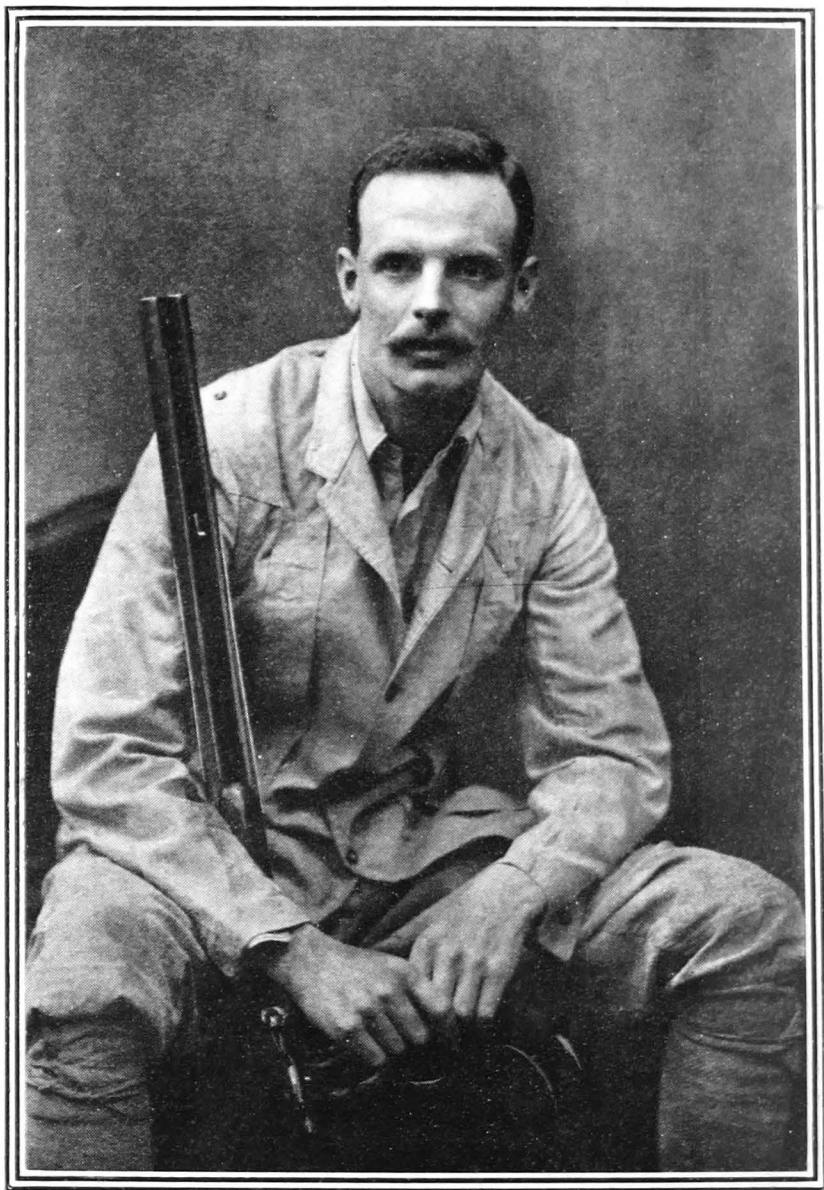


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[Frontispiece.]

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Preface

KNOWING what a large number of books have been written about Somaliland and the shooting to be obtained there, it was after some hesitation that I decided to add another ; but I have ventured to do so hoping that an account of the raising of the Somali Levy, and of the subsequent operations against the "Mad" Mullah may make this volume somewhat different from those that have been previously published, and that it may thus prove of interest to people who would not care to read a book dealing only with a subject about which they are probably more or less familiar. At the same time I have mentioned what sport I succeeded in getting while on duty in the country, in order to save the book from being simply an account of an Expedition which, after all, was of but short duration.

I have also added a copy of the 1901 Somaliland Game Regulations that have come into force in consequence of the international agree-

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ment for the preservation of big game in Africa which was signed in London in 1900.

Every word in the following manuscript has been written while under canvas, and more than one chapter while actually on the march from day to day.

Should it be thought that I have gone too much into detail in some cases, *e.g.*, about the organisation and equipment of the Levy, and later on about the daily itinerary of the Expedition, I wish to point out that this book is the history of a novel Expedition into a little-known country. I do not therefore think that the account of how the Somali was trained as a soldier should prove uninteresting, while I feel sure that any one who has visited the Dolbahanta country in Somaliland will be interested in our route.

My thanks are due to Lieutenant A. C. H. Dixon, West India Regiment, for the chapter which he has kindly written for me on the pursuit of the Mullah; also to Lieutenant T. G. Salmon for several photographs.

M. McNEILL.

BURAO, SOMALILAND,

January 10, 1902.

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SOMALILAND.

NOTICE.

THE following Regulations made by His Majesty's Consul-General, and allowed by the Secretary of State, are published for general information.

(Signed) J. HAYES SADLER,
His Majesty's Consul-General.

Berbera, 10th July, 1901.

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KING'S REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF "THE
SOMALILAND ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1899."

No. 3 of 1901.

Preservation of Game.

1. IN these Regulations—

"Hunt, kill, or capture" means hunting, killing, or capturing by any method, and includes every attempt to kill or capture.

"Hunting" includes molesting.

"Game" means any animal mentioned in any of the Schedules.

"Public officer" means a European officer in the public service of the Somaliland Protectorate, or an officer of one of His Majesty's ships visiting the coast.

"Native" means any native of Africa not being of European or American race or parentage.

"Settler" means a person for the time being resident in the Protectorate not being a public officer or a native.

"Sportsman" means a person who visits the Protectorate wholly or partly for sporting purposes, not being a public officer, settler, or native.

"Consular Officer" means the Principal Consular Officer in charge of a district of the Protectorate.

"Schedule" and "Schedules" refer to the Schedules annexed to these Regulations.

General Provisions.

2. No person, unless he is authorised by a special licence in that behalf, shall hunt, kill, or capture any of the animals mentioned in the First Schedule.

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3. No person, unless he is authorised by a special licence under these Regulations, shall hunt, kill, or capture any animal of the kinds mentioned in the Second Schedule if the animal be—

(a) Immature ; or

(b) A female accompanied by its young.

4. No person, unless he is authorised under these Regulations, shall hunt, kill, or capture any animal mentioned in the Third Schedule.

5. The Consul-General may, if he thinks fit, by Proclamation, declare that the name of any species, variety, or sex of animal, whether beast or bird, not mentioned in any Schedule hereto, shall be added to a particular Schedule, or that the name of any species or variety of animal mentioned or included in one Schedule shall be transferred to another Schedule, and, if he thinks fit, apply such declaration to the whole of the Protectorate or restrict it to any district or districts in which he thinks it expedient that the animal should be protected.

6. No person shall within the Protectorate sell, or purchase, or offer, or expose for sale any ostrich eggs or any head, horns, skin, or flesh of any animal mentioned in any of the Schedules, unless the ostrich or animal has been kept in a domesticated state ; and no person shall knowingly store, pack, convey, or export any part of any animal which he has reason to believe has been killed or captured in contravention of these Regulations.

7. If any person is found to be in possession of any elephant's tusk weighing less than 11 lbs., or any ivory being, in the opinion of the Court, part of an elephant's tusk which would have weighed less than 11 lbs., he shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations, and the tusk or ivory shall be forfeited unless he proves that the tusk or ivory was not obtained in breach of these Regulations.

8. Where it appears to the Consul-General that any method used for killing or capturing animals is unduly destructive, he may, by Proclamation, prohibit such

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method or prescribe the conditions under which any method may be used ; and if any person uses any method so prohibited, or uses any method otherwise than according to the conditions so prescribed, he shall be liable to the same penalties as for a breach of these Regulations.

9. Save as provided by these Regulations, or by any Proclamation under these Regulations, any person may hunt, kill, or capture any animal not mentioned in any of the Schedules.

Game Reserves.

10. The areas described in the Fifth Schedule hereto are hereby declared to be game reserves.

The Consul-General, with the approval of the Secretary of State, may, by Proclamation, declare any other portion of the Protectorate to be a game reserve, and may define or alter the limits of any game reserve, and these Regulations shall apply to every such game reserve.

Save as provided in these Regulations, or by any such Proclamation, any person who, unless he is authorised by a special licence, hunts, kills, or captures any animal whatever in a game reserve, or is found within a game reserve under circumstances showing that he was unlawfully in pursuit of any animal, shall be guilty of a breach of these Regulations.

Licences to Europeans, &c.

11. The following licences may be granted by the Consul-General or any Consular officer or such person or persons as may be authorised by the Consul-General, that is to say :—

- (1) A sportsman's licence ;
- (2) A public officer's licence ; and
- (3) A settler's licence.

The following fees shall be payable for licences, that is to say, for a sportsman's licence, 500 rupees,

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and for a public officer's or a settler's licence, 100 rupees.

Every licence shall be in force for one year only from the date of issue.

Provided that a public officer's licence may be granted for a single period of 14 consecutive days in one year on payment of a fee of 30 rupees.

Every licence shall bear in full the name of the person to whom it is granted, the date of issue, the period of its duration, and the signature of the Consul-General, Consular officer or other person authorised to grant licences.

The applicant for a licence may be required to give security by bond or deposit, not exceeding 2,000 rupees, for his compliance with these Regulations, and with the additional conditions (if any) contained in his licence.

A licence is not transferable.

Every licence must be produced when called for by any officer of the Protectorate Government.

In granting licences under these Regulations a Consular officer or any person authorised to grant licences shall observe any general or particular instructions of the Consul-General.

12. A sportsman's licence and a public officer's licence respectively authorise the holder to hunt, kill, or capture animals of any of the species mentioned in the Third Schedule, but unless the licence otherwise provides, not more than the number of each species fixed by the second column of that Schedule.

The holder of a sportsman's or public officer's licence granted under these Regulations may by the licence be authorised to kill or capture additional animals of any such species on payment of such additional fees as may be prescribed by the Consul-General.

13. A settler's licence authorises the holder to hunt, kill, or capture animals of the species and to the number mentioned in the Fourth Schedule only.

14. A public officer's licence shall not be granted except to a public officer, save that the Consul-

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General may issue a limited number of public officer's licences to military officers of the Aden Garrison. A settler's licence shall not be granted except to a settler, but a sportsman's licence may be granted to a settler.

15. Where it appears proper to the Consul-General for scientific or administrative reasons, he may grant a special licence to any person, not being a native, to kill or capture animals of any one or more species mentioned in any of the Schedules, or to kill, hunt, or capture in a game reserve specified beasts or birds of prey, or other animals whose presence is detrimental to the purposes of the game reserve, or in particular cases, to kill or capture, as the case may be, in a game reserve, an animal or animals of any one or more species mentioned in the Schedules.

A special licence shall be subject to such conditions as to fees and security (if any), number, sex, and age of specimens, district and season for hunting, and other matters as the Consul-General may prescribe.

When the Consular officer, or other European officer of the Protectorate Government, in a district comprising a game reserve, is the holder of a public officer's licence, the Consul-General may grant a special licence authorising the officer to hunt, kill, or capture, in the game reserve, such animals as may be allowed by his public officer's licence.

Save as aforesaid, the holder of a special licence shall be subject to the general provisions of these Regulations, and to the provisions relating to holders of licences.

16. Every licence-holder shall keep a register of the animals killed or captured by him in the form specified in the Seventh Schedule.

The register shall be submitted as often as convenient, but not less frequently than once in three months, to the nearest Consular officer, who shall countersign the entries up to date.

Any person authorised to grant licences may at

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any time call upon any licence-holder to produce his register for inspection.

Every person holding a sportsman's licence shall likewise before leaving the Protectorate submit his register to the Consular officer of the port from which he embarks.

If any holder of a licence fails to keep his register truly he shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

17. The Consul-General may revoke any licence when he is satisfied that the holder has been guilty of a breach of these Regulations or of his licence, or has connived with any other person in any such breach, or that in any matters in relation thereto he has acted otherwise than in good faith.

18. The Consul-General may at his discretion direct that a licence under these Regulations shall be refused to any applicant.

19. Any person whose licence has been lost or destroyed may obtain a fresh licence for the remainder of his term on payment of a fee not exceeding one-fifth of the fee paid for the licence so lost or destroyed.

20. No licence granted under these Regulations shall entitle the holder to hunt, kill, or capture any animal, or to trespass upon private property without the consent of the owner or occupier.

21. Any person who, after having killed or captured animals to the number and of the species authorised by his licence, proceeds to hunt, kill, or capture any animals which he is not authorised to kill or capture, shall be guilty of a breach of these Regulations, and punishable accordingly.

22. Persons in the employment of holders of licences may, without licence, assist such holders of licences in hunting animals, but shall not use fire-arms.

In any case of a breach of these Regulations, the licence of every licence-holder concerned in the breach shall be liable to forfeiture, and such licence-holder shall be guilty of an offence.

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23. The Consul-General or any person authorised by him in that behalf may, at his discretion, require any person importing fire-arms or ammunition that may be used by such person for the purpose of killing game or other animals to take out a licence under these Regulations, and may refuse to allow the fire-arms or ammunition to be taken from the public warehouse until such licence is taken out. Save, as aforesaid, nothing in these Regulations shall affect the provisions of "The Somaliland Fire-arms Regulations, 1900."

Restrictions on Killing Game by Natives.

24. Except as regards the animals mentioned in Schedule I, and larger and lesser kudu, the killing of which by natives will be prohibited, the provisions of these Regulations as to the killing of animals other than in the reserve will not for the present be applied to the inland tribes who have hitherto been accustomed to depend on the flesh of wild animals for their subsistence.

Legal Procedure.

25. Where any public officer of the Somaliland Protectorate thinks it expedient for the purposes of verifying the register of a licence-holder, or suspects that any person has been guilty of a breach of these Regulations, he may inspect and search, or authorise any subordinate officer to inspect and search, any baggage, packages, waggons, tents, building, or caravan belonging to or under the control of such person or his agent; and if the officer finds any heads, tusks, skins, or other remains of animals appearing to have been killed, or any live animals appearing to have been captured, in contravention of these Regulations, he shall seize and take the same before a Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

26. Any person who hunts, kills, or captures any animal in contravention of these Regulations, or other-

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wise commits any breach of these Regulations, shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine which may extend to 1,000 rupees, and, where the offence relates to more animals than two, to a fine in respect of each animal which may extend to 500 rupees, and in either case to imprisonment which may extend to two months, with or without a fine.

In all cases of conviction, any heads, horns, tusks, skins, or other remains of animals found in the possession of the offender or his agent, and all live animals captured in contravention of these Regulations, shall be liable to forfeiture.

If the person convicted is the holder of a licence, his licence may be revoked by the Court.

27. Where in any proceeding under these Regulations any fine is imposed, the Court may award any sum or sums not exceeding half the total fine to any informer or informers.

Repeal, &c.

28. All previous Regulations as to the killing of game in the Protectorate are hereby repealed.

29. The forms of licences appearing in the Schedule hereto, with such modifications as circumstances require, may be used.

30. These Regulations may be cited as "The Somaliland Game Regulations, 1901."

Berbera, 10th July, 1901.

(Signed) J. HAYES SADLER,
His Majesty's Consul-General.

Allowed :

(Signed) LANSDOWNE,
*His Majesty's Principal Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs.*

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SCHEDULES.¹

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ANIMALS not to be hunted, killed, or captured by any person except under special licence :—

1. Mountain zebra.
2. Giraffe.
3. Eland.
4. White-tailed gnu.
5. Wild ass.
6. Buffalo.
7. Elephant, female or young.
8. Vulture, any species.
9. Secretary-bird.
10. Owl, any species.
11. Rhinoceros-bird, or beef-eater (*Buphaga*), any species.
12. Ostrich, female or young.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Animals, the females of which are not to be hunted, killed, or captured when accompanied by their young, and the young of which are not to be captured except under special licence :—

1. Rhinoceros.
2. Zebra, other than the mountain zebra.
3. All antelopes and gazelles.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Animals, limited numbers of which may be killed

¹ These Schedules may contain the names of species or varieties not found, or only occasionally found, in Somaliland.

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or captured under a sportsman's or public officer's licence :—

Kind.	Number allowed.
1. Elephant, male	2
2. Rhinoceros	2
3. Zebras, other than the mountain zebra	2
4. Antelopes and gazelles—	
Class (A)—	
Oryx (<i>Oryx Beisa</i>)	2
Strepsiceros (<i>Kudu</i>)	2
Strepsiceros Imberbis	2
5. Cheetah (<i>Cynalurus</i>)	2
6. Aard-wolf (<i>Proteles</i>)	2
7. Smaller monkeys of each species ...	2
8. Ostrich, male only	2
9. Marabous	2
10. Egret	2
11. Antelopes and gazelles—	
Class (B)—	
Any species other than those in class (A)	10
12. Wild pig, of each species	10
13. Smaller cats	10

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Animals, limited numbers of which may be killed or captured under a settler's licence :—

Kind.	Number of animals allowed.
1. Wart hog (<i>Phacochoerus</i>)	10
2. The following antelopes and gazelles only—	
(i.) Grant's gazelle	5 animals in all in any calendar month, made up of animals of a single species or of several.
(ii.) Thomson's gazelle	
(iii.) Hartebeeste (<i>Bubalis swaynei</i>) ...	
(iv.) Klipspringer (<i>Oreotragus</i>)	
(v.) Clarke's gazelle (<i>Ammodorcus clarki</i>)	
(vi.) Waller's gazelle (<i>Lithocranius walleri</i>)	

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FIFTH SCHEDULE.

Game Reserve.

1. The area known as the "Mirso" lying to the north of the Golis range between a line drawn from Lower to Upper Sheikh on the east to Hafafa on the west.

2. The area bounded by a line running from Laferug through Mandeira and the Jerato Pass to Syk, Talawa Yer, and Hargaisa, thence following the line of the Hargaisa River to Haraf, thence to Sattawa at the intersection of the 10th meridian with 44° east longitude, and thence along the 10th meridian to its starting-point to Laferug.

SIXTH SCHEDULE.

No. 1.—*Sportsman's Licence (fee, 500 rupees); or Public Officer's Licence (Fee, 100 rupees).*

A. B., of _____, is hereby licensed to hunt, kill, or capture wild animals within the Somaliland Protectorate for one year from the date hereof, subject to the provisions and restrictions of "The Game Regulations, 1901."

The said A. B. is authorised, subject to the same Regulations, to kill or capture the following animals in addition to the number of the same species allowed by the Regulations, that is to say:—

Fee paid, _____ rupees.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1901.

(Signed)

Consul-General (or Consular Officer).

No. 2.—*Settler's Game Licence (fee, 100 rupees).*

C. D., of _____, is hereby licensed to hunt, kill, or capture wild animals within the district of the Somaliland Protectorate for one year from _____

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the date hereof, but subject to the provisions and restrictions of "The Game Regulations, 1901."

Dated this day of , 1901.

(Signed)

Consul-General (or Consular Officer).

SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

Game Register.

Species.	Number.	Sex.	Locality.	Date.	Remarks.

I declare that the above is a true record of all animals killed by me in the Protectorate under the licence granted me on the , 190 .

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(Signature of Examining Officer.)

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