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P R E F A C E

IN July 1895 the Government took over from the Imperial British East Africa Company the large tract of territory now known as the British East Africa Protectorate. From the year 1888 until this date the country had been administered under a royal charter.

For various reasons, the officials of the Company were not brought into actual contact with the Masai—the most powerful race then within the limits of their jurisdiction. This is largely to be accounted for by the fact that the Masai are not a trading race; and since during a great part of the Company's period of administration they were decreasing in number with almost incredible rapidity, owing to the loss of their cattle through rinderpest, their power and prestige were visibly waning. As a result of the decimation of their fighting men by famine and small-pox, the few expeditions undertaken by the Masai against other natives of the country or white caravans were unsuccessful. The effect of this was that the Masai, retiring and shy by nature when not actually on the warpath, withdrew from