2) that there was little difference between the two and YORUBA.

I also learnt that "OKPOTO" meant "bush-man".

Mr. Sciortino, however, with the assistance of Interpreters etc who accompanied the Southern Nigeria Column, and which had actually marched through the OKPOTO country, has found that there are no OKPOTOS in the Bassa Province!

ANKPA people are inland IGARRAS, and the name "OKPOTO" has been given to the inland places as the existence of the bona-fide tribe was known, and the fact that they were recognized to be far down the scale of civilization, was the cause of the river-side IGARRAS alluding to their own less wide-awake brethren inland by this term of derision.

The OKPOTOS proper are well South of our Bound-

Barikie & Barikie 27/2/40
from the following division
of Yoruba dialects or 'Yoruba dialects'
1. Yoruba including
2. Egbu (Ibadan)
3. Ijebu (Ijebu)
4. Ijebu (Ijebu)
5. Ijebu
6. Ijebu (Ijebu)
7. Ijebu
8. Ijebu
9. Ijebu
10. Ijebu 28.
Barikie also says -
Ijebu dialects along
the Niger from the borders
of Egbu to the borders
of the Niger. Under its
original name of OKPOTO
at distant inland villages the
lower Bassa for a considerable
distance. The western part
only is known as Ijebu
from a Yoruban chief
who accompanied the Niger.
The language of Ijebu
dialects chiefly from the
Yoruban family so
known as that
of the Niger has its
own name as Ijebu
and also the Ijebu
name as Ijebu
made by the Ijebu
people apparently

and are on a par with the horse eating IDOMAS and IGBOS. They wear no clothes, and are in a very primitive state of advancement.

*Extracted to
11/10/09
G.O. to speak
How is map of
Bassa Province*

I am attaching some road sketches and information concerning the Boundary which I should feel obliged to have returned when done with, as being single handed at the moment, I have not been able to spare the time to include them in the large map of the Province.

30.

ANKPA is being re-built with clay walls in place of grass, and on completion in a couple of months the question might be considered of whether the District was not now settled enough for the transfer of the tentative Headquarters from Itobe.

*Alberty (I think)
for permanent building
at Itobe - if to be
transferred why ask
for an east point at
ANKPA register at
Itobe. I present in
Bassaland is all I can
afford you for some
time to come.*

The latter place will always be the most convenient stepping off point for the Bassa interior, and will make a useful Divisional Headquarters for the Western side of the Province.

H. D. Lamore

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.

RESIDENT...MAJOR LARYMORE.

JUDICIAL.

	Kabba	Bassa	Total
31. Criminal	28	15	43
Civil	1	2	3
Informal	81	(omitted)	81
		Grand Total	<u>127.</u>

Both Provinces report Judicial work progresses smoothly.

In Egbirra, Offenders are difficult at times to arrest, also in Kukiruku, otherwise summonses are readily obeyed.

Native Courts.

32. No Cases of importance.

Two Courts have been opened during the Quarter, one at GRINIA and one at IKARRE.

33. The Courts at Egga and Koton-Karifi are not working well and if they don't improve, their Alkalis will have to be changed.

34. The Lokoja Alkali's Court, also the Council, do an immense amount of really useful work.

35. The Justice and wisdom of the ruling of the

Lokoja

Lokoja Council, in many difficult cases, has gained for it a wide reputation, and appeals are brought from distant places.

There is no doubt that, composed as it is, of half a dozen different tribes, adds much to its popularity - all litigants, from high class Mohammedans to pagan Egbirras, feeling their respective tribal customs, and prejudices, will receive due consideration.

H. D. Samuere

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.

RESIDENT....MAJOR LARYMORE.

T R A D E.

36. Very little has been doing from what the Agents of Firms tell me.

There has been a slight improvement in the rubber Market, but apart from this business has not been good.

37. During a tour I made recently to the South of **Mabba** the increase in the area under Cotton was very remarkable.

H. D. Larymore

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.

RESIDENT...MAJOR LARYMORE.

POLICE & PRISONS.

38.

I would again request a re-consideration of the decision respecting a District Superintendent of Police at Kabba.

Without one, it is really most difficult for the Resident in charge there to efficiently carry on his Judicial work.

There is also a Provincial Prison there, and a strong Detachment of Police, which ties down a single Political Officer and prevents him from touring when there is no Police Officer to act for him.

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J.P.
J. H. P. G. M.*

H. D. Larymore

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.

RESIDENT...MAJOR LARYMORE.

S L A V E R Y.

39. There were 17 Slaves freed, 11 adults and 6 children.

They have all been restored to their families, or allowed to follow their own inclinations.

H. D. Larymore

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.

RESIDENT...MAJOR LARYMORE.

R E V E N U E.

40. The Land Revenue receipts are up to the average, and I do not anticipate that there will be any decrease by 31. March.
41. Ankpa District and Eastward to IMANE are not being asked to pay this year.
- By next year, I think they will be sufficiently settled down to commence taxation.
42. The following notes are in explanation of the "Decrease" in the Revenue Return, on comparison with last year's figures.
- Land Revenue. An "Increase" will be shown by 31. March.
- Traders Licenses. Most of the "Petty Traders" now are "Natives" and are thus excused taking out the £1 License.
- Other Licenses. Fewer Game Licenses have been taken out, and certain Constabulary Stoppages were included in last year's figures, which was irregular.
- Fines. There were some heavy fines last year for Slave-dealing, and Liquor smuggling, which have not recurred.
- Customs. Parcels have been fewer.
- Rents. This is not really a decrease, as all Sterling Hill rents have been collected for this year, and there are no arrears. The apparent extra shown

shown as received for last year was arrears for the
year before.

H. D. J. J. J.

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.

RESIDENT...MAJOR LARYMORE.

DEPARTMENTAL.

44. Mr. Ley-Greaves arrived from leave on 29 December.
45. Mr. Greenwood, District Superintendent of Police joined on 1st. appointment on 24th December and has proceeded to relieve Mr. Chartres in Bassa.

H. D. Larmore

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.

RESIDENT... MAJOR LARYMORE.

LOKOJA TOWN.

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I beg to recommend that the Municipal Council be empowered by warrant to make bye-laws for the welfare of the community.

Imprisonment up to one week, and fine up to £10/-.

H. D. Larymore

Resident - Lokoja Provinces.
