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Immigration.

Conditions of entry of German Jewish Refugees.

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Immigration.

1. Foreign Office _____ 3rd April '55

Encs. copy of letter from British Passport Control Office Paris stating he has received enquiries from German Jewish refugees with regard to the possibility of their settling in Kenya & asking information as to the deposit required from immigrants.

I enclose a copy of the Kenya Immigration Ordinance with amendment.

The Sept. reply in the H of C on the 13th of November Howard page 1781 sets out the particulars of the deposit statutorily required from any European immigrant into Kenya whether of British or foreign nationality.

Provided that the German Jewish immigrant is in possession of a passport or other travel document valid for Kenya, and he complies with the Immigration Law in other respects, there is nothing to stop him entering Kenya on the same terms as a British subject.

I can't help thinking, however that in informing the Passport Control Office in Paris of the provisions of the Immigration Law, we should add a warning with regard to the financial position of the Colony ^{pointing out} that in the immigrant's own interest he

substantial capital resources or
he should be in possession of a
definite promise of employment
before proceeding to Kenya
Colony.

E.A. Dept would be glad of
to show of middle East
of General Dept. *A. Crossin*
11/4/51

A. Crossin
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'Self-supporting' immigrants to
Palestine have to be in possession
of at least £1000 capital.

'Travellers' (as distinct from
'immigrants') may be called
upon, at the discretion of the
British P.C.O., to deposit £60.

The P.C.O.'s argument that,
because the restrictions on
immigration into Kenya appear
to be somewhat less onerous
than in the case of Palestine,
there will be a rush of immigrants
to Kenya ~~seems~~ to me to be
misconceived. He forgets that
a good Zionist ~~would~~ would
now accept Kenya as a
substitute for Palestine; and that
in any case Palestine, the only

prosperous corner of the world, 3
offers far greater opportunities than
Kenya to the enterprising Jewish
professional or business man.

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12.4.51

The classes of refugees, on whose
behalf we have been approached
by various organisations, have in the
main been the professional classes
(Doctors, dentists, chemists, agrarians etc.).
It is true that a year or two
ago there were some tentative
enquiries about the possibility of
a group settlement in Tanganyika,
but even in that connection my
impression is that the people they
had in mind were ~~the~~ professional
people.

This letter on the other hand
refers to "immigrants of the refugee
class" who, to my mind, when
used in relation to Continental Jews,
seems to apply to persons of a rather
different class from those we
have been attempting to deal with
in S.D. Possibly an explanation
may be that people of the "refugee
class" have managed to get to some
but not to England.

However this may be, 9

* With visas
valid for 3 months
up to 12 months.

do not see how any people can
be prevented from going to Kenya if
they wish, & if they can raise
the necessary deposit money, unless
either the refugee organization can
be induced to advance them
(as the P.C.O. would appear to think
they wd. be willing to do), or
unless the law of Kenya is
amended.

So far, our experience
with refugee organizations in
England has been that, on
being told that there are no
passports in a particular Colony
(a passport only for people with
capital), they have accepted
the position & no attempt
has been made to encourage
refugees to immigrate to C.S. in
 defiance of the above p^ol^y.

(P.S. The Govt. H.
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with some copies
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Parkin

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Generally speaking we do not want
any brand of Jewish refugee in Kenya. They
would not fit into the local community, they
could not find any remunerative employment,
if they have not capital they will be perfectly

useless

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useless on the land, and I do not know that the Jew
has ever made a great success as an employer of
native labour. In the circumstances I do not think
we need bother in the slightest about which particu-
lar brand of refugee is involved but inform the Foreign
Office that provided an immigrant is in possession
of a passport or other document valid for Kenya and
complies with the terms of the Immigration Law in
other respects, there is nothing which would prevent
him from being admitted to the Colony: Adding that
the amount required as deposit is now £50. At the
same time the Passport Control Officer should be
instructed that on no account is he to broadcast
this information and that he should be informed that
in the present conditions of affairs in Kenya no
person should think of proceeding to that country
until he is either in possession of substantial
resources or has a definite promise of permanent
employment. It should be added that conditions are
totally unsuitable for the immigrant without capital
or without prospect of employment and that he should
use every effort in his power to dissuade refugee
committees from sending people to Kenya or to any
other territory in East Africa.

J. E. W. Hand
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promise
"Unless they have capital or prospect of employment!"

J. A. Calder
15.4.35

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W.C.S. 16.4.35.

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To H.O. (Lanc.) 23/4/35

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Passport Control Office -

Copy of Circular S. 24572 of 15.2.36 regarding
sanctions to Kenya - amount required for
deposit is now £50 -

(Orig. regd. on 24.5.11/36 sent)

not worth sending a copy
to Kenya

? Put by
C. J. ... with
20/12

J. J. ...
20/12

also

[Handwritten signature]

Colonial Office, Ref 38087/35
of April 23rd 1935

[S. 24572]

PASSPORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Foreign Office.

February 19, 1936.

For official use only

Emigration to Kenya.

With reference to circular No S 24572 dated 3rd April, 1925, regarding the deposit which may be required by the Immigration Officer at Mombasa from emigrants seeking permission to enter the colony will you please note that the amount required as a deposit has been increased and is now £50.

H. F. SPENCE, R.

To His Majesty's Consular and
Passport Control Officers

(N 10/1936)

C. O.

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Mr. Grossmith.

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Mr. *Preston*

Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh

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Secretary of State.

Downing Street.

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23 April, 1935.

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Sir,

DRAFT.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. S/24572 of the 3rd April, transmitting a copy of a letter from the British Passport Control Officer at Paris on the subject of immigration into Kenya, and to request you to inform Secretary Sir John Simon that, provided an immigrant is in possession of a passport or other document valid for Kenya and complies with the terms of the Immigration Law in other respects, there is nothing which would prevent him from being admitted to the Colony.

FURTHER ACTION.

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The amount required as deposit is now
£50. *u.p.* It is most desirable, however,
that the Passport Control Officer should
be instructed that on no account is he
to broadcast this information, and that
he should be informed that in the present
conditions of affairs in Kenya no person
should think of proceeding to that country
unless he is either in possession of
substantial resources or has a definite
promise of permanent employment. It should
be added that conditions are totally
unsuitable for the immigrant without capital
or without prospect of employment, and ~~that~~
he should use every effort in his power to
dissuade refugee committees from sending
people to Kenya, or to any other Territory
in East Africa unless they have capital
or promise of employment.

3. I am to request that, if ~~Secretary~~
Sir John Simon sees no objection, Captain
Jeffes may be instructed accordingly.

I am, etc.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. S/24572.

and address—not to any person by name, but to—

"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, in transmitting herewith, by direction of the Secretary of State, copy of the under-mentioned paper, would be glad to be advised what answer should be returned to Captain Jeffes.

Foreign Office,

3rd April, 1935.

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Reference to previous correspondence:

Colonial Office letter 15785/29 dated 16th December, 1929. No 6.

α No. 52065/24 of 1st December, 1924.
Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.

Subject.

From the British
Passport Control
Officer, Paris, dated
2nd April, 1935.

IMMIGRATION TO KENYA.

Similar letter sent to ✓

189/BCP

Paris
2nd April 1935

Major H.E. SPENCER C.B.E.
H.M. Passport Control Department
Foreign Office
LONDON S.W.1

IMMIGRATION TO KENYA

I have had some enquiries recently from German Jewish refugees with regard to the possibility of their settling in Kenya.

According to the Regulations there appear to be no restrictions on immigrants who are ready to deposit the sum of £57.10.0 on landing. As this is a smaller sum than the deposit for "traveller" visas to Palestine, I fear that there may be a rush of immigrants of the refugee class to Kenya in the event of my broadcasting this information.

The Comité National de Secours aux Réfugiés Allemands have asked me for a ruling on this subject, and I prefer to consult you before giving a definite answer. If I dissuade these people from sending refugees to Kenya, I feel sure that they will not wish to act contrary to my advice.

W. Jeffers.
PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICER
FRANCE