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Visit of Mr. Abdul Wahid to England.

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Dr. B. (100) Conf

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Executive

have an interview at the C.O. & that any other work may be shown to Mr. W. which will be much appreciated.

M. Boyd

If the S. ops. is available and if Mr. W. is only for a few minutes to say the word perhaps to a good thing. I suppose Mr. W. is out of the question for the time being. We don't know how long he will be in Scotland.

It is unlikely that Mr. Boyd will be available in September, but I am sure he will be for a meeting in October in the last week.

Mr. Boyd will be in London until the end of the month. He will be back in Scotland in the middle of September. I think it is probable that he will be back in London in the middle of September. I think it is probable that he will be back in London in the middle of September.

When he returns to London, I think it is probable that he will be back in London in the middle of September. I think it is probable that he will be back in London in the middle of September.

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yes, and will be in London
noted 3/9

Abdul Wahid (100) 20 May 34.

States that he has just arrived from Kanga & he would like to make an appointment.

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JL

it clear that the secretary of State's visit would be only a passing one, and that it might not be possible for him to see Mr. Abdul Wahid then.

He was very anxious also to have an audience with the King, but I said that he must regard that as quite out of the question, if only because the King would be in the country until the end of October.

Will you please refer the King to me at the end of next week as there are one or two points on which I shall have to write to the Governor.

see what
answer

WCB

20.9.34.

Dear Mr. Wahid,

Please see the message from the King of the 15th. I am sorry that you are to meet the King in London.

I talked a lot of the matter with the King. It expressed regret that it would not be possible to arrange a meeting at present as you did not expect to return to London until October.

I should

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will be in London on the 1st of October. We will get him in then.

WCB

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6 To Abdul Wahid

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24 Sept 34

I should have been in London on the 1st of October.

The Hood

You may wish to
refer to Sir J. Byrnes - I
think you could assume
them that we have been
quite nice to NW.

CCJ

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9 To Sir J. Byrnes (1 aimed) 20. 6/10/30

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C. O.

Mr. Flood 2/10

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Mr.

Mr. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley

Sir J. Shackburgh

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Secretary of State

Semi-official for Mr. Flood's signature.

Downing Street,

6 October, 1934.

Dear Sir Joseph,

On the 23rd July you wrote to me reporting that

Mr. Abdul Wahid was about to pay

a visit to England. This is to

let you know that he duly

arrived and saw me, Sir Cecil

Bottomley, and the Secretary of

State (who devoted about three

quarters of an hour to him, on

the 2nd of October) but it was

not possible for us to arrange

an audience with His Majesty.

We quite liked him.

He is a very nice old thing,

and was very pleased to find

that we knew about him. In

case we did not he went about

with a typewritten slip

containing

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SIR JOSEPH L. BYRNE, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.,

FURTHER ACTION.

containing a full record of his
career, with the fact that he owned
the only private zoo in Kenya at the
beginning and stating that he always

of the country, against
H. M. J. in a conversation
with a number of people

Mr. J. J. called on me
referred to the fact that
well-known to me to see

really affairs of V.M. high
called by the Secretary of the

the Prime Minister on the
of the Governor, through

and in a conversation
that it was a very
reference to the fact that

of the Secretary
to the fact that
when

to Kenya and go on returning to
and of things.

I have been rather under the
weather with a poisoned wrist which prevents
my writing and causes me to inflict much
sorrow on the shorthand staff.

Mr. Abdul Wahid is a farmer, landlord, owner of the only private Zoo in Kenya and last but not the least a public man. He has 34 years experience of the Colony. He has travelled all over the world. He, joined at his own expenses, the Kenya Indian Deputation to London in 1923. He was a member of the thirteen various Commissions appointed by the Government. Member of the Profiteering Commission, 1921. Member of the Labour Commission, 1922. Member of the Maize Conference, 1924. Member of the Municipal Corporation Commission, 1924. Member of the Liquor Licensing Board, 1925 to 1926. Member of the Local Government Commission, 1926 - Chairman Sir Justice Feetham. Member of the Native Betterment Fund Committee, 1933. President of the East African Indian National Congress, 1924 and 1931. Deputy President of the East African Indian National Congress, 1932. He interviewed His Excellency the Viceroy of India in Simla in 1932 for the Kenya Indian Cause. Member of the Reception Committee for their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, 1924 - 1925. Chairman of the Reception Committee of Jamia Mosque Nairobi, 1933. A large annual donor to public funds both Europeans and Indians. Elected member of the Legislative Council, 1931 to 1934. Member of the Board of Agriculture since 1930. Member of the Asiatic Civil Service Housing Scheme since 1931. Member of the Governor's Executive Council since, 1933. He has always the welfare of the country at heart.

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The IMPERIAL HOTEL

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LONDON, W.C.1

Telegrams Rusimp London
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(24 Lines)

28th September 1904

E. B. Boyd, ^{Private}
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., for which I thank you.

I shall be pleased to visit the Colonial Office at 11 A.M. on Monday, the 3rd October.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Peacock

24th September, 1944.

Sir Cecil Bottomley has told me of your recent

visit to

I now write to say that Sir Phillip Cunliffe

will be glad to meet you before you leave England.

I am now writing to enquire whether it would be
convenient for you to call to see him at the Colonial

Office at 11.0 a.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd of October?


Yours very truly,

Abdul Wahid, Esq.

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25th August 1934.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st of August was forwarded to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister in the country, and he has asked me to write to thank you for letting him know of your arrival, and to say that he much regrets that it will not be possible to arrange an interview at present as he does not propose to return to London until October.

Yours very truly,


Abdul Wahid, Esq.

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Metropole Hotel,
W.C.2.

21st Aug. 1934.

Dear Sir Philip,

I am writing you this to inform you that I
arrived from Kenya Colony yesterday. Of course, later on
I will request you to grant me an interview.

I hope you and Lady Cunliffe's sister are quite

At present I am staying at the Metropole Hotel.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Abdul Wahid

Arrived 25 Aug 34

Please could you let I request
I should be in London till
October

Downing Street,

28th August, 1934.

I have been away of the 25th of August to
 ... arrived at a time when
 ... Office owing to ill
 ... present when he will be
 ... to let you know if you
 ... of next
 ... that the Mr Cecil Hottelley who is at
 ... on holiday will also be back in the
 office.

Yours sincerely,

CONFIDENTIAL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA

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END

23rd July, 1934.

Dear Flood,

(C)
Dear

Mr. Abdul Wahid, the Indian Member of Executive Council, is taking a trip to Europe and will be in London early in September. He is rather a boring gentleman and not much use in Council, but when the Indians were non-co-operating he was one of the first to come forward and in this way did something to bring about the present, more satisfactory position. He must be more astute than he looks, for he amassed a considerable fortune as a contractor in the early days. He has two ambitions which no doubt he will lay before you; one is to be made a Knight and the other is to have an interview with the King!!

As he wants an interview at the Colonial Office I have told him to call and see you as I know your kindly nature will put him at his ease.

But seriously any courtesy you may show to Mr. Wahid will be appreciated here. Possibly the Secretary of State might like to have a few words with him: he met him during his visit.

Yours sincerely,

J. E. W. FLOOD, ESQ., C.M.G.,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.
LONDON.