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Deportation of Mr. Kitch

State no facilities for dealing with claims
Matters of Co. annual read with the matter

Dr. J. J. Fiddler

I see no foundation for the
statement which I have marked by thick
pencil. From the 2nd Dec. 1915
it will be seen that Mr. Hobley, the
Prov. Commr. at Mombasa, made his
deposition - at the request of Genl.
Mullens - & Genl. Mullens has all
the papers relating to the case.

With regard to the S. Afr. Claims
Comm. I understand that this
practically only dealt with foreign
subjects & that we have never
admitted the right of our own
subjects

Mr. Lane operates - 6 May 15
and when - 17 May 15 600
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subjects to have their claims investigated
by a limited number of cases of the kind.
Reply in the course of the foregoing to
Sir R. Brade express the hope that
the W.O. will deal with the matter?

I sh^d have thought that the W.O. W^d
have had many ^{similar} cases, & that the proper
reply w^d be that the military authorities
on the spot are the best judges whether
or not it is desirable on military grounds
that any person sh^d be removed from the
sphere of military functions & that the
matter must be left to their
discretion

H. J. R.
3/17/15
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I am sure any one sh^d be able
to be responsible for the operation of the
the responsibility of R. B. may sh^d be

In spite of this appeal we should address to
our position if we address W.O. they will put
the responsibility on us. It is their affair and
we should keep out of it.

Certainly
Must certainly be 5-15
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30th April 1915.

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My dear Just,

Would you kindly look at your letter
No. 17476/1915 dated 17th of this month and also your
letter of the 10th, No. 16649.

Mr Ritch's claim is one that I am afraid we
can't usefully deal with nor indeed have we the staff
available for complicated cases of this kind. I don't
know whether any others are likely to appear but we
should have to put them on one side if they did and if
we were charged with the duty of settling them.

Admittedly the deportation was carried out under
martial law and by the military authorities, but the
initiation of the measures against Mr Ritch appears to
have come entirely from Colonial officials and to have
been prompted by police rather than military reasons.
The present position is I suppose that Mr Ritch wants
redress but we can't possibly adjudicate upon his claim -

we have no means of appraising the damage. And in any case we really have no staff and ^{time} ~~nothing~~ at our disposal. Could you not arrange to settle it?

The claims arising out of the deportations during the South African war were settled by a Commission set up by the Foreign Office - at least for foreign subjects - as you will see from the enclosed copy of a form letter which was extensively used in dealing with the numerous claims. Could you not help in the same way? I am afraid that if you can't the unfortunate Ritch will have to go on waiting for a very long time - until we have less on our hands and more staff at our disposal. Even then we shall have to ask you, I expect, to say what ought to be done with or given to him.

Would you kindly send me a line?

Yours

Robt Wade

6 May 1915

My dear Brade

I am replying to

your letter to Jack

of April 30th about

the deportation of his

brother Ritch from the

S. A. Post.

~~It seems to me that the~~
~~high as under a misapprehension~~
~~found in the for you~~
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by police rather than

military reasons
If you will look at
the true evidence to

W. G. Fielder
Quarto for ~~last~~
signature

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DRAFT

Li Resigned Brade
W. G. F.

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Mr. Egan

Mr. Bottomley

Mr. Reed 5

Mr.

Mr. H. Just

Mr. I. Amerson

Mr. H. ...

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The Gov's
letter of 15th Feb
(copy of which was sent to you on the 10th of April) you will see
~~the~~, Mr. C.

Hobby, the Provincial
Commissioner at

Madras states that
he made his deposition

at the request of
General Hallen

and General Hallen
has all the papers

relating to the case.

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S. African claims

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that this is ^{practically} only dealt

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the right of our

own subjects to have

as stated by the
Genl. Hallen
of the 12th of April

Mr. Hallen in the fact
remains clearly of opinion

their claims investigated
by a Commission in
cases of this kind
~~we still think~~
to be therefore, that the

case of Mr. Ritch
does is purely a

W.O. and not a

Co. matter & we
should deal with by
hope that the Gov

you do not
give with dear art

Yours sincerely