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Rt. Hon Walter Long,
Secretary of State,
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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.

I have had interviews granted me in the past with Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Mr. Lytton, 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

Robert

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A. Sauer Esq

Sir,

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- Sir A. Steel-Maitland
- Mr. Long

I am glad to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st of August & to express my regret that the pressure of my engagements will prevent me from attending the interview which you desire.

2. Your reply will, however, be pleased to consider any views on the subject in London which you may wish to put before him in the form of a memorandum.