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ALEUT GOVERNMENT HOUSE NAIROBI KENYA 4. May, 1932.

IR MAIL

With reference to your telegram No.379 bf the 24th December and your despatch Confidential of the 24th of November on the subject of new pension legislation for the local Asiatic Service, I have the honour to inform you in reply to paragraph 4 of your despatch that there are no officers in this Service who have been confirmed on a non-pensionable footing in posts which were pensionable before the issue of Secretariat Circular No.50 of the 7th June, 1927, and that the Asian Civil Service Association have not at any time raised the question of the treatment under the retrenchment terms of officers other than those who have been confirmed in their appointments in pensionable diffices and who have not completed ten years' pensionable service.

2. You will be aware from my telegram No.367 of the lst of December that I was unable at that time to agree that the necessity efficient for the grant of compassionate pendions in such cases, but I have subsequently received from the Governor of Tanganyika Territory a copy of his Gonfidential despatch addressed to you on the loth of Qctober last and I am informed that the proposals contained therein were approved by you in a telegram dated the loth of November. I have also been informed that the Government of Uganda has granted an allowance under Clause XII of the Superannuation Act of 1859 to two pensionable Non-European

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THE RIGHT HONOURAHLE MAJOR SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER, P.C., G.B.E., M.C., M.P., SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, DOWNING STREET, LONDON S.W. officers who have been retrenched on abolition of office.

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3. In the circumstances I am prepared to reconsider my previous proposal and to recommend that proportionate pensions should be granted to officers of this Colony holding pensionable offices who have been confirmed in their appointments and who have been retrenched before completing ten years' pensionable service. This proposal covers the case of Mr.Naidu which was submitted to you in my Confidential despatch No.22 of the 5th February last.

4. I am also influenced in reviewing my previous recommendation by the delay in enacting legislation on the lines of the European Officers' Pensions Ordinance to cover the Asian pensionable personnel. It seems inequitable to penalise individuals for a delay the causes for which have been outside their control.

5. If you approve I propose to treat all officers who are affected in accordance with the terms of the Superannuation Act unless they are still in the Service at the time the new pensions legislation takes effect, i.e. their pension will be based on completed years of service. The financial effect of my suggestion will involve this Government in a pension commitment of 275 per annum for an indefinite number of years subject to adjustment in respect of an amount of approximately 2400 which has been paid in gratuities.

6. I regret the delay in dealing with this question and in the circumstances would appreciate an intimation of your flectation by telegraph.

I have the ponour to be, Your most obedient humble servant,

BRIGADIER-GENERAL.