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Convention of Association

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nominal
Governor
White Highlands

1. Governor Deputy Woods - No. 532 -

10.10.35 2

Shows list of resolutions passed in Sep. 1935
by the Com. of Ass. together with note of
interview with the Gov. Enquiries re: the
"suggestion regarding" Security of the White
Highlands" can be maintained.

(note agreement
in other notes
(H. 10/35))

The Governor's replies to the Delegation
from the Com. Ass. cover all
the resolutions.

As regards the "Security of the
White Highlands", the Governor
told the delegates that he
would suggest to the Govt that
representatives of the European
Settlers should have an
opportunity of seeing and
approving the Draft Ord.
prior to its submission to
H.M.

The Governor
was asked if the Govt. is
prepared to entertain the
suggestion.

? This should be dealt with
on the appropriate Op, &
the duplicate despatch
registered for that purpose.

Dup. disp.
regd. in
39005/1/35

Ch. J. ...
28/10/35

W. ...
1/11/35

2 Gov. Order No. 22. - 3.10.35

Reports that the Government of Association has passed a Resolution demanding that Govt. give preference to sons and daughters of residents in Kenya when filling C.O. vacancies in Kenya. It is stated that an interview was granted to a representative of the Association concerning the matter. Comments thereon.

The Acting Colonial Secretary's reply to Lord Francis Scott's motion in the Legislative Council on the 10th January is to be found on pages 330-334 of the debates. Briefly it is to the effect that although Government regard the motion with sympathy it would not be in the best interest of Government to break away from the unified services at present. The Governor goes further by saying that naturally he would welcome into the Kenya service the sons and daughters of Kenya residents. He cannot agree however with Lord F. Scott that Kenya candidates should be selected in preference to others who may be of higher attainments.

It will be seen on page 320 of the debate that Lord F. Scott said that he believed that the C.O. would rather send a suitable Kenya candidate to the Malay States or to the West Indies than back to the candidate's home in Kenya. No doubt Lord F. Scott had been primed by Colonel Lean to make this remark in view of the case of Mr. E.H. Risley (26432 Apts.). Having regard to the last minutes on that file? the Governor's views at X above may be accepted without comment.

C. G. Bennett
19.11.35

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I think the Governor might have, personally or confidentially, a copy of 27 (with the first 2 1/2 pages of the enclosure - in spite of the result on p. 2) and 29 on E.H. Risley's file below (26432 Apts.)

A. F. ...
19/11

Appts. Branch

You should see I agree that it might be useful to proceed as Mr. F. ... proposes in any case we must send a despatch agreeing with the Governor

J. S. ...

I agree - except that I should have thought we might visit the ...

A. F. ...
27/11

(In conversation with ... it was agreed that it might be ... for Major ... to be ... of the position ... in Kenya - towards the end of the year. Perhaps the Governor could be asked ... Risley ... the ... ?)

Sir C. B. ...

much might be said on this subject. ... But it is sufficient to say that I agree with the course proposed - except that I could visit the ... from the copy of Col. Lean's letter which was sent to the Govt.

There is no need for us to
embitter the relation between
the Gov. & the writer of the
letter.

We must also write to
Major Furse sending him
copies of the correspondence
which we send to the Gov. (also
enclosing the wires) & a copy
of the No. 2 in this file & the
reply.

S. J. P. P.

6.12.35

As proposed.

Omit the wires, though
I daresay Sir J. Byrnes has
heard worse about himself

W.S.
7.12.35
at

My last mail
21/10/35

To Kenya 1018 (2 answered) 20 DEC 1935

My last mail
21/12/35

To Sir J. Byrnes (at m. l. as aft.) 10 } 21/12/35 ✓
Major Furse (at m. l. as aft.) 10 }

Seen in app. Dept.

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7.1.36

App. Dept.
Dep. Secy
Dep. Secy

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By air mail
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To Kenya 1018 (2 answered) 20 Dec 1935

By air mail
21/12/35

4 To Sir J. Byrnes (at encl. as aft.) 210
5 Major Furse (at encl. as aft.) 210 } 21/12/35

Seen in app. Dept

17. Marshall
7.1.36

As per
note
depractised as per
[Signature]

C O.

Air Mail 54

Mr. Grossmith. *9/12*
Mr. *Freeston 9*
Mr. *Wood 9*
Sir C. Parkinson.

For Sir G. Tomlinson's signature.

M E

X Sir G. Tomlinson *10. 12. 35*
X Sir C. Bottomley. *10*

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Downing Street,
21 December, 1935.

Sir J. Shuckburgh
Permt. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

My dear Purse,

The enclosed correspondence

DRAFT.

will be of interest to you. It will give you some idea of what you may expect to hear in Kenya in regard to the settlers' demands for the selection of local candidates for the higher posts in the Colony in preference to other candidates.

MAJOR R.D. PURSE, C.M.G., D.S.O.

*Cp. Colonial Secretary
Nairobi.*

Done for action 3/10/35. (No 2)
To " accy draft 12.1.35 (3)
Done L. E. Grigg 27/10/35 (29/12/35)
sent as amended 27/10/35 (29/12/35)
To L. E. Grigg 5/11/35

I have not enclosed a copy of the legislative Council debates of the 10th of July as you will be able to see on locally.

John Bottomley

(Signed) W. C. BOTTOMLEY.

(Signed) G. J. F. TOMLINSON.

FURTHER ACTION.



C. O.

W. G. Bottomley

Mr. Grossmith. 9/2

Mr. *Reardon* 9

Mr. *Hood* 9

Sir C. Parkinson.

X Sir G. Tomlinson 10.12.35

X Sir C. Bottomley 10.12.35

Sir J. Shackleton.

Permi. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

For Sir C. Bottomley's signature.

Downing Street,

21 December, 1935.

W. G. Bottomley

My dear Sir,

A despatch goes by this mail in reply to your despatch No. 522 of the 3rd October regarding the local demands for the selection of the sons and daughters of Kenya settlers in preference to other candidates for appointments in the Colony.

The enclosed copies of correspondence with Grigg about an application by Colonel Wisley's son will be of interest to you in this connection. It is possible that *(see)*

Francis
Grigg had this case in mind when he said that the Colonial Office would rather send a suitable Kenya candidate to the Malay States than back to his home (page 320 of the Debates).

YOURS SINCERELY
W. G. BOTTOMLEY.

DRAFT.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SIR JOSEPH BYRNE,
G.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B.

27/10/35
27/10/35
26432 Affs.
29/10/35
(No 29 Affs.)
26432 Affs.

FURTHER ACTION.



Name	Relation in Kenya.	Remarks.
Keatinge, R.H.	Father: Registrar General	Considered in absentia by C.S.A.B. in 1934 & 1935. Not recommended; but arranged that Furse should interview locally.
X O'Hagan, C.C.	Father: Settler	A. de C. to Governor. Selected 1934 and posted to Tanganyika
Low, R.W.	Father: Archdeacon of Nairobi	Unsuccessful in 1931 and 1932 (not seen by the Board). Reapplied from Kenya 1934. Considered in absentia but not recommended
Remsted, S.T.R.	Uncle: Late Provincial Commissioner	Applied for audit 1931. Rejected 1934. Reapplied from Kenya 1934. Considered in absentia by C.S.A.B. and not recommended. Noted in connection with Treasury and Customs.
Stone, C.E.I.	Father: District Commissioner.	Considered by C.S.A.B. 1934 and not recommended. Unfavourable reports from Cambridge.
Dairs, I.R.	Father: Settler	Not warmly recommended by Kenya Government. Considered in absentia by C.S.A.B. in 1935 and not recommended
X Pilling, H.G.	Father: Deputy Colonial Secretary.	Selected 1935
Morrison, A.F.	Father: late Kenya Service	Applied 1934. Considered by C.S.A.B. and not recommended.
Grant, E.E.	Brother: Administrative Service	Applied August 1934. Adverse reports were received from Oxford University and the War Office and it was agreed with Kenya not to pursue his application further.

C. O.

Mr. Grossmith. 9/12

Mr. ~~Reverton~~ 9

Mr. ~~Hurd~~ 9

Sir C. Parkinson.

X Sir G. Tomlinson 10.12.35

X Sir C. Bottomley. 10.12

Sir J. Shuckburgh

+ Permt. U.S. of S. 18 FS. *John*

Party. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DRAFT.

KENYA.

NO. 1018

GOVERNOR.

*Sup. Maffey.
On 10/12/35
think you'd be satisfied
with it.
10/12*

FURTHER ACTION.

Copy to Major Funn (5)

Air Mail, 3

Downing Street,

20 December, 1935.

Sir,

I have etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 522 of the 3rd October regarding the resolution of the Convention of Associations ~~and~~ ~~European Elected Members Organisation~~ demanding that preference should be given to the sons and daughters of Residents in Kenya when filling vacancies in the Civil Service of Kenya the Colony

2. I observe that prior to the session of the convention of ~~Associations~~ at which the resolution was passed, a motion by Lord Francis Scott, framed in similar terms, was debated in the Legislative Council. I have read the report of the debate with interest, and I entirely agree that the [invariable] selection of

Kenya candidates in preference to others
who may be of far higher attainments would
not be in the best interests of the Colony.

I have, etc.

[So long as this is understood, there is
of course no reason why Kenya candidates
should not be considered on
their merits along with other candidates
as is in fact the case.]

Am: []
Substitute A in
next page.

G. O.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir C. Foulkes

Sir C. Foulkes

Sir J. Stuchburgh

Permt. U.S. of S.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DRAFT.

FURTHER ACTION.

(Signed) J. H. THOMAS

A
~~It is not intended~~
however that

Substitution

This does not mean
however, that in ^{consequence of} ~~choosing~~
the respective ^{qualifications} merits of
candidates for any particular
post I shall not be pre-
sented due weight to the
value of experience gained
by residence in Kenya.
The amount of weight ^{so} to
be there given must
necessarily depend on the
nature of the post & on
the Governor's recommendations
in regard to the filling
of it.

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KENYA.
No. 522

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

3 October, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on the 11th of September I granted an interview to a deputation from the Convention of Associations and European Elected Members Organisation, the following resolution by the Convention was discussed-

"That this Convention demands that Government give a preference to the sons and daughters of residents in Kenya when filling vacancies in the Civil Service of Kenya."

2. Mr. Kenneth Archer, the Chairman of the Convention, explained that the Convention thought that not only posts in the Administration but also other posts in the Overseas Service should be filled by local candidates when suitably qualified candidates were available.

Lord Francis Scott expressed the view that as Kenya provided the money for the salaries of the Servants of Government the people of Kenya should have the first claim on vacancies and requested me to draw your attention to the fact that there was a strong feeling in the Colony that preference should be given to the sons and daughters of residents in Kenya when vacancies in the Kenya Civil Service were being filled.

3. You will have observed, from pages 319 to 335 of the uncorrected proofs of the Legislative Council

Answered (3)

Copy to my father (5)

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, P. O., M. P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Council Debates, that on the 10th of July last, Lord Francis Scott moved the following motion standing in his name:-

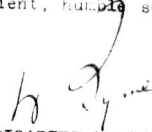
"That in the opinion of this Council all vacant posts in the Administrative and other Services of the Colony should be filled by the sons or daughters of residents in Kenya, whether official or unofficial, provided they are considered suitable candidates, in preference to other candidates however high their attainments may be, who have no connection with the Colony and Protectorate."

The motion was lost after this Government's attitude had been explained by the Acting Colonial Secretary.

4. I do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by any elaboration at the present time of the remarks made in debate by the Acting Colonial Secretary, beyond saying that while I should naturally welcome into the Service in Kenya the sons and daughters of Kenya residents I cannot agree that the interests of the Colony would be best served by the invariable selection of a Kenya candidate in preference to others who may be of far higher attainments.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,


BRIGADIER-GENERAL.

G O V E R N O R.

AIR MAIL

KENYA

No. 532



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

10 October, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, a list of the Resolutions passed at the recent session of the Convention of Associations, together with a short resume of an interview granted by the Governor to a delegation from the Convention. I would invite your attention to the suggestion in the minute entitled "Security of the White Highlands" on page 5 of the resume, and I shall be glad to learn, in due course, if you are prepared to entertain the suggestion.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. W. Wade

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

*Copy to Mr. (S.M.) ...
Page 49 line 3
W. W. Wade
30 26.10.1935*

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

The Economic Position of the Colony.

The Economic Development Committee's Report.

- (a) Resolution No.1. by the Executive of Convention:-

"This Convention having considered the Report of the Economic Development Committee and Sessional Paper No.1. of 1935, considers that the measures proposed are inadequate to the existing situation in that the gravity of the position disclosed calls for the immediate introduction of far more radical remedial measures towards alleviation of the critical condition affecting the bulk of the farming community."

Carried Unanimously.

- (b) Loan Conversion.

"That this Convention of Associations again urges upon Government the absolute necessity of affecting an equitable readjustment of the Kenya Loan position. Whilst realising that difficulties in effecting a fair solution are bound to be encountered, this Convention asserts that in common fairness we are entitled to some immediate relief."

Carried Unanimously.

- (c) Mortgage Relief.

"This Convention of Associations welcomes the announcement that a Committee is to be immediately appointed to explore means for lightening the crushing burden of agricultural indebtedness, an enquiry which in the opinion of this Convention is long over-due, but considers it essential that such a Committee should have strong farming representation amongst its personnel and that careful consideration will be given to the far-reaching steps that have been taken in other Territories to deal with these problems."

Carried Unanimously.

- (d) Government and Railway Overheads and Re-organization.

Resolution by the Executive of Convention:-

"This Convention wholeheartedly supports in principle the recommendations made by the Select Committee on Economy, and trusts that Government will see fit to implement the majority of these so that they may be incorporated in the 1936 Estimates. In particular Convention urges that a re-organization of the machinery of Government on the lines proposed in Chapter 9 of the Report should be undertaken without delay, and that an impartial Commissioner, approved by European Unofficials of Legislative Council, to give effect to this recommendation forthwith."

(Carried Unanimously).

(e) Civil Service Salaries.

Resolution by the Executive of Convention:-

"This Convention having studied Chapter 8 of the Report of the Select Committee on Economy considers that in view of present day conditions, the history of the post-war years and present day prices of primary products, an arbitrary revision of existing salary scales similar to that which took place in Great Britain, is considerably overdue, more especially in view of the fact that the Civil Service scales of salary have within recent years been drastically reviewed both in England and in the Dominions."

Carried Unanimously.

(f) Railway Policy.

"That in view of the unremunerative prices of all produce during the last few years, this Association strongly opposes the policy put forward in the General Manager's Annual Report entailing the building up of a reserve of £1,000,000 irrespective of any other consideration such as rates reductions, and demands that all freights on primary products be reduced forthwith."

Carried Unanimously.

Resolution by the Executive of Convention:-

"That this Convention expresses its disagreement with the Railway policy as outlined in Chapter 11 of the General Manager's Report for 1934, believing that, now that the financial position of the Railway has been restored such policy is not calculated to afford the cheap transport facilities for agricultural and industrial development, which are so vitally necessary during existing conditions."

Carried Unanimously.

"That this Convention of Associations dissatisfied with Government's inadequate reply to the various petitions put forward in Legislative Council by the European Elected Members and apprehensive of the wording of His Excellency's letter to the Chairman of Convention, gives as its considered opinion that by the adoption of the foregoing measures a sum of not less than half a million sterling could be made available for the relief of the hard-pressed community."

Carried Unanimously.

(g) Financial Policy.

"This Convention is of the opinion that some measure of consolidation is necessary in order to restore the economic foundations of the Colony."

Passed by a majority of 38 to 9.

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LIST OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE
CONVENTION OF ASSOCIATIONS ON WEDNESDAY,
THE 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1935.

GENERAL TAXATION.

"This Convention is of the opinion that Licensing Ordinance, 1934 and the re-introduction of the "Bill to make Provision for the Levy of a Non-Native Poll Tax" for 1936 is no longer necessary and the revenue which might accrue therefrom should therefore not be taken into account in framing the 1936 Estimates.

Carried unanimously.

NATIVE TAXATION.

"That, in the opinion of this Convention, the fall in the prices of native produce has had the effect of more than doubling the real weight of taxation on the native peasant, which, as a result, is now oppressive and ought to be reduced.

Carried unanimously.

SECURITY OF WHITE HIGHLANDS

"In view of the fact that the definite finding of the Morris Carter Land Commission, published and approved by the Secretary of State and adopted by the House of Commons more than a year ago, that the White Highlands of Kenya should be defined and safeguarded by Order-in-Council for the exclusive occupation of Europeans outside the boundaries of existing townships has not yet been implemented, this Convention affirms its determination to defend by every means in its power the integrity of our Highlands and demands the prompt adoption of the proposals of the European Elected Members as set out in their Memorandum of April 25th, 1935."

Carried unanimously.

LEASES UNDER CROWN LAND ORDINANCE.

"That this Convention also demands the immediate implementation of the recommendations of the Kenya Land Commission Report to render Section 31 of Crown Lands Ordinance 1902, and Section 26 of the Crown Lands Ordinance 1915 in-operative both in existing and future leases in that these recommendations are of vital importance to many land owners in the Colony."

Carried unanimously.

CROWN COLONY GOVERNMENT.

"That the time has come to appeal to other Dependencies controlled by the Colonial Office to consider to what extent they will longer submit to the unsympathetic control of their affairs by the Colonial Office.

Carried unanimously.

"That this Convention of Associations conscious of the widespread dissatisfaction and feeling of insecurity engendered by the present system of Crown Colony Government which is obviously no longer suited to our needs considers that in accordance with the principles traditional to our race, a change in the present system of Government is overdue and resolves to take such action as may be required to bring about the granting to European colonists of adequate and effective responsibility in the control of their affairs.

Carried unanimously.

CIVIL SERVICE.

"That this Convention demands that Government give a preference to the sons and daughters of residents in Kenya when filling vacancies in the Civil Service of Kenya."

Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE CONVENTION OF
ASSOCIATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1935.

CLOSER UNION.

"Notwithstanding the reply received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies this Convention supports the Memorandum which was drawn up at the Arusha Conference held on the 15th and 16th March, 1935; copy of which Memorandum was duly sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

Carried with 4 Dissentients.

WHITE SETTLEMENT.

"That this Convention urges that every assistance will be given by Government to new settlers, in order to encourage closer settlement in every possible way as is being done in other Colonies."

Carried unanimously.

"That this Convention of Associations is of the opinion that the present residents and the young men of Kenya possess a prior claim to the unalienated land in the Highlands of Kenya".

Carried unanimously.

COLONISTS' VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

"That this Convention of Associations, in view of the further inadequate replies received to its urgent representations regarding the present intolerable economic situation, has come to the decision that drastic steps must be taken to enforce the just rights of the European settler community.

It therefore calls upon the Elected Members and the Convention Executive to proceed to the immediate bringing into being of a Colonists' Assembly (or Safety Committee) which all Associations affiliated to the Convention should be pledged to support, such Assembly (or Committee) to be responsible for organisation and direction of such action as may be found necessary."

Carried unanimously.

"That this Convention of Associations, having absolute confidence in the Colonists' Vigilance Committee, gives them an absolute free hand and pledges itself to support the Committee in its actions."

Carried unanimously.

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SHORT RESUME OF AN INTERVIEW GRANTED BY
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY
FROM THE CONVENTION OF DELEGATES HELD AT
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1935.

Present:-

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.
Mr. C. Kenneth Archer (Chairman)
Lt. Col. The Hon. Lord Francis Scott, D.S.O. M.L.C.
Mr. Geoffrey Williams.
The Hon. H.E. Schwartz M.L.C.
Mr. A. Dykes.
Col. E.N. Abbay, C.B.
Capt. E.V. Kenealy.
Lt. Col. The Hon. J.G. Kirkwood, C.M.G. D.S.O. M.L.C.
Mr. O. Bentley.
Major The Hon. G.H. Riddell, M.V.O. M.L.C.
The Hon. Mr. E.H. Wright, M.L.C.
Mr. E. Biss.
Mr. W. Evans.
Mr. F.T. Bamber.
The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Erroll.
Capt. F.C.B. Wilson, C.M.G. D.S.O.
Major the Hon. F.W. Cavendish Bentinck, M.L.C.

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His Excellency in welcoming the Delegates assured them of his willingness to do what he could to assist the farming community, but hoped that the Delegates to the Convention would not expect him to achieve the impossible. He could assure the Delegation that both he and Mr. Waite were sympathetic.

Mr. C. Kenneth Archer thanked His Excellency for receiving the Delegation. He felt it was his duty to warn His Excellency that the Convention were very apprehensive with regard to the present position in that the country was gradually being denuded of its capital resources, and it was felt that only drastic measures could remedy the situation. It had been hoped that His Excellency on his return would have taken the initiative in enforcing such measures.

His Excellency interposed that he realised that the Delegation had come for the purpose of discussing such measures and the suggestions made in the various resolutions which had been passed during the last two days, and of which he had been given copies. He felt that the Delegation would desire to discuss them further.

Mr. C. Kenneth Archer, whilst agreeing to this procedure, said he did not think it was necessary to discuss the first resolution, which referred to the Economic Development Committee's Report, as it was merely a comprehensive resolution embracing the various remedial measures suggested by the Convention for the alleviation of the critical conditions affecting the farming community. He would therefore begin with the second Resolution.

Loan Conversion.

His Excellency in referring to the Resolution stated that this was no new matter. His

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predecessor, Sir Edward Grigg had taken it up strongly and he himself had also taken it up.

As recently as December 1934 and again in February 1935, the problem had been re-examined in all its aspects by the Home Government.

The Deputy Treasurer who had recently gone to England on leave had been instructed to put forward both to Sir Cecil Bottomley and to the Financial Advisor to the Colonial Office a proposal for a possible Loan Conversion scheme which had recently been submitted by Capt. Schwartz and Mr. Hansard. A letter had today been received from Mr. Sanford to the effect that he had had access to the Colonial Office files dealing with this subject which contained many very ingenious proposals for solving this problem. None of these proposals, however, appeared workable, in that in most cases, after actuarial examination it was found that the country would lose rather than gain by their adoption.

Mr. Sanford was sending a summary of these papers to the Hon. The Colonial Secretary. His Excellency therefore stated that everything that could be done had now been done, and that no further action could be taken until this summary arrived.

Mr. Biss asked whether we could not arbitrarily reduce the amount of interest the Colony paid. His Excellency asked whether by that he meant defaulting, or applying for a grant-in-aid. Either of which course would be highly undesirable and would ruin our credit. Indeed he felt that a large proportion of the unofficial community would be adverse to the adoption of any such course.

After further discussion His Excellency agreed to make further representations to the Secretary of State but he frankly stated that he did not anticipate very much result.

Mortgage Relief.

Mr. C.K. Archer pointed out that the Convention was much perturbed over this question, so naturally welcomed the announcement that a Committee was to be appointed to enquire into the subject. They felt, however, that it was essential that there should be farming representation on this Committee. His Excellency asked whether the Delegation were prepared to submit names. Mr. C.K. Archer said that there were suitable men amongst the Delegates to Convention, and names could be supplied tomorrow. His Excellency said that he would be glad to have a number of names submitted from which he would select one. Mr. Archer pointed out that it was felt that strong farming representation was required and that he thought it would be desirable to appoint more than one farmer to this Committee. His Excellency pointed out that there were other interests beside agricultural interests to be taken into account, but agreed to consider this matter. He did not want the Committee to become too big. Major Cavendish Bentinck pointed out that the Resolution envisaged considerably wider terms of reference than originally suggested, as the whole question of mortgages, and even the possibility of moratoria and other far-reaching steps which had been taken in other countries

would have to be considered. His Excellency agreed also to consider the granting of wider terms of reference, and to have the whole question brought up at the next Meeting of the Executive Council next Friday.

Economy Committe.

With regard to this Resolution His Excellency informed the Delegation that as he had stated in his letter to the Chairman of Convention, the recommendations of the Select Committee on Economy were now being considered item by item by the Executive Council. He had little doubt that a number of economies suggested by this Committee would be implemented in the forthcoming Budget. Some, however, had been found to be impracticable, and as an example he referred to the recommendation abolishing District Councils, which recommendation had not been accepted in view of the opposition of the unofficial members. This meant foregoing an economy of £15,000. It was pointed out that equal economies under this Head could be achieved in other directions. Mr. C.K. Archer then drew attention to the second portion of the Resolution and His Excellency stated that should Convention decide it, he would be prepared to ask that Sir Alan Pim be sent out as ~~Commissioner~~ to make the desired investigation. Capt. Kinealy asked to whom Sir Alan Pim would report, whether to the Secretary of State or to the Governor of the Colony, in that he thought it would be preferable were Sir Alan Pim engaged by and his report made to the Government of Kenya. His Excellency said he would consider this matter. Other Members of the Delegation expressed the hope that the matter would be dealt with expeditiously.

a special Com-
missioner

Civil Service Salaries.

With regard to this Resolution His Excellency informed the Delegation that he was as anxious as any one to endeavour to effect ~~reductions in salary scales~~. The difficulty, however, was, especially as regards technical Officers, that the Colony had to go into the open market to engage suitable candidates, and were our salaries below those of other Colonies we would find it difficult, if not impossible, to obtain suitable and satisfactory candidates. ~~The only~~ resolution he felt lay ~~in~~ ^{in more in} reducing the number of Officers employed which would entail drastic reductions in services.

Economies

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A long discussion ensued during the course of which certain Members of the Delegation stressed the fact that they knew of many cases in which the sons of personal friends who appeared to be suitable candidates for such posts, had found it difficult to secure employment. They therefore felt that even were lower salaries offered, suitable candidates would nevertheless still be forthcoming. His Excellency pointed out that this would mean divorcing the Kenya Civil Service from the Colonial Civil Service. A long discussion ensued at the end of which it was agreed that possibly Sir Alan Pim might also investigate this question when and if he came to this Colony.

Railway Policy.

His Excellency felt that the subjects referred to in this Resolution could scarcely be said to come within his province in that the Railway was the property of two Colonies, and that the "Policy" of the Railway was guided by a Joint Railway Advisory Council.

Lord Francis Scott expressed the conviction that in a matter of such importance to the well-being of the Colony the Official Kenya Representatives on the Railway Council might justifiably be given definite instructions. His Excellency felt that this would be an unwise procedure in that it had always been the invariable custom not to hamper free debate on the Railway Council.

Capt. H.E. Schwartz and other Members of the Delegation asked His Excellency for an assurance that both he and the Kenya Government strongly favoured the granting of all possible freight reductions on primary products. His Excellency replied that he wished to render all possible assistance to the primary producer but that he could not, in his position, ~~take any~~ ~~action~~ ~~in~~ ~~this~~ ~~matter~~. Furthermore, he felt it would be very unwise if he were to do so in that any such action on his part might cause unnecessary and definitely harmful friction between the Kenya and Uganda Representatives. He added that he hoped that the proposed alleviations in Railway Rates for 1936 would not prove to be altogether unsatisfactory to the primary producers of Kenya.

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Devaluation of Currency.

His Excellency much regretted the passing of this Resolution, which he considered would do the Colony harm. He referred to the letter he had addressed to the Chairman of Convention and stated that he had had strict instructions not only from the Secretary of State but from the Home Government in this connection.

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Mr. A. Dykes and other Members of the Delegation asked why this measure of relief should be negated without adequate reasons being put forward and urged that the Secretary of State should be asked to make some comprehensive statement of the "case" against the adoption of this measure of relief.

General Taxation.

His Excellency asked whether he was to gather from this Resolution that, should the revenue figures which were now being compiled show a possibility of making reductions in taxation, Convention desired that such reductions should be made by withdrawing what were by some alleged to be either "temporary" or "emergency" taxes. He did not admit that they could be definitely considered as "temporary" or "emergency" but he did not feel that an argument on this subject could serve any useful purpose. The real point at issue was that he felt that possibly greater benefits would accrue to the farming community by giving alleviations if such were found possible when the time came, in other ways.

Mr. C.K. Archer said that quite definitely Convention not only desired, but maintained that Government were pledged to take off these taxes. His Excellency was then asked by several Members of the Delegation whether he would give an undertaking that these taxes would not be introduced after this year. His Excellency declined to give any such undertaking.

Capt. H.E. Schwartz asked whether His Excellency would be prepared to undertake definitely to give some alleviation in taxation during 1936 either by the method suggested in this Resolution or in other ways. His Excellency replied that he could give no undertaking whatever at the present time.

Mr. C.K. Archer asked His Excellency whether in his letter he had meant to suggest the submission of the Budget to the Standing Finance Committee prior to the Budget Session of Legislative Council. His Excellency stated that this was not intended.

Native Taxation.

His Excellency stated that this subject had been on various occasions carefully considered by Government but he pointed out that he had powers, of which he largely availed himself, of giving remissions in taxation where necessary.

The Hon. Mr. Wade pointed out that were Native taxes to be materially reduced it would, under the present system, of necessity entail considerable if not drastic curtailment in Native services. Services moreover which were much appreciated by the Natives themselves. Such a procedure was considered undesirable in the interests of the Natives. He referred the Delegation to Lord Moyne's Report.

Security of the White Highlands.

His Excellency re-affirmed the statement contained in his letter to the Chairman of Convention of Associations to the effect that he had had interviews both with the Under Secretary and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the implementation of the recommendations of the Carter Commission Report. These matters were being actively considered by the Home Government, he could say no more than this.

Major Cavendish Bentinck asked whether the representatives of the European settlers would have an opportunity of seeing and approving the draft Order-in-Council prior to its submission to His Majesty the King in that the securing of a satisfactory and adequate wording of this Order-in-Council at the present time must be of the most vital and fundamental importance to European settlement for all time. His Excellency stated that this would be an unusual procedure but he would suggest that such action be taken in the despatch which he would be sending home enclosing the Resolutions passed by Convention.

Lord Francis Scott stressed the danger which further delay might entail especially with regard to a possible change in Government in England.

Mr. C.K. Archer asked whether the recommendations contained in the Memorandum submitted by the Elected Members had been agreed to "in toto". His Excellency replied that he was of course unable to commit the Secretary of State. Nor was he at liberty to disclose the contents of the various despatches on this subject which were all of a highly confidential nature. He assured the Delegation however that he was most anxious to get this matter satisfactorily settled at the earliest opportunity.

Leases under Crown Land Government.

His Excellency pointed out that this Resolution equally referred to the implementation of the recommendations of the Carter Land Commission, and therefore he could say very little more than he had said on the subject of the previous Resolution.

Mr. C.K. Archer referred to the recent happenings on a farm at Limuru, pointing out that when similar type of occurrences had occurred in Native Reserves (i.e. by Europeans) that immediate and drastic action had always been taken. The Hon. Mr. Wade replied that Government were sympathetic to the owners of the farm concerned and had endeavoured to render them every possible assistance, but this particular case was an extremely complicated one.

Crown Colony Government.

His Excellency stated that he did not think this Resolution could in any way be dealt with either by himself or by the Kenya Government. Mr. Oswald Bentley and other Delegates asked His Excellency whether he would collaborate with the unracial community in devising some scheme which might grant to the European colonists a further measure of responsibility in the control of their own affairs. His Excellency replied that he had been appointed to govern this Colony under its existing constitution, and any change in such constitution would necessitate most careful consideration by the Home Government. The whole question had been gone into fairly recently by a Committee of both Houses of Parliament and he did not see how any immediate change in the existing system could be brought about. He felt that any appeal would have to be made either to His Majesty the King or to the Secretary of State.

Civil Service.

His Excellency stated that he concluded that this Resolution referred to vacancies in the Administrative Service. Steps had already been taken to inaugurate a Local Civil Service. The Hon. Mr. Wade informed the Delegation of the methods now adopted to fill vacancies in the Administration. This matter did not really rest with the Kenya Government but he gave an assurance that when the Kenya Government had an opportunity, they would investigate and give preference to a Kenya-born young man.