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Complaint of Rev. L. E. A. Lane  
of Seventh Day Adventist Missionary  
Society, regarding his treatment by  
Gov. of E.A.P. - Sends letter from  
Lane & asks for report.  
minutes in file.

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H. J. Anderson

In pursuance of Sec. 104 of the  
H. Belfield's despatch of 31st May  
copy herewith.

? Tell Mr. Tomke that you  
have only seen an incidental  
reference in some of our concepts  
to the removal of the Mission  
from the South Devonshire district  
that it appears from this  
the action was taken by  
military authorities, & that  
therefore approval of  
those who are in charge of the  
military operations in the East.

H. J. A.  
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15th Sept

Mr 927

I enclose a letter which I have received from Mr. L. E. A. Lane, Meridia Mission, Kistumu, B. S. I. whose name appears in the list of members of the Institution. It does 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 you could communicate to him, I should be grateful.

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

Yours faithfully,

*J. J. Anderson*

J. J. ANDERSON, G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I.,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
S. W.

Enclosure.

... 1915.

... grievance against the Government of the ... East Africa, and it is concerning

... am writing you for assistance.

... in as brief a way as possible,

... a missionary for the ... society, an international ... of Gospel truth. My mission ... seven miles south of Kisumu, and seventy ... German border. A month after ... was ... began in our district, and all ... called into Kisumu. After staying in ... fortnight, I was allowed to return to ... on the shores of Victoria ... in December, I received ... with ... of ... (my ... 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 given was ...

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There are two German subjects, one an Hollander, all of whom are still  
 concerned. 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 think  
 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 rights  
 than myself?

I respectfully request, Sir, to put this matter  
 before the Secretary of State, and endeavor to  
 discover the reason for my being treated in this way.  
 I understand that the Defence of the Realm Act,  
 while giving the Military authorities the powers to  
 perform their duties, does not give them power to  
 abrogate the common-law rights of citizens. I feel  
 I am being very unjustly treated as a British  
 citizen-born subject.

Trusting you will be satisfied,

(Signed) J. H. ...

Jan

I had yr letter of the

RAFT

Touching (y. m. f.) Sept forwarding a  
complaint from Mr. Reed

Mr. Robinson of E. A. Lane of

Asy.

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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 daresay Mr. Lane has suffered much inconvenience and has the knowledge (which I shall communicate to him) that the removal was ordered by the military authorities, presumably on some pretext, and to take the edge off his unclerical wrath, but I trust the Civil Government are concerned.

It will be time enough to trouble the War Office on this subject if he writes again, after hearing that he has been left out of the Government of the East Africa

Yours very faithfully,

John G. ...

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Downing Street