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Davis
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Last previous Paper.

BOOK ON THE EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

Requests interview this week in connection with.

Ans? re Aug 27

~~Just after~~ *re Belm...* *So was today 5.0 pm*
as a column for 23/8/17
The Long
I have interviewed Mr Davis in connection with the Nairobi Land... of which he is part proprietor and I believe chief an organ of the planter & settler & would be very glad to see an experiment in self-government. If the S. C. B. has any time to spare Mr Davis or Joe... might be asked to represent his views to a committee of the Dept. I think we must... will not...
Len 23/8/17
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committed to the policy of the election of
unofficial representatives to the Legislative
Council when a suitable occasion comes.
There are at present five nominated
unofficial members of the Council. It is
not proposed to increase their numbers,
(they are, of course, in a minority on the
Council), but only to let them be elected
instead of nominated.

At present we are awaiting the Acting
Governor's recommendations as to others'
qualifications, electoral areas, and the
best means of representing in the Council
the interests of the Asiatic, Arab, and
native communities. The present unofficial
members do not profess to represent
any but Europeans, - it is not proposed
to extend the principle of election to the
other sections of the community.

The unofficial members have asked
that there shall be two nominated unofficial
members on the Executive Council. The
Acting Governor strongly supports the request.
I see no reason against it, but we were

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proposing to consider it when we get the
report on the methods of election to the
legislative Council, where we can see ⁵¹⁸
more clearly whether the electoral arrange-
ments suggested will secure adequate
representation of all sections of Europeans
and ^{whether} it will be safe to promise to
nominate the two unofficial members of
the executive Council from among the
elected unofficial members of the legis-
lative Council. 517

I can't see that anything is to
be gained by the S. of B. consenting
to see Mr. Davis, except that, his report
having been made, he will be offended if
it is not granted. It will not satisfy him
to see a member of the Dep^t. If the
S. of B. does see him, it should be made
very clear that no use is to be made of
the interview for the purposes of the book ^{or his papers}
and that the S. of B. cannot commit himself
to any expression of opinion on the book
or the views expressed in it. I do not
think that it would be wise for the S. of B.

to volunteer or to give ^{in reply to questions} any more information
to Mr Davis that is contained in the
part of the minute marked A. Mr Davis
is a journalist, and we may be sure
that he will make any use of the
interview that he possibly can.

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London, 30th August 1917.

Rt. Hon. Walter Long,
Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Sir:-

According to the papers recently from Nairobi the Legislative Council have drafted a Bill for elected representation in the Council which may now be receiving your attention.

As Editor, founder and chief proprietor of the Nairobi "Leader", naturally the proposition (which I have stoutly advocated for years) greatly interests me.

I have now the M.S. completed of a book on British East Africa dealing with the political condition there reigning, which in fact is the whole motif of the book. This I hope to have in print in the course of a month or two.

As I venture to think that the views there expressed might, if they were published, now shed considerable light on the present and future condition of the Colony, I am asking you, Sir, the favor of an interview in order that I may lay before you a brief outline in advance of the views to be given expression.

This suggested interview is made purely from an impersonal standpoint and wholly in the interests of the Colony and Empire to which we all belong in common, and is not for the purpose of making any use of it.

I have had interviews granted me in the past with Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Mr. Lyttleton, and Lord Milner at the Colonial Office on South African matters from time to time (also private interviews).

I shall be in Town this week (till Saturday), and would be glad if you could find it convenient to appoint a time - any day up to and including Friday.

Hoping that you will deem the matter of interest enough to see me, and thanking you in anticipation.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient servant

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