

² Dr Krapf (1810-1881) Member of the Anglican Church Missionary Society from 1836 and founder of the CMS Rabai Mission outside Mombasa. Together with Rev Rebmann they explored the hinterland of what is now Kenya, being the first Europeans to see Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Kenya. He had proposed a series of CMS stations stretching across central Africa to the Gabon in West Africa. Rabai, just outside Mombasa being the first to be established.

THE TAVETA CHRONICLE.

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The chief item of news which we have to offer to our readers on the present occasion is undoubtedly the decision of the authorities to station a Government Officer in Taveta. The province of the British Protectorate in which Taveta lies takes its name from Ukamba, the most populous district, where the headquarters of the Sub-Commissioner and Vice Consul, Mr Ainsworth, are situated. Mr C. Wise, the district Officer stationed in Teita, visited Taveta on August 11th, for the purpose of selecting a site for a station, but at the time of going to press we have no certain information as to the name of the Officer who will be appointed to the post.

The site selected by Mr Wise is on the opposite side of the river to Mahoo, at about half a mile from most of the Mission buildings.

The announcement made to the National Assembly of Taveta of the intentions of the Government has affected them profoundly. Past experience has shown them that their proceedings may occasionally be far from falling in with European ideas of right and wrong, and they would gladly continue, as of yore, to carry on affairs of state without anyone to interfere with them. On August 21st they approached the Mission with the oft-repeated but little-acted-on declaration that they were Mission people; learning "to read", and inoffensive to their neighbours, and therefore did not need anyone but a Missionary to look after them. Would the Missionaries therefore kindly tell the government not to send an officer?