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Treatment of Indians

~~No.~~ Colonel Wedgwood, — To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether his attention has been called to the resolutions of the British Colonists Associations in British East Africa asking to have Indian immigration restricted and that Indians be denied the franchise; whether, in view of the part that has been taken by British Indians in developing the country and by the Indian Army in defending it from the enemy, the loyal Indians of East Africa can be assured that no steps whatever in such a direction will be taken without the sanction of the India Office and the approval of Parliament. (*Wednesday 12th March.*)

Last paper

Gov. 9136

For oral reply.

S. of S. [illegible]

~~[illegible]~~

[illegible] I have been [illegible] able to trace [illegible] the resolutions referred to.

As regards Indian immigration to ~~[illegible]~~ B.E.A. a telegram has been sent to the Gov. by Col. Amery [illegible] asking for his views as to the desirability of Indian colonisation [illegible] settlement [illegible] areas.

As regards administration, the [illegible] it has been decided [illegible] Indian members (a) to the Legislative Council & (b) of the [illegible] Council [illegible] representative [illegible] in [illegible] elected [illegible] with the Chief [illegible] / are [illegible] Indian [illegible] to [illegible] has been

Next subsequent Paper.

[illegible] any draft [illegible] before [illegible] writing

for the papers. [illegible] by [illegible]

on the minutes on Gov. [illegible] 27 [illegible] (G. [illegible])

minutes supported the view of the Local

Selected Committee & the Acting Gov. that

Indian representation should be by

nomination & not by [illegible]

[illegible] experiment [illegible]

[illegible] better [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the introduction of elective [illegible]

of the Council [illegible]

that on the new Council ^elected^ [illegible]

returned by a [illegible]

and other [illegible] of the Community,

and the question whether Indian

representation should be secured by

election or, as on the present Council,

by nomination is one of purely

local concern which will be decided

according to which arrangement is

likely to secure the services of

members best fitted to represent

the various sections of the

Indian community.

[illegible] while to let Sir [illegible] Seton

Colonial Secretary.

[illegible] under consideration for securing the effective [illegible] of the views and interests of the Indian community upon the Legislative Council of the Protectorate and I hope soon to be in a position to give the House more definite information on the subject. There is no intention of introducing restrictive legislation against immigration from India.

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12 March 1944.

28. Colonel [illegible]GWOOD asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies whether his attention has been called to the resolutions of the British Colonists' Associations in British East Africa asking to have Indian immigration restricted and that Indians be denied the franchise; whether, in view of the part that has been taken by British Indians in developing the country and by the Indian Army in defending it from the enemy, the loyal British [illegible] East Africa can be assured that no steps whatever in such a direction will be taken without the sanction of the Colonial Office and the approval of Parliament?

The UNDER-SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES (Lieutenant-Colonel [illegible]) have not seen the resolutions to which my [illegible] and gallant friend refers, but he may rest assured that the Secretary of State is mindful of the services of the Indian Army in the defence of East Africa or of the loyal attitude of the resident Indian community. Measures are under consideration for securing the effective representation of the views and interests of the Indian community upon the Legislative Council of the Protectorate, and I hope soon to be in a position to give the House more definite information on the subject. There is no intention of introducing restrictive legislation against immigration from India.

Pass

Lord

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