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KENYA

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE FOR AFRICA

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES

Previous

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F.O. (R 7047/7047/22)

Encl. copy of letter from British Legation to the Holy See, dated 19.11.36, submitting a request made by the Apostolic Delegate for Africa to be allowed the same facilities and exemptions with regard to taxation and customs duties as are given to foreign Consuls and consular clerks proposing, if S.O. concurs, to reply regretting that they cannot see their way to granting Monsignor Riberi's request.

We can cover in the
Action proposed.

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A. Hornum
18/12/36

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S.F.O. (R. 7788/7047/22) COMPLIMENTS SLIP 8.1.37.
Trs. copy of letter addressed to F.D. A.G. Osborne, dated 7.1.37, requesting that Monsignor Riberi be informed that it is unfortunately not possible to allow him the privileges for which he asks.

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at once

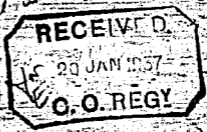
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With the Compliments
of Mr. O. Waller

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Mr Paskin's letter
38282/26 of 24/24

J. J. Paskin Esq., h.c.

(S 772/7047/42)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

7th January, 1967.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of November 18th last, we have asked the Colonial Office whether they could see their way to granting as a special favour to the Apostolic Delegate for Africa the same facilities and exemptions in regard to taxation and customs duties as are given to foreign consuls.

As, however, it was decided in 1961 that a similar request could not be granted to Monsignor Hinalcy, Monsignor Ribari's predecessor, and as this principle has been applied in several cases since that date, it is unfortunately not possible to allow Monsignor Ribari the privileges for which he asks. Perhaps you will inform him accordingly.

Yours ever,
(Sd.) OWEN O'MALLEY.

P.D'A.C. Osborne, HQ. C.H.C.

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Mr. Grossmith.

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Sir C. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

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Downing Street.

24 December, 1936.

S.O. for Mr. Paskin's signature

Don Green

Dave has passed on to me your

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R. CONNOR GREEN, ESQ.

Foreign Office

letter No. R 7047/7047/22 of the 15th of

December regarding the request of the

Apostolic Delegate for Africa to be

allowed, as a special favour, the same

facilities and exemptions with regard to

taxation and customs duties as are given

to foreign consuls.

The assumption in the last

paragraph of your letter is correct and

we agree that MONSEIGNEUR RIBERI's request

should be treated in the same way as his

predecessors.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. V. PASKIN.

FURTHER ACTION.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

15th December, 1936.

(R 7047/7047/22)

Alan Dawson

17 DEC 1936

I enclose a copy of the letter from our Minister to the Holy See, in which he submits a request made by the Apostolic Delegate for Africa to be allowed, as a special favour, the same facilities and exemptions with regard to taxation and customs duties as are given to foreign Consuls. You will remember that in 1931 Monsignor Hinsley, Monsignor Riberi's predecessor in the post, made a similar request (please see your letter No. 17134/31, of the 20th April, 1931, and connected correspondence), which it was decided could not be granted. The same principle has of course been applied in similar cases since, and only lately in the case of the Apostolic Delegate for Palestine (see correspondence leading up to Williams's letter to Dunlop No. 75564/36, of the 31st August).

We assume that no change invalidating this general principle

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principle has taken place in conditions in Kenya, and we propose therefore to reply that we regret we cannot see our way to granting Monsignor Riberi's request. We should, however, be glad to know first whether you concur in this proposed reply.

Yours sincerely
W.R. Courtenay

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(B 7047/7047/82)

BRITISH LEGATION

TO THE HOLY SEE.

November 19th, 1936.

Personal.

My dear O'Malley,

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At the end of our talk he asked me if I thought I could do him a small favour, which he had no right to ask. On hearing what it was I said I would certainly see if I could help him, although I told him not to count on the success of my endeavours. What he would very highly appreciate, if the Colonial Office could see their way to it, would be that he should be given the same facilities and exemptions in regard to taxation and Customs duties as are given to foreign Consuls. His headquarters are at Mombasa so this would, I suppose, only apply to the authorities in Kenya. It is admitted that he has no

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(Signed) D.G. Osborne

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