

2 AFRICANS ON MURDER CHARGE

CROCODILE' DEATH

From Our Own Correspondent

BLANTYRE, Nyasaland, Tuesday.

Two Africans named Ellard and Odrick were arrested and remanded on a murder charge at Chikwara, 30 miles from Blantyre, to-day. The arrests were made after a girl's body had been exhumed.

Last week the two men appeared before a native authority court when Ellard, who said he was known in the district as a "crocodile man," successfully claimed settlement for his "fee" for killing the girl at Odrick's request.

Ellard claimed he was owed £4 10s. He described how he dressed in a crocodile skin and attacked the girl.

Odrick admitted he asked Ellard to kill the girl but disputed the claim, saying he offered only £2 10s and that if Ellard wanted £4 10s he would have to murder another woman who was troubling him. The court awarded Ellard £2 10s.