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6th April, 1916.

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I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 12090/16 of 17th March, transmitting copies of correspondence with the Foreign Office on the subject of a proposed visit to East and South Africa by Monsieur G. Thams.

In reply I am to state for the information of Mr. Secretary Bonar Law that the Council can trace no satisfactory explanation of this gentleman's desire to visit British East or South Africa, or Uganda, and in view of the unsatisfactory reports made upon him, I am to suggest that permission to land in or travel through those British territories should be refused.

I am to add that in the opinion of the Council Monsieur Thams's ostensible reasons for desiring to visit Portuguese Mozambique are not of a nature which necessitate our affording him either advice or assistance.

Should Monsieur Thams have left already on his proposed voyage the Council consider that the authorities of the Colonies he may visit or touch at should be warned, and they have already directed that appropriate action should be taken so far as regards the military commands concerned.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Foreign Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

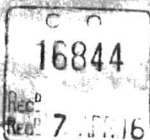
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