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Report return from Prot. Report of  
Committee was forwarded to Prot. on  
18 May. Regret that Commtee have not been  
able to present a unanimous report.

Sir G. Fisher

See also Law  
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ack: + send in original the one in  
Law (keeping copy) + say that Sir  
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Harcourt desires to add his thanks to  
those of the p. for the trouble which  
Sir G. Fisher has taken in investigating  
the questions at issue - + that he will  
await with interest the next of the  
Report from Sir H. Belfield?

You circulated recently a private ltr  
from Sir H. B. which is referred to  
this matter

H. J. G. B.  
attn: Mr. 27.6.14 25/11/14  
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MALAY STATES INFORMATION AGENCY,  
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LONDON, E.C.

23 June 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I returned today from East Africa, whither I had proceeded in accordance with the directions contained in your letters <sup>402</sup> 7416/1914 of the 6th March last and 8728/1914 of the 13th idem, to preside over a Committee constituted to consider the system of Collection of the Customs of the Uganda Protectorate.

The Report of the Committee was forwarded to the Governments of the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates on the 18th May.

In the concluding paragraph of the Secretary of State's despatch No 79 of the 23 January 1914 to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, a copy of which was forwarded to me for my information, it is suggested that the Committee should present a unanimous report as it is very desirable that an arrangement satisfactory to both Governments should be arrived at. This was impressed on the attention of the Committee but I regret to say that unanimity of expression of views could not be attained, owing  
mainly

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The Colonial Office,  
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mainly to the uncompromising attitude of the representatives of the East Africa Protectorate.

It was unfortunate, I venture to think, that both the Chief of Customs and the Treasurer of the East Africa Protectorate were absent on leave - the latter officer had been allowed to leave the Protectorate not many days before the Committee began its sittings - and the acting officers had not the experience or the influence of the substantive holders of the post. In the circumstances I do not think I am doing anyone injustice in saying that the views advanced by the East Africa representatives are the views of the unofficial representatives.

At the same time I entertain no doubt that even the unofficial representatives of the East Africa Protectorate do not anticipate that their views will prevail and, I believe, they would not be dissatisfied with the adoption of the recommendations contained in the majority report with the elimination of the proposal in paragraph 15(d) and the substitution therefor of the procedure outlined in paragraph 18.

From all my Colleagues on the Committee I received the greatest possible assistance and cooperation and I have to express my special acknowledgments in this respect to Mr G.D. Smith, C.M.G., Treasurer of the

Uganda

Uganda Protectorate, and Mr N.B.Cox, Acting  
Chief of Customs East Africa Protectorate.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Taylor

T. A.P.  
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30 June 1914

Sir,

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W.T. Taylor, K.C.M.S.

I am to add the rest of your

letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June relative

to the report of the Committee which

was appointed to enquire into the

system of collection of the Customs

of the Uganda Protectorate

2. I am to enclose a letter

addressed to you by the Genl of the

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 29/6/14
- Mr. Bottemley 29.6.14
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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S.A.P. which has recently

been rec'd in this Dept for

transmission to you

3. Mr. [unclear] desires to

add his thanks to those of the [unclear]

Sir H.C. [unclear] for the trouble

which you have taken in investigating

the question at issue. He will await

with interest the receipt of the Report

of the Committee for Sir H.C. [unclear]