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PETITION FROM MR. E.F. FAWTY CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER
BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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From: E.F. Fawty,
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18th November, 1953

The Inspector General of Police,
Office of the Inspector of the Nigerian Police,
Lagos.

Sir,

Having viewed that Mr. E.S. Morgan has returned from vacation leave and has taken over the office of the Senior Superintendent of Police in the Buea Cameroons Province I beg to refer to your letter dated 1st September, 1953, in reply to my petition dated 8th August, 1953, subject to my compensation for my false imprisonment and deprivation of liberty.

I further beg to draw the attention of the Inspector and Her Majesty's good Government to peruse diligently the copy of the proceedings of the case, and Her Majesty's the good Government to stick particular attention to the underlined paragraphs in pages 2, 10, 6, 9 and 11 of the proceedings of the Supreme Court in the Case.

In page 2, paragraph 30 of the statement of the 1st prosecution witness, sub-inspector Peter Chenifer, it is stated that, it is not usual for the S.S.P. to come down to take an accused person and convey him. The Inspector stated he had sent me down to arrest the accused. The accused gave me no difficulty when I arrested him.

This leads to a corroboration of my petition that he actual followed after sending the Inspector to arrest me, to convey me in the particular case of mine in which he was personally interested.

The secret of conspiracy started from where he and Mr. McCaffrey took witnesses from the Bamenda Charge office to their house at night for intimidation of false statement against me privately leaving all junior police, inspectors and Sergeants attached to the emergency investigation branch at the time at Bamenda.

Reference page 10 paragraph 25 of the 3rd prosecution witness, statement, where the 3rd prosecution witness wanted an interpreter but was not given one, and, was asked to speak pidgin english, because no other persons were needed in that place than the witnesses, and the police officers who expected witnesses to learn pidgin english at the same time and expected also correct statements from them at the same time.

In page 11, paragraph 25 and 30 of the proceedings it is stated that the Superintendent read and translated to the 3rd prosecution witness the statement of the 2nd prosecution witness which was recorded in his absence before recording his own statement.

The 2nd prosecution witness Jacob Kingyam, Originated the conspiracy and the police officers who trained other witnesses to conspire and gain malicious corroboration against me.

In the Magistrate's Court during the preliminary investigation no original statements in pidgin english, translated in proper english were tendered by the police and all the statements by witnesses tendered by police were all in proper english. This proved that they were trained to conspire.

Mr. E.S. Morgan is never my personal enemy but, he hates me because of my people.

I have to state that during the time of my apprehension, as a contractor I was engaged in several contracts which were not done as the result of the apprehension, and the long detention.

All my farms became thick bushes and the seasonal crops planted there in got damaged and my house also got damaged. My family suffered a lot in the rainy season and my two pigs got missing.

I had contract with the C.D.C. for the construction of temporal buildings, which I constructed only sixty houses before my arrest and my gain was one hundred pounds and I had still more to construct eight camps of sixty houses in each when I was arrested and all failed, as the result of arrest and the long detention.

I also fed myself out of pocket of expenses while in Her Majesty's Convict Prison Buea, while others were fed by the Government. The total amount expent for my feeding while in the detention is £50 (fifty pounds, and the total for damages or compensation for contracts not done as the result of the detention is £900 (nine hundred pounds. The total for damages and feeding is £950 (nine hundred and fifty pounds. Apart from all these, my life was threatened in the prison and I suffered beatens by enemy in the prison and complaints were made and no action was taken.

In view of the whole position I feel I was illtreated under the coat of the Nigerian Police and I have put the whole matter to the Inspector to see that some thing be done for my compensation.

Thanking in anticipation of immediate action.

Your obedient petitioner

(Signed) E.F. FAWTY

Copy to: His Excellency, the Governor of Nigeria
Lagos with attached proceedings for action
The Commissioner of the Cameroons
Sur. Supt. of Police, Buea - for information
The Trusteeship Council (Lake Success New York U.S.A.)

Acknowledge the receipt of the letter and the copy proceeding of the case

(Signed) E.F. FAWTY
