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KILINDINI HARBOUR WORKS
INDIAN LABOUR

Submits observations. Requests information probable terms of employment, rates of wages, and general conditions under which Protectorate Govt advocate the recruitment of Indian labour for the purpose.

Last previous Paper.

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Mr. Read. Sir G. Fiddes

? Reply that the Govt will be asked by letter to send by an early mail the info asked for, but draw attention to the fact that we are only asking for skilled artisans - not coolies - and that the recommendations of Lord Sanderson's Committee appear to have been directed primarily at all events to the care of unskilled labour.

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Telegraph to Govt accordingly

ask whether the observance of the condition the laid down could not be insisted on as part of the contract for construction?

Tel. for Com. 20 Jan. 1952
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Next submission
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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State for India,
Public Department,
India Office,
London, S.W.

and the following reference quoted:—

J. & P. 5514.

INDIA OFFICE

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LONDON, S.W.



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13th January 1915.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Read's letter of the 17th ultimo, No. 48392, I am directed by the Marquess of Crewe to state for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt that he is consulting the Government of India as to the possibility of allowing Indian labour to be engaged for harbour works at Kilindini.

Mr. Harcourt is aware that the Sanderson Committee, while favouring the employment of Indian labour for Government works in the East Africa Protectorate, expressed some doubt as to its introduction in the case of private employers. Agricultural labour was, of course, in the mind of the Committee, and the projected harbour works at Kilindini might be considered to come within the category of public works. At the same time, His Lordship gathers that the actual employers

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,

of the Indian artisans desired would be a private firm, and he is disposed to consider that the Government of India will desire to scrutinize very closely the precise conditions of employment before treating as a practical question the extension of indentured emigration for purposes other than those of the Uganda Railway.

Recent controversies on various points connected with the position of Indians in the Protectorate must be expected to have made a somewhat unfavourable impression upon Indian public opinion.

He will be glad to be favoured with any information that Mr. Harcourt is at present in a position to furnish with regard to the probable terms of employment, rates of wages, and general conditions under which the Protectorate Government advocates the recruitment of Indian labour for this purpose.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. Holderness

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Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary
Harcourt to acknowledge the
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by telegram to send
home by an early
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asked for desired

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- Mr. Harcourt 20/1/15
- Mr. Buxton 20/1/15
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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(Signed) H. J. READ.
for the Under Secretary of State

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