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- (v). The statement on the work of the Imperial far Conference issued by the Secretary of State for the Solonies on hay 3rd last and
- (vi) The specth of the First Lord of the Admiralty to the Empire Producers' organisation on may 23rd last.
- 4. This country being mainly situated in the Conventional basin of the Longo is subject to the Berlin act of 1385 and the Brussels Act of 1390. Both these acts impose complete equality for the trade for all those nations who were parties to them, thereby rendering impossible a preferential tariff in this country.
- 5. Again the greater part of the coast of this Protectorate censists of territory over which the sovereignty of the 3.1tm; of Sanzibar, and the Zanzibar Frenty rights of Foreign Powers continue unimpaired, although administered by Freat Britain under the Agreement of December 14th 1895 in consideration of an annual payment of 17.000 to the Lanzibar Government, therefore, this country comes within the scope of the various treaties concluded by the principal nations of the world with the Bultan of Zanzibar.

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a state of affairs which has long ceased to exist, that is to say with great, unexplored, unadministered, tracts of territory, and sinch they clash with what is, we believe, the fiscal policy of the Imperial Government, we bey leave to urge that the Berlin act and the Brissels of the abrogated, or that the trace policy imposed by them be discentinued, as it is contemplated in the last clause of Article (iv) of the Berlin act, and furthern since the Government of Zanzibar is now a department of Colonial Office administration, that the Lanzibar mainland possessions and adjacent inlands dealt with

in the above cited Zanzibar Agreement of December 14th, 1895; and forming the last remnant of the continental territory of Zanzibar, be ceded absolutely to the Pretectorate, and freed from the Zanzibar Treaties of Rereim Powers.

7. We submit that, since as has been declared by the monomic Conference of the Allies, war has put an end to all treaties of commerce between the Allies and Enemy Powers, and since the Allied Powers are seeking an extensive readjustment of their african possessions, and a general rearrangement of their bouncefular relations with a view to safeguarding themselves against the declare of the many Powers, the present is a favourable appointment for carrying out the changes indicated in the preceding paragraph.

6. We venture to ask for the decision of the Secretary of State by telegraph because the above named Acts and reaties deny to this country any roles in its Fiscal policy and consequently debar it from joining in any scheme of preferential duties which may by decided upon by the imperial Government and until we know his decision the fiscal side of the injury must be at a standardi.

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His Excellency The soting Sovernor, Government House, Mairobi.

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FISCAL POLICY.

favourable consideration the following interim report on the political obstacles which stand on the way of framing a fiscal policy for this Protectorate, and to request that you will obtain by telegraph the decision of the Secretary of State for the Bolonies thereon, in order that we may be able to act accordingly when dealing with fiscal questions.

- 2. The terms of reference to this Commission include among other things an inquiry into and a report on
 - (a) any special circumstances affecting the "interest of this Protectorate to be cen-"sidered in framing a commercial and industrial policy after the war" and
 - (b) "The application of the recommendations of the Economic Conference of the Allies at Paris to this Protectorate.

These terms of reference seem to involve and inquiry into, and a report upon a fiscal system for this Protectorate.

- 3. and further it would appear that both the Allies and the Imperial Government contemplate some form of preferential tariff. In evidence of this we would cite:
 - (i) The Resolutions of the Economic Conference of the Allies at Paris.
 - (ii) The Resolutions of Lord Balfour of Burleigh'
 - (iii) The Premier's speech at the Guildhall
 April 28th last.
 - (iv) The Chancellor of the Exchequer's in the House sons on April 27:

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With reference to my cypher telegram of the 14th. June 1917, and your cypher reply of the 21st idem, on

Report

the subject of the restrictions imposed by the Berlin and Brussels Acts and the Zanzibar Treaties I have the honour to forward herewith an interim report which has been submitted by the Commission of Enquiry recently appointed by Sir Henry Conway Belfield to enquire into the question of the Commercial and industrial policy to be adopted after the war.

2. It was the recommendation contained in this report as regards the abrogation of the above mentioned treaties, that led me to address my telegram of the 14th ultimo to you

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your humble, obedient servent,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WALTER LONG. P.C., M.P.,

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