

1932.

Kenya.

No. 18011.

SUBJECT

C 0533/419

Representations of the ...

Previous

1718 44/31

Subsequent

3007/33.

Submits observations on the points raised by the Arab witnesses from Kenya to the Joint Select Committee on E. Africa, at an interview with the Parliamentary U.S. of S. on the 6th May, 1931.

... a memorandum containing on separate pages the comments on the various points raised.

... suggestions for action will be...
this memorandum, & it is suggested that further minutes might be written on these separate sheets.

Eastwood
22.1.32

... took this over at the end of February, the 5th leave and pressure of work, including the Lords debate, has prevented me from getting down to it before now.

... I have made reference to Mr. Eastwood's notes. I have pointed out on other papers that we have now had three long despatches from the Governor dealing with the various representations made by the Native and Indian, as well as the Arab, witnesses, which embrace a vast number of subjects, and in regard to which it is really impracticable to undertake to return comprehensive and considered replies. These Arab representations were made at an interview with Dr. Shiels who said that while he could not promise that the grievances would all be rectified, he would consider the

question

2/12/31
1766 Native
1720 Indian
1720 Arab

question of referring them to the Governor of Kenya, who must, of course, be consulted in all such matters, and he hoped that it might be possible to do something in regard to some of them. No promise of reply was apparently made. If replies are returned in one case, it will be necessary to do so in all. As I have suggested on other similar papers I think these despatches may be regarded as written to the Secretary of State rather than as a basis for considered replies, and that action may be limited to what is suggested in the accompanying notes.

On the file relating to the native representations I have suggested that no official replies should be made to these despatches, but that semi-official letters should be sent to the Governor in the terms shown in the attached sheet. (It will be seen, however, from the loose papers herewith that Sir Robert Hamilton promised to write again to Ahmed bin Mohamed.)

W. Allen

1/4/32

I have made notes on details in the three files (this file, 17105/31 and 17211/31). With two exceptions the previous papers on the subjects dealt with have not been sent on, but they are available in Mr. Allen's room for reference, if necessary.

I hope that Mr. Allen's proposal regarding action will be approved. I feel sure that Lord Passfield did not intend that the interviews given and the enquiries made as a result

Wataraki

Further action is indicated in the paper of minutes filed in Green.

but representation in Legis. C. 1903/04 & subsequent by him.

Wataraki's statement regarding land belonging to Sheikh Ali bin Salim. (See No 9 on 17/10/32)

Fishing Survey

General paper 7/12/30
20/10/32

all papers are now submitted.

The Allen's minute shows a schedule of 17/10/32 - under the question of regarding about the position can be found.

2. Do reports that show a two business scheme and the of the work is to be done by the Corporation may be required.

3. Do reports regarding the position has not attend see 7/11/32

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H. J. Simons

7/10/32

P. H. J.

13/11/32

18/6 (Qto. for signature by Sir G. Wilson)

- Mr. Parkinson.
- Mr. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottonley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Party. U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

12th Aug, 1931

My dear Byrne
~~My dear Sir~~

The Secretary of State has received

DRAFT.

(1) your despatch No. 890 of the 14th Dec. 1930
 (31/17165/31) - *And also your despatch No 178 of the 7th Dec 1931,*
 (42/17211/31) - *and Confidential No 2 of the 6th Jan., in*

SIR JOSEPH BYRNE,
F. O. S., F. T. E., C. I.

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 made ~~by the Secretary of State~~ *by the*
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 Arab, African and Indian witnesses who
 gave evidence before the Parliamentary
 Joint Select Committee on ~~Closer Union~~
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 has been taken over these despatches
 but ~~he~~ *he* does not feel called upon to return
 comprehensive replies to the various
 representations.

In so far as it may be necessary to
 pursue any of the matters this will be

done

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 and 17211/31
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 noted in the off.
 (S. S. Entwistle)*

C. O.

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17/6/32
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Further action as
noted in the H.P.
in enclosure

done in separate correspondence or
in other ways - for example, the
rational representations in regard to
land will fall within the scope of
the Carter Commission which has
recently been appointed.

*Sam ...
(Sgt) A. ...*

Kenya.

Mr. Allen. 22.4

Downing Street.

Mr. Parkinson.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shackleton.

Derby.

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State.

*In Sir Hamilton
Sif*
3rd May, 1932.

DRAFT

SHAMH BIN MOHAMED.

Conson, on verbal
instructions
Sir

I have received your letter
of the 25th with regard to the
matters which were discussed with
Dr. Drummond in May of 1931.
I have in my private letter
that you were raised at the interview
with the Governor of Kenya.
I have now replied and the
Governor is fully equipped with
information on the subjects
raised. He will be able to deal with
them as they arise in the light of that
information, but at present there is no
need for him, or for me to deal with any
specific points.

You know the great personal
interest which I take in all these matters.

and

and you will, I am confident, accept my assurance
that none of these specific points will be overlooked.

(Signed) R. W. HAMILTON.

Mji - wa - Kale,
Mombasa,
Kenya.
5th April 1932.

Sir Robert Hamilton, Kt.,

Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
London. S.W.1.

Sir,

Your Private Secretary wrote to me on 6th November 1931 informing me of the receipt by you of my letter of 19th September and that the points raised by me in that letter and those discussed at the interview with Dr Drummond Shiels in May, had been referred to the Governor of Kenya for his comments and that you would write to me again when the Governor's reply is received.

I am sorry to say that I have heard nothing further up to now.

I am not aware of the Kenya Government's arguments against the subjects we raised and it is only fair, I submit, that we should be given the opportunity of further explaining our position in the light of those arguments if any.

Having discussed these questions with Dr Drummond Shiels, the then Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and being promised a reply, I informed my Community accordingly on my return here.

For a considerable time now, I have been pressed for information regarding the decision you have arrived at on the subjects and I shall be obliged if you will please let me know, for the information of my Community, your decision on the following subjects which formed part of our interview with your predecessor in office, in your presence and mentioned in our Memorandum to the Joint Parliamentary Committee and in my letter of 19th September 1931 to you:-

1. Abolition of the Post of Liwali for the Coast.

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2. Conditions of Service in regard to the Liwallis, Kattis and Mudirs.
3. Condition of Service in regard to the Arab Clerks.
4. The inclusion of the Arabs in the definition of the term "Native" in all Laws of Kenya and their treatment generally being inferior to that accorded to Indians.
5. Nominated Arab Official Member to the Legislative Council.
6. Education.
7. Institutions of Native Councils in Mombasa.
8. Land questions.
9. Increased representation on the Legislative and Municipal Councils.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

James C. Motamed

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Mr. Allen,

Sheikh Hamed bin Mohamed was, of course, one of the two Arab witnesses to the Joint Committee.

I think that all the points he raises are already receiving the Governor's consideration, and the Sec. of S. is awaiting the Governor's comments on them:-

(i) Appointment of Liwali for the coast.

In No.1 on 17082/31, the Governor said that he proposed that the post should lapse on the retirement of Sheikh Ali bin Salim. This arrangement was agreed to by the Chief Native Commissioner and the Individual Commissioner concerned. See also par.4 of Note on 17184, which is the record of the interview with Mr. Shiels had with the Arab witnesses when Sir Robert Hamilton was also present.

(ii) Arab Education, see pars.7 and 16 of the record of the interview.

(iii) Status of Arabs - see par.8 of the record of the interview.

(iv) Conditions of service of Arab members of the Civil Service, see par.6 of the record of the interview.

(v. (a) Institution of Native Councils for Arabs, and (b) ejection without compensation of occupiers of houses on lands of Sheikh Ali bin Salim. See on these two points No.7 on 17184/31.

In No.8 on 17184₃, the Governor has been asked for his views on the points raised at the interview, and in No.9 he has been sent secretly a copy of the letter subsequently written by Mbarak. Replies

to

to these two despatches are now awaited, and I do not think it could serve any useful purpose to send this further letter out to the Governor for his comments. The only point that might be taken up is the allegation that Mbarak is suffering for having ventured to write No. 7 on 17/12/31. I suspect that this statement ^{may} be largely discounted.

Perhaps Sir R. Hamilton might acknowledge this letter suitably, and say that on looking into the matter that all the points raised have already been referred to the Governor for his comments as a result of the interview which ~~he~~ and Mbarak had with Dr. Shieffs when they were in England, and that ~~he~~ ^{they} may rest assured that they are receiving due attention.

There ought to be no truth in it in view of the assurance (ref to in the 29/10/31) - No 8 of 17/12/31 that his official position was not to be prejudiced

JTW

Hamilton
8.12.31

JTW

24/10/31

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Nji-Wa-Sale,
Rumbasa,
19th September 1931.

My dear Sir,

Allow me to again congratulate you on the honour His Majesty has been pleased to confer upon you in entrusting you with the duties of the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. I personally and almost all Arab friends here, not mentioning the other communities, were exceedingly overjoyed at the good news and are very proud indeed that the honour has fallen on our best friend more especially so at this juncture when so much good can be done to the Arabs if the various questions concerning them are handled by a sympathetic friend and a gentleman who knows them better than anybody else. The Arabs are indeed very fortunate.

I apologise beforehand for making this letter somewhat long but I am sure I shall not be doing the right thing if I do not let you know what is going on here regarding our affairs.

As you are aware, we had had a number of Liwali posts on the Coast but these had been abolished gradually until now we have only four. The latest information is that the Arab Elected Member to the Legislative Council is suggesting the idea of abolishing the Post of Liwali for the Coast - the Post held by Sir Ali bin Salim before his retirement. Apparently it is not realised that by taking such a step the Arabs would be losing a principle that had been well established a long time ago and which goes to show that the Arabs hold at least one important Post in the Service.

Now that the Select Committee of the Legislative Council is sitting to go through the Estimates, I understand that the European Elected Members are also pressing this point because their idea with the Government is not only to effect economy but it is and has always been to abolish the Arab Elected Members. You will remember that this point was raised by us before the Select Committee in your presence. We have no say and are sure we would not be given a hearing even if we tried to protest but our only hope is that

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when the Estimates are sent for your approval. I need not say much in favour of retention of the post, you yourself know what will improve the condition of the Arabs both in the Service and the Community as a whole.

The question of Education has again come to the front by the impending opening of the newly built so-called Secondary School at Shimo-la-Tewa. The Government proposes to limit the teaching there to Junior Cambridge and would not agree to the abolition of the system of teaching Swahili in the School. We simply cannot understand what is in the mind of the Government and why the attitude of refusing to teach Arabic as the second language and increase the English Education to at least London Matriculation as they do in all Indian Schools. They insist upon limiting the curriculum to only Junior Cambridge and that Kiswahili and Kiswahili only will be taught. Mbarak Ali Hinawy who always argues with the Education Department's Officials on questions of Education and whose arguments against Kiswahili and for Arabic and increase of English Education, the Education Department cannot refute, has now had to keep quiet after having been threatened by his Officers. From the Director of Education down to the Principal of the School, they are all against the advancement of Arab Education. I believe it is more dangerous to have an unsympathetic Principal than a hostile Director of Education but we have both and here again our only hope lies with your interference.

We understand that a draft Bill instituting an Ordinance to remove the Arabs from the definition of the term Native in all the Laws of the Country has been sent to you for your approval and we are glad that in this matter a start has at least been made.

By your membership on the Joint Committee and now as the Minister directly responsible for our well being we are sure we greatly stand to gain and we await the findings of the Committee with a certainty that we shall not be forgotten as it had been the case in all previous Commissions visiting East Africa.

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There are no signs of the Government taking steps to include the Arab Clerks in the same terms of Service as the Indians and Goans and the terms of Service of the Arab Officials still remain lower than those of Indian or Goan Clerks. However, in my opinion and in the opinion of all of us, we believe that if the post of Liwali for the Coast is retained and the person appointed thereto is specifically asked to suggest a better way of reorganising the systems of Liwalis, Kathis and ~~and~~ and the improvements of their conditions of service and those of Arab Clerks, a great deal can be done.

As regards the Arab Nominated Official Member to the Legislative Council, His Excellency the Governor in his opening speech to the Council in 1951 said that he had appointed the Provincial Commissioner temporarily to act as such Nominated Member and to nominate an Arab successor. It is understood by this that Muzak Ali Binawy would be nominated as the Arab member as he arrives but he will see the views of the people.

We certainly do not like the Native Councils. The people of the area in native areas do not like them but the authorities here insist on them. We want to show that the Arab Officials are not affected by the changes. The idea is to appoint an Officer as Native Affairs Officer representing them. You will remember, Sir, that Dr. Drummond thinks that the information about the question without compensation of houses on Sir Ali's lands. In that letter we mentioned the question of the formation of these Native Councils in Mombasa. As I was leaving London then, the letter was sent under the signature of Mbarak only and as a copy of the letter was sent here for enquiry, Mr. W.S. Marchant is greatly annoyed with Mbarak and as he is Mbarak's immediate chief obviously Mbarak is feeling the pinch.

We are sure, Sir, now that you yourself are in charge of the whole show, you will see that no injustice is done to us and that a speedy action will be taken in all the questions we brought before you.

You all

you all. We entirely trust in you and we need not say any more.

Mbarak has requested me to ask for your assistance in a personal matter that he had brought up before Dr Drummond Sheils the other day and on which he says no action has been taken locally. He asked that his Post - that of Arab Assistant to the District Commission^{er} Mombasa - be made pensionable and on an increamental scale. The course had been recommended on several occasions by his officers but the local Government said that it was the Colonial Office that objected to creating any more pensionable posts. Dr Drummond Sheils took a note of the question and I trust, Sir, that you will please assist in the matter.^r

I shall be very much obliged if you will please remember me to Lady Hamilton and say that I pray to the Almighty that you all may live a very happy, long and prosperous life.

Yours sincerely,

Hamed bin Mohamed

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If the above views are accepted I think that instead of a formal acknowledgment with an expression of thanks, it would be better that a semi-official letter should be sent to the Governor saying that the Secretary of State has received this despatch, (and also the despatches as to Indian and Arab representations), and that he greatly appreciates the care and trouble which has been taken over them, but does not feel called upon to return comprehensive replies to the various representations, and that in so far as it may be necessary to pursue any of the matters, this will be done in separate correspondence or in other ways, for example, the native representations in regard to land will fall within the scope of the Commission now to be appointed.

Reduction in Number of Area Administrative Officers.

The Commission has, from the point of view of the
... difficult to see ...
It appears from () of the Governor's paragraph
... that the reason for the substitution of European
officers for Area Administrative officers - in so far
... as there is a ... - is their greater
efficiency. ... has issued a long despatch
... regarding the development of ... institutions
emphasising that some ... may be
... in pursuance of the policy ...
... especially upon ...
... the ... be considered that this policy should
be pursued ...

In ... their report the Joint
Committee ...

It is impossible to ...
... Administrative officers to conduct
the ... of the whole country. ...
to ... without ...
to the proper ...
experience ... result in secret
... institutions to meet the
daily requirements of community life".

... in reply to this despatch the
... State ... refer to the ... passage
in the Joint Committee's report, ... that it would
... desirable that a similar policy ... be adopted
so far as ... community
of the ...

... his terms of service, the ...
says at the end of (3) of his paragraph 2, that the

Livialis

Liwalis, Mudirs and Kathis on the Coast are on no fixed terms of service except as regards leave, and with three exceptions are ^{not examinable} unobjectionable. We might invite his observations regarding the desirability of forming an Arab Administrative Service with defined terms of service.

Quinn
23/3/32

I think this point might be noted in connexion with the terms of Service Report which refer to the need for an enquiry as to suitable conditions - that would afford an opportunity for suggesting certain of Arab conditions (other than clerical).

L. V. Allen
31/3/32

I agree. We can hardly lay down that there must be so many Arab officials, efficient or not, but there should be enough posts to attract any ~~off~~ efficient men there may be.

L. V. Allen 4/4/32

Paragraph 5 of note.

Conditions of service of Mr. Mbarak.

The Governor says that he is giving consideration to the question of increments, ~~and possibly also~~ pensionable status.

If the suggestion made above that we should ask the Governor to consider the desirability of instituting an Arab Service is accepted, no doubt Mr. Mbarak would come within it. There would then be no case for special treatment of him.

Quinn
22.1.32

We must bear this at "Liwalis" in mind especially in view of the financial position.

L. V. Allen
31/3/32

L. V. Allen 4/4/32

Quinn
18/7/32
18/7/32

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Paragraph 6 of Note.

Arab Clerical Service.

In the record of the interview Mr. Elbarak is represented as saying that some ten years ago it was decided to place Arabs on the same footing as Africans". This does not really give quite a true idea of the position. Up till about ten years ago the European staff in the Colony served on certain terms of service, and all the non-European staff whether Indian, Arab or African, served on another set of conditions. Then, largely in consideration of the fact that the Indians came from overseas, it was determined to institute a separate Native Civil Service, Arabs, who of course did not come from overseas, being included in the latter. In a despatch written in February 1925, (no 31863/24) the Secretary of State said that he still regretted that it had not been so much possible to have one non-European service with overseas precedence in the case of members domiciled in India.

The terms of service were intended primarily to apply to natives of Kenya, i.e., Africans rather than Arabs. (So far as it appears from the papers it was not called an Arab and African Clerical Service in the draft scheme submitted to the Secretary of State, the title appears only in the final scheme).

Great delay was experienced in setting up the Service, and a report on its working is expected in the summer of this year - see No. 2 on 16241/30.

The Arab clerks, or some at least of them, are probably of a higher class than any of the Africans, and it would seem quite possible that they have a distinct grievance here.

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I would suggest that the Governor be asked to pay special attention to the position of Arabs under the new service in the report which he is due to furnish this year on the working of the service, and to say particularly whether the conditions offered to the more highly qualified and senior clerks are sufficient to attract the best man, whether Arab or African.

Sturms
22.1.32

I think it will be sufficient to note this in the relevant paper so that the point may be considered when the report comes in

W. Allen

3/13/32

Yes - but it should not be overlooked.

W. Allen
5.7.32

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16321/30
16385/32*

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Paragraph 8 of Note.

Status of Arabs.

We have heard that a bill to define the status of, among others, Arabs, is now under consideration, and the papers are noted to be brought up to enquire progress if nothing is heard in a few months time. There would seem to be no point in pursuing the matter here.

Garwood

22.1.32

Layton

3/3/32

LWS 5.4.32

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Paragraph 9 of Note.

Arab Lands.

The memorandum by the Provincial Commissioner is extremely full and seems to deal adequately with all points. I have no comment.

J. G. [Signature]
22.11.32

Nov 9

J. G. [Signature]

31/3/32

See enclosed papers 20-44.

W.S. 8.4.22

Paragraph 10 of Note.

Arab representation on the Legislative Council.

In paragraph 91 of their report the Joint Committee write :-

"The Arab community have from the first accepted the system (i.e. of a communal franchise), and no problem has arisen as far as they are concerned".

On the retirement of Sheikh Ali bin Salim, the Governor wrote that while he would have preferred the seat to continue to be held by an Arab, there was at present no Arab official sufficiently qualified in all respects for membership of the Council, and as it was anticipated that there would be 5 Indian non-official members sitting in the new Council (this has not happened in point of fact) the appointment of a non-official to represent the Arab interests would jeopardise the official majority. The Governor therefore recommended that the Provincial Commissioner for the Coast should be appointed as the nominated official to represent Arab interests.

That was in the spring of last year. The Secretary of State telegraphed that while he was loth to agree to the substitution of European for an Arab, if the Governor was satisfied that the appointment of an Arab was not practicable, the appointment of a European might be made as a temporary measure pending consideration of the selection of an Arab official who could suitably fill the place of a predecessor of so much distinction. There the matter now stands, and it does not seem possible to suggest any further action which could usefully be taken at the moment. Perhaps the matter might be further considered when the Governor's comments on the report of

See Nos 11, 12 & 13 on 17003/31.



He does not
touch an Arab
representative
1/17/32

the Joint Committee. In this ^{connection} will no doubt
deal at length with the ~~situation~~ of the Kenya
Legislative Council.

? Re-circulate when those comments are
received.

Garwood
22-3-32

I think it would be sufficient
to enquire in due course in the
relevant paper 17003/31 as to
the prospect of finding an Arab

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J. H. Allen

31/3/32
L. 2003/31

Memorandum to the Hon. the Secretary of State.

Arab representation on the Municipal Council.

I attach a copy of the report of the Municipalities Ordinance, Section 10 of which sets out the ^{composition} ~~situation~~ of the Municipal Board of Mombasa. Its composition was based on, though it did not fully ^{carry out} ~~accord~~, the recommendations of the Feetham Commission (see para. XLVI and XLVII a. & TP. 259, 264 to 268 of the report). According to the Feetham Commission the population of the whole township, including the island, was 700 Europeans, 9,002 Indians, 5,000 Arabs and 1,300 other non-natives, making 15,161 non-natives and other. There were 32,770 natives. The Arab representation on the board certainly seems rather inadequate. The Feetham Commission were not notorious for the generosity of their recommendations towards other communities than the European (the natives are only represented by the District Commissioner who is the Chairman), and there would certainly seem to be a case for some increase in the number of Arab representatives (see also in view of the Joint Committee's representations regarding African representation on the Legislative Council of a similar representatives).

I ask the Governor to submit a fuller report on the question ~~of giving~~ statistics of the numbers and relative importance of the various communities in Mombasa.

Feetham
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composition of the Municipal Council of Mombasa (? also of Nairobi) saying that the SFS is not entirely satisfied that the representation of Arab & African interests on the Council is at present commensurate with their numbers & importance, & ask for

I was not raised this question. It might involve all sorts of complications & there seems no reason to suppose that the Feetham Commission ^{was raised}

I would mention to the Gov. so,
as a point to be taken up if other
municipal representation is reviewed
generally.

15000
8/1/32

XI

Paragraph 13 of Note.

Welfare work in Bombay.

I have no comments.

J. V. Allen
15000
31/1/32

Paragraph 14 of Note.

Government and Municipal Taxation.

See as to this paragraphs 16 to 20 of Mr. Marchant's report on Bombay enclosed in No. 23 on 16309/30, Pt. II. I have suggested on that paper that enquiry should be made how far the recommendations made by Mr. Marchant have been accepted and how far it has been possible to implement them. Perhaps in so doing some reference might be made to this paragraph.

J. V. Allen
15000
31/1/32

It was proposed to await the comments of the Govt in the 1930 N. A. Report. They have not yet come & the Govt is being reminded of the relevant papers.

No. 15000
15000
31/1/32

Paragraph 15 of Note.

Fishing Industry.

The recommendations of the Colonial Office Conference is under consideration on general papers and it is unnecessary to comment here.

I understand that the proposal of a Colonial Fishery Survey vessel is also under consideration. Financial considerations do not prevent the alternative of a local survey vessel but which has been suggested.

Copy of Summary of Proceedings hereunder - see p. 45-46.

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This should not be lost sight of.
B. in a matter with.

Paragraph 17 of Note.

Customs Duties.

The Governor appears to deal adequately with the points raised.

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The Secretary of State... The local office regarding... but there is the chance of that...
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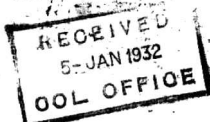
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

4th DECEMBER 1931.



Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Lord Passfield's despatch No. 347 of the 21st May, 1931, enclosing a note of an interview which the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Colonies gave to Mr. Kbarak Ali Hinawy and Sheikh Hamed Mohamed bin Issa, the Arab witnesses from the Colony to the Joint Select Committee on East Africa.

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2. With regard to paragraph 4 of the note, it is true that there has been some reduction of Staff amongst the Arab Administrative Staff during the last 15 years or so. The reduction has been due in the main to the following causes :-

- (a) A general tendency on the part of Arabs and Natives to move from outlying areas towards Mombasa, due to the growth of individualism and a greater demand for money and appreciation of the advantages offered by the possession of money. It is the same movement as that which can be noticed in the Reserves - in fact, there has been a world-wide tendency for people to congregate in towns which offer greater possibilities for earning money and securing a more comfortable standard of living. This has meant work has decreased locally, more particularly in such places as Roka, Mambui and the District of Lamu.
- (b) Improved means of transport and the opening up of districts by roads, which has made it possible for greater distances to be covered by any one official and has therefore facilitated reduction of staff.

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(2) The following reductions have taken place during the last 20 years and may be attributed to the above causes:-

Sultan	1	(Witu)
Liwalis	5	(Faza & Siyu, Charra and Coast Liwali)
Mudirs	9	(Roka, Arabuko, Hindi, Wangeki, Mabarua, Tiwi, Mtwapa, Mtangaiki, Witu)
Kathis	5	(Mombasa, Lamu, Siyu, Faza, Witu)
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(3) At the present moment the Arab Administrative Staff is as follows :-

<u>Liwalis:</u>	5	
		Salary 36.p.m.
Mombasa (Island)	1	500 (Pensionable).
Vanga	1	500
Mombasa (Mainland)	1	500 (Holder is also Arab assistant).
Lamu	1	500
Malindi	1	500
<u>Mudirs:</u>	6	
Mombasa (Mainland)	1	500
Gazi	1	500
Mkunumbi	1	500
Faza	1	500
Kiunga	1	500
Takaungu	1	500
<u>Kathis:</u>	6	
Chief Kathi	1	855 (Pensionable. Salary paid by Supreme Court.)
Mombasa Dist:	1	500
Lamu	1	200
Malindi	1	200
Takaungu	1	200
Vanga	1	200
<u>Total</u>	<u>17</u>	

These Officers are on an fixed term of service except as regards their rank (see section 372, Code of Regulations) and with some exceptions (the Liwalis of Lamu, Malindi and Vanga, and the Chief Kathi) are non-pensionable.

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