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Complaint of Rev. L. E. Lane

1915

13 Sept.

Last previous Paper.

for  
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of Seventh Da. Adventist Missionary  
Society, regarding his treatment by  
Jost of E.A.P. Sends letter from Rev.  
Lane & asks for report.

minutes taken.

Answer 15 Sept 15

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Gen. J. Anderson

In para 2 of Sec 4  
H. Balfour's despatch of 31st May  
copy herewith.

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Mr. J. Anderson

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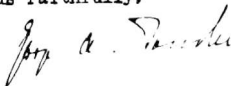
13th September, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a letter which I have received from the Revd. E. A. Lane, Canda Mission, Kisumu, E. E. A., whose father, E. A. Lane, 56, Lambton Road, Hornsey Rise, N., resides in my institution. I do not appear to me that Mr. L. E. A. Lane has any ground for complaint, but if you could oblige me with any explanation or reassurance which I could communicate to him, I should be grateful.

I know nothing of the circumstances beyond those stated in the letter.

Yours faithfully,



R JOHN ANDERSON, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
S. W.

Enclosure

Gendia Mission,

Kisumu, E.S.A.

July 26th, 1915.

To the Honorable A. S. Touche, M.P.,  
 North Islington.

Sir,

I have a grievance against the Government of the  
 Protectorate of British East Africa, and it is concerning  
 this grievance that I am writing you for assistance.  
 I want to state my case in as brief a way as possible,  
 yet comprehensible to you.

My work is that of a missionary for the  
 Seventh-Day Adventist Missionary Society, an international  
 society for the promulgation of Gospel truth. My mission  
 station is eighteen miles south of Kisumu, and seventy  
 miles from the German border. A month after war was  
 declared, hostilities began in our district, and all  
 missionaries were called into Kisumu. After staying in  
 Kisumu for about a fortnight, I was allowed to return to  
 my station, which I may add is on the shores of Victoria  
 Nyanza. I was there till, in December, I received an  
 order to proceed to a camp twenty-six miles north of  
 Kisumu, where all our missionaries were sent.

During my absence the mission house at Gendia  
 (my home) was burnt to the ground while in Government  
 occupation. Toward the end of January, 1915, I was  
 allowed to return and start the work of rebuilding.  
 I had not been there three weeks when a telegram was sent  
 calling me in to Kisumu. When I arrived there, I asked  
 the reason for my being called in. The reason given was  
 that it was dangerous for me to stay on the south side.

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Why were two gentlemen of another religious persuasion (one an Hollander) allowed to remain, and are still remaining in that same district? Concerning this I do not make complaint as it may have been in my interest to leave. I now come to the part of which I make complaint. The first of July, I, with all my fellow missionaries, were ordered to confine our movements to within a two-mile radius of our camp, no reason being given for this order. What I want to know is why should a British-born subject, as myself, be treated in this way? It is true we have German workers in German East Africa, but so have other societies. Our workers are of Belgian, Swiss, American, and British nationalities - seven men in all. I am sure we are all law-abiding citizens, and cannot think of anything that calls for such action as I have just mentioned. I speak for myself: can the Government curtail my liberty as an individual, and as a British subject without giving me at least a feasible reason for such curtailment? What is the use of my being a British subject these days if an Hollander can have more liberty than myself?

I respectfully ask you, Sir, to put my case before the Secretary for the Colonies, and endeavour to discover the reason for my being interned, for such it is. I understand that the Defence of the Realm Act, while giving the Military authorities ample powers to perform their duties, does not give them power to abrogate the common-law rights of citizens; and I feel I am being very unjustly treated in not being allowed my citizen-born rights.

Thanking you in prospect,

I am, etc.,

(Signed) L.E.A. LANE.

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9th

Sept 15

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Recd of letter of the  
S. A. Tomchey (M.P.) Sept forwarding a  
complaint from the Rev. L.

MINUTE

Mr. Robinson 14/9 - E. A. Lane against the Govt  
of the E. Af. Prot.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.

- Mr. G. Fiddes
- Mr. H. Just
- Mr. J. Anderson
- Mr. Steel-Maitland
- Mr. Bonar Law

Therewith ref<sup>d</sup> to the removal  
of the Seventh Day Adventist

Mission from the South Kensington

Quarto for Sir  
Anderson's leg

District which ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~represented~~  
has been ~~with~~ <sup>scarcely</sup> ~~scarcely~~ <sup>scarcely</sup> ~~scarcely~~  
occurs incidentally

in a despatch from the Governor

It appears that the

removal was advised

Mr. L. Lane (M.P.)  
Keep copy

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In return of Lane's letter  
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24/9/15  
acknowledged  
18.8.15  
24/9/15

16th September, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for the information contained in your letter of 15th September, about the removal of the Mission about which the Revd. L. E. A. Lane complained.

I dare say Mr. Lane has suffered much inconvenience, but perhaps the knowledge (which I shall communicate to him) that the removal was ordered by the military authorities, presumably on military grounds, will take the edge off his unclerical wrath, so far, at least, as the Civil Government are concerned.

I think it will be time enough to trouble the War Office on the subject if he writes again, after hearing that he has no grievance against the Government of the East Africa Protectorate.

Yours very faithfully,

*John A. Anderson*

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