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KENYA

Immigration

Immigration from European States into Kenya

Applications for information regarding requirements

Previous

sub file 3

(now obsolete)

**CLOSED
UNTIL**

1970

Subsequent

1939.

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY
ON BEHALF OF MEDICAL
PRACTITIONERS ARE TO
BE REPORTED TO GENERAL

Mr. Higgins

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Mr. Parkin

Mr. Hibbert

Mr. Price

Mr. Parkin

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Mr. Parkin 27/11

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Mr. Parkin

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③ Mr. Parkin

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Immigration
1. Werner Gamy. 28/10/38
States that after making all arrangements for immigration to Kenya, he has been informed that the £50 deposit will no longer be accepted from non-Bryans. Enquires whether it should be paid in English currency. Requests early reply.

2. P. Johnson. 18/10/38
Enquires as to conditions of entry into Kenya of several Refugees.

3. Walter Hesse. 20/10/38
1-4 b7
Nominal.
Requests necessary papers for immigration to Kenya.

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4. Erich Schwartz. 19/10/38
After making arrangements for immigration, have been informed that return visa is necessary. This cannot be obtained. Requests help.

(1) (2) & (3) - Transfer to E.A.T. 10.

Mr Parker

(4) asks for help in securing the "return visa" without which Kenya immigrants are not now permitted to land. Clearly, we cannot help & I think the only thing to do is to tell Mr Schwartz so & send copy, covering Kenya of for direct reply.

Opt att'd.

Ormond

31. X.

If you agree, perhaps you would pass the

To: Schwartz (L. Amad) (Wong 2-4) 4 NOV 1938

- 6 To: Gaur. D/3
 - 7 To: Com E.A.D.T.I.O. (Wong 1, 2, 3)
 - 8 To: Johnstone D/3
 - 9 To: Com E.A.D.T.I.O. (Wong 2.)
 - 10 To: Walker House. D/3
 - 11 To: Com E.A.D.T.I.O. (Wong 3 + copy.)
- 4.11.38.

12 E. Berger 22/10/38
 Requests information regarding certain aspects of life in Kenya with a view to immigration.

L. P. Duffin

Dft. Col. Kermit on the case mentioned by SirNeill Nallesh.

I have discussed with Mr. Dave who thinks that we ought to ask the Gov. for the facts, & for his views before issuing any decision.

(Patched X)

You will see from the Passport & Consular office of the 28th of April, that a visa for Kenya ought not to have been issued (without prior reference to Kenya) unless the Consul at Station was satisfied that the man
 (a) had adequate funds;
 (b) could be readmitted to Kenya.

(Patched Y)

(No. 1 on 38087/2A/38)

As regards the new Kenya stipulation as to the possession of a passport valid for the return journey see para. 5 of the Gov. Dep. of 5/8/38. It does not seem that date from which this stipulation has been enforced.

- 13 To Gov Kenya Tel 177
- 14 To Gov Kenya Tel 178

Dep Governor Tel 176 Copy ——— 2/11/38

The circus stated entry refused as Liebenstein was considered to be likely to become a public charge

To Gov Tel 184 Copy — cons. ——— 7/11/38

to demand ——— 18/10/38

Requests literature and advice regarding purchase of land in Kenya for group settlement.

The telegram to the Governor (No.16) was a result of several telephone conversations with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, after I had previously discussed with Lord Dufferin. I had informed the High Commissioner's Office that if some responsible person or charitable organization could be persuaded to furnish a guarantee that Liebenstein would not become a public charge if admitted to Kenya, it might be possible (though I could give no positive assurance) that the Governor would be prepared to admit him. Eventually Lord Duncannon obtained an offer of such a guarantee from Mr. James de Rothschild. Sir Neill Malcolm explained to me that, as normally Mr. de Rothschild is only prepared to give financial assistance in cases put up to him by Woburn House, and as therefore this was quite an exceptional case from his point of view, he did not wish his name to be mentioned, even in the communication to Kenya. I asked Sir Neill Malcolm whether £150 was the limit to which Mr. de Rothschild was prepared to go, and he said that he thought he might be persuaded to go a little bit higher if Kenya did not regard this as adequate, though he asked me to convey the enquiry to Kenya in such a manner as not to suggest any bargaining.

If

If Kenya is prepared to admit this man on the strength of this guarantee, the actual form of the guarantee will require careful consideration.

Sgd. J.J.Peskin.

9/11/38.

see No 35

18

(2) W D G. Crazay

Requests various detailed information regarding the possibilities of immigration to Kenya for a group of people.

12 Asks for information about Kenya.

? Transfer Co EAT & Co., telling writer that this has been done, & returning coupon to him.

17 Asks for info about Kenya, and, if other parts of the British Dominions are considered more suitable for immigration, also about Rhodesia & New Zealand.

? Transfer Co EAT & Co. asking that an answer may be sent covering Kenya & N. Rhod. If D. O.

agree, a copy might be sent to the High Comm for N.2 & S. Rhod suggesting a direct reply be sent in ^{in respect} of those places & telling them of the action which the Swiss have been asked to take; & the EAT & Co should be informed accordingly. And the writer should be told that this has been done,

the compass being returned to him.

18 Concerns Kenya & Rhodesia.

? Similar action ^{to that} proposed
on 17, if D.O. agree.

NB A draft despatch to Kenya - already
"fsd" - is lying at the bottom of the
file. This should issue together
with the letters prepared above.

Cloughwhite

14/11

J.J. Pascoe

11/11

Thomson
14/11

I agree so far as concerns ref. 14
plus for NZ vs Rhod

(R) 15/11

19 Governor Conf Tel 182 _____ 14/11/38
Ref 16. Liebenstein admitted.

see No 35 20 Julia Beesack _____ 15/11/38
Enquires, on behalf of her brother, as to
the necessary formalities for obtaining permission
to go to Kenya.

see 35 21 G K Raymond _____ 14/11/38
Requests early and full information regarding
Kenya and New Zealand.

I have discussed with Mr. Flood and
with Sir Neill Malcolm's Secretary the best
procedure for dealing with the £150 deposited by
Mr. James de Rothschild during the five-year period
for which his guarantee is to run, and we evolved
the arrangement which is set out in drafts herewith.

When they have signed, the file shall be
referred to R 303 for action on outstanding items.

J.J. Pascoe

24
27.11.38.

at home

22 To: Sir Neill Malcolm (50) _____

23 To: C.A. (Confid). _____

~~24 To: Kenya Conf. (1/2. 38). 20. 11. 38.~~
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Transferred
to
38087/25/38

25 Lady Victor Schuster - 8/0 to 5/85 _____ 8/11/38

26 Lady Ketur Schuster - 8/0 to 5/85 _____ 7/11/38

27 To Lady Ketur Schuster - 25 & 26 ans _____ 11/11/38

28 To Gov Conf Tel 205 _____ 25/11/38

29 Gov Conf Tel 195 - 28 ans _____ 26/11/38

30 To Dr Brestan, Organisation Hiem, Paris _____ 28/11

(stating that permission has been granted for
Mr Robert Schick, Mr Donald Fisher to enter Kenya
with us)

This file has been in more or less constant
action in the last 3 days over Nos 25-30,
now transferred in order that the delay may
not continue.

19 can be put by (Mr Melville knows its contents)

20 can be transferred in original to EAT & I.O.
in original - for disposal

21 concerns Kenya & New Zealand: action
similar to that to be taken on 17 in appropriate,
i.e. copy to EAT & I.O & High Com^{ms} for N.Z. "telling
each". It is perhaps unnecessary to consult DO
again.

25 Dr A. Wahlenza _____ 23/11/38
Enquires whether it is possible for ten young
boys to land and live in Kenya.

26 Messrs Jurek & Loader _____ 25/11/38
Encloses letter regarding the plight of certain
Austrian Jews and enquires whether permits may
be obtained for them to go to Kenya

25 Can go to EAT & I.O. in original.

26 The Govt of Kenya will have to be consulted
as to the admission of the three people
concerned to Kenya. In the circumstances
the best thing would appear to be
for Mr Erich Kohler to get into touch
with the Kenya authorities direct.
as in draft here with.

Clough White 2/11

6 drafts passed.

[Draft to N.Z. Home and
Rhodesia Home passed after
opinion to Mr. Price (DO)]

A.R. Jones

2/11
A.R. Jones

28 To: Jander/Loader. (26 Nov)

29 To: E.O. Lander (17 Enc copies) (No 17)

30 To: Kinnon (17 Enc copies 18) (18)

31 To: Kinnon (17 Enc copies 21) (21)

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32 To: Waldmann. (25 Nov)

33 To: Breck. (20 Nov)

34 To: Berger. (12 Nov) (17 copies returned) 15/3

35 To: HMEAD.T.I.O. {19/12, 20, 25, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100}

36 To: H. Br. New Zealand. (17/12/38 translation of 11) 6/12/38

37 To: H. Br. S. Rhodes. (17/12/38 translation 11) 6/12/38

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38 Jurek and Loader. _____ 6/12/38

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39 C.A.T.S.O. _____ 6/12/38

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38 & 39 Clough White above

38 & 39 Clough White above

40. Walter Strauss _____ 24/11/38

Requests information as to possibility of
immigration to Kenya.

38 & 39 Put by

40 Transfer in original to
EAT & I.O.

Clough White 9/12
above

41 To: E.A.T. 1/0 2/10 (14/10). 14.12.38 and 12/12/38

42. E.A.T. I.O. 10/12/38
Ackno 41
43. Arram Fairfield and Co 21/12/38
Encloses as to possibilities offered at present
for immigration to Kenya on behalf of
Byrd and Co. Miller.

44. V. H. Dennis 1/12/38
Requests necessary information for purpose of
obtaining permission to settle in Kenya on
behalf of financial concern

42 - Put by
43 & 44 Transfer in original
to E.A.T. I.O.

Claremont
dram
22/12

45 To: E.A.T. I.O. (19/12/38) 13/10 28/12/38

46. J. H. Thomas s/o 21.12.38
Encl. ltr from Messrs. L. S. Mayer (London)
re: regarding Mr. Gustav Fraenkel and wife
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Mr. Faskin.

I attach a letter from Mr. Thomas, enclosing
one addressed officially to the S. of S., regarding
a visa for a Mr. G. Fraenkel and his wife to enter
Kenya. Mr. Thomas's covering letter is somewhat
at variance with the enclosure, and so in sending an
acknowledgment I have taken pains to specify exactly
what the enclosure is which he has sent.

Perhaps the best thing would be for an
official reply to be sent to Messrs. Mayer's official
letter, and a copy of it might be sent later by the
S. of S. to Mr. Thomas.

G. Gray
22/12/38.

The papers are not available, & owing
to the noise there may be some
delay in getting this attached. The
letter will have to be referred to Kenya
before a decision. I submit drafts
for course. Claremont 23/12

~~47. To Mr. J. H. Thomas. 46 and. 22.12.38.~~
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48. To Mr. C.A.
cont. 28.12.38

49 Dr. Karl Schaar 19.12.38
Inquire procedure necessary to
obtain a permit of immigration.

reg'd. on
No. 46

not yet
com.

No. 46. Enquiries
are being made about I.S. Mayer.
The C.A. wanted
confirmation of what was asked over
the telephone. So I sent 28.

? wait

No. 49 ? Transfer to E.A.D. 110
in original

C. Clarke, 11/10/39

Passing
to Mr. [unclear]
in London

Passing
34/12

50 To: E.A.D. 7.1.0 (13/orig 49). B.10. 3.1.39.

Handed to
3.1.39

51 Enquiries as to facilities for settling 15/20 families
in Kenya

4/1/39

51 C.A.

As regards No. 46, a Mr. Macadam (of
Messrs. L. S. Mayer, Limited) rang me up the other day
and I told him that it would be necessary for their
application in respect of Mr. Fraenkel to be referred
out to Kenya, but that the information given in their
letter was not sufficient for the purpose. Mr. Macadam
promised that they would send us another letter
somewhat on the lines that Mr. Fraenkel would be paid
a salary of £K a year, that it was anticipated that he
would be able to earn £Y a year, and that
Messrs. Mayer, Limited would be prepared to guarantee
the Government of Kenya against Mr. Fraenkel becoming
a public charge during the next three years.

Further action can await their letter.

Passing
7.1.39

Dr. Karl Schaar
not yet received
Application No. 28
1/12/38
1/12/38

? should issue as now amended.
(not clear)

? further letter forwarded

? further action see
note (70)

? wait

Done at [unclear] 7/1

C. Clarke
8/3

It is unfortunate that copies of 475 were
not sent to Kenya, earlier. But as so long
a time has now elapsed, there does not
now seem any object in doing so.

have destroyed the off.
For a similar reason it is
not unnecessary to send copies
of 26 & 28 to HQ.

D.O. Registry also on 30 & 31
& two copies of same & of
(17, 18 & 21) if required.

Memorandum sent by

J.J. Paskin
6/3

at end

orig
410 (40-85)
copies kept

26 & 37

the three

Pl. see minute above. Is it
necessary to take copies?

ST. OR. 4

8/3

No. - I think not provided that it is
done in such a way that a certain
amount of care is taken that
has taken place in C.O. 144

CRP
8/3

CONFIDENTIAL
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J.J. Paskin, Esq., M.C.,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

With reference to the minute No. 38087/2C/38 of
the 28th December, addressed to us by the East African
Department, and confirming our telephone conversation
to-day, I attach a memorandum of information received
concerning Messrs. L.S. Mayer (London) Ltd., from which
you will see that their business is that of fancy goods
merchants, and that they are well recorded.

"O" Department,
CROWN AGENTS' OFFICE.
4th January, 1939.

JCL/KM.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDINGMESSRS. L. S. MAYER (LONDON) LTD.

"It is a private company registered 14th May 1923, with a nominal capital of £50,000 divided into 40,000 ordinary and 10,000 preference shares of £1 each, of which 20,000 have been taken up and issued for payment in cash.

They are merchenting all classes of fancy goods, are tenants at 79/82 Fore St., London, E.C., where they have large showrooms and are also the leaseholders of 48, Milton St., London, E.C., where they carry large stocks.

They are well regarded commercially, the account is in satisfactory credit and they are considered reliable for their ordinary engagements.

We note a new company was registered in November 1938 under the style of L.S. Mayer/Britain/Ltd., with a nominal capital of £10,000 and they carry on business as carriers and warehousemen.

Bankers :- Swiss Banking Corporation Ltd.,
99, Gresham Street, E.C., and
National Provincial Bank Ltd.,
15, Bishopsgate, E.C.

Mortgages and charges:-

Registered 13th March 1934, Trust Deed dated 23rd February 1934, securing £70,000 /not exceeding/ debentures/

According to an annual summary filed subsequently the total amount of indebtedness of the company in respect of mortgages and charges then was £67,000. "

38087/20/38. (No DRAFT)

General Department,
Crown Agents.

In confirmation of the telephone conversation this morning, we would be very grateful if enquiries could be made as to the standing and business of the firm of L. S. Mayer (London) Limited. It is understood that such enquiries as you may make will be confidential and will not involve any expense.

(Sgn) *L. Kelly White*

East African Department,
28th December, 1938.

MR. HOWE
WHITEHALL 2012
TELEPHONE BRANCH (2012)

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7, 8 & 9, ST. JAMES'S STREET,

LONDON, S. W. 1.

21st December 1938

Malcolm Macdonald, Esq
Colonial Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Dear Malcolm,

I enclose a letter from W. Fearnley-Whittingstall, who is the Government candidate at Hackney, and which has been sent to him by one of his constituents. I do not know how to deal with it, so perhaps you would let me know if anything can be done.

If you want any additional information, I can get it for you.

Yours sincerely,



13 A
TELEPHONE:
METROPOLITAN 5225-B
3377
CODES:
WESTERN UNION
UNIVERSAL EDITION
A. S. C. 5th EDITION
WAREHOUSE
48, MILTON STREET E.C. 2

L. S. Mayer (London) Ltd.

LANCASTER HOUSE, 79-82, FORE STREET

LONDON, E.C.2

FS/LS.

15th December, 1938.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
The Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S. W. 1.

Re: Mr. Gustav Fraenkel and wife, of
Frankfurt a.M., Westendstrasse 94.

Sir,

We wish to send Mr. Gustav Fraenkel, of Frankfurt a.M., to Kenya Colony, to establish himself in Nairobi.

Mr. Gustav Fraenkel is a man of considerable standing, with commercial and technical experience. For long years he has been the successful head of a motor engineering and repair works, and also connected with various other enterprises.

We have known him personally for many years, and would like him to represent our interests in Kenya. He will be possessed of adequate funds on his arrival there.

He is also known to the British Consul General, of Frankfurt a.M., but we understand that the British Consul in Frankfurt must have authorisation from the Immigration Authorities in Mombasa, or from the Colonial Office, to issue a visa, and we respectfully ask you to kindly authorise the British Consul General in Frankfurt, to grant the visa to Mr. Fraenkel and his wife.

We hold ourselves responsible that Mr. Fraenkel is a fit and proper person, and shall be glad if you will use

your best offices to assist us in this matter.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

L.S. MAYER (London) LTD.

Geo Sherman

Managing Director.

C. O.

Mr. Coker, White 29/11

Mr. Parker, ORD 30/11, fr.

Mr.

Mr. A. J. Dawe.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. M. Robinson.

Sir J. Shackburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Partly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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6 DRAFT.

(7)
(9)
(11)

The Commissioner

H.M. East African Dependencies

Trade & Information Office.

- ~~12 in original~~
- ~~20 in original~~
- ~~25 in original~~
- ~~17 in original + translation~~
- ~~18 in original +~~
- ~~21 in original~~

D/3 on 12 (including copies)	ACTION PRIOR TO ISSUE OF THIS LETTER
20 No 32/34	
25	
17 (including copies)	
18 ()	
21 ()	

Sir,
 White ref. to the letters
 from this Office of the 4th
 of November on the subject
 of applications for information
 as to the possibility of
 immigration. I have
 into the East African
 Dependencies, I have
 etc. (5 transmit, in
 original, these further
 letters of a similar
 nature (marked A B &
 C in blue pencil) and
 to request that
 suitable replies may
 be sent to them. The
 writers are in each
 case being informed
 that

that these letters have been referred to you.

2. I am also to enclose, in original, a letter ~~with~~ (marked D in blue pencil) with accompanying translation in French enquiring as to the possibilities of immigration into Kenya, New Zealand and Rhodesia, and to request that a reply covering Kenya & Northern Rhodesia may be made to the writer. A copy of the translation is being sent to the High Comms for New Zealand & Southern Rhodesia with the request that a reply may be sent direct concerning those territories. The High Comms are also being informed ~~of the~~ that the original of the letter has been sent to you. The writer is also being informed of ~~the~~ the contents of this paragraph.

3.

3. I am, further, to enclose in original two letters (marked E & F in blue pencil) and to request that replies covering the EA Dependencies concerned may be made to the writers. Copies of these letters are being sent to the High Comms for Southern Rhodesia and New Zealand, respectively, with the request that replies may be returned direct to the writers in respect of these territories. The High Comms are being informed that the original letters are being forwarded to you for action concerning the EA Dependencies, & the writers are in each case being informed of the contents of this paragraph.

I am etc.

Signed, L. C. FREESTON

C. O.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. A. J. Dann.
- Sir H. Moore.
- Sir G. Tomkinson.
- Sir J. Shackburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Partly U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

DRAFT.

FURTHER ACTION.

C. O.

- Mr. Thomas 30/11/38
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. A. J. Dann.
- Sir H. Moore.
- Sir G. Tomkinson.
- Sir J. Shackburgh.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Partly U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

DRAFT.

FRAULEIN ELSA LAIDAU,
 (Bratislava,
 Schöndorfská, 55,
 Czecho-Slovakia.)

Coupons
 (Enclosed in 17).

6 dfts.

FURTHER ACTION.

36087/20/38

DOWNING STREET.

December, 1938.

Madam,

I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th of October enquiring on behalf of yourself and others into the possibilities of settlement in Kenya, or in some other part of the British Empire (e.g. New Zealand or Rhodesia).

2. In reply I am to inform you that your letter has been forwarded to the Commissioner, H.M. Eastern African Dependencies Trade and Information Office, ^{in London} with a request that a reply should be sent direct to you from that Office insofar as your enquiry relates to Kenya and Northern Rhodesia. Copies of your letter are also being forwarded ^{Office in London} to the High Commissioner for New Zealand and the High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia.

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C.O.

Mr. Collier White 29/14

Mr. Parkes 30/14 fo

Mr.

Mr. A. J. Dawe.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

13 DEC 1938

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Gentlemen

I am etc to refer to your letter of the 25th of November enquiring as to the possibility of permission being granted for the father, mother and sister of Mr. Erich Kohler to enter Kenya.

~~I am to~~

2. Applications for visas to proceed to Kenya from persons in the situation described in your letter and its enclosure ~~would~~ have to be referred to the Gov of Kenya for his decision. In the meantime

6 DRAFT. 5

(26)

Messrs Yule & Loader

FURTHER ACTION.

Copy to H.O. Lf. ref ref "letter from Messrs Yule of 25/11 concerning immigration into Kenya of relatives of Mr. Erich Kohler"

should be made reference to the local British Consular authorities. Such applications, ~~they would~~, however,

most convenient course of action
would appear to be for Mr Erich
Kotler, who is understood already to
be in Kenya, to get in touch
with the Govt of Kenya direct.
He will presumably be able to
supply all the details which may
be required as to the financial
resources upon which the intending
emigrants can rely and as to
their prospects for permanent employment
in Kenya.

I am etc.

(Signed) L. B. FREESTON

26/19

YARDE & LOADER,

SOLICITORS,

INCORPORATING W. W. WYVINE & SONS

ALFRED CRESWELL LOADER,

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: YARDE HOLS, LONDON.

TELEPHONE: 2000

CHANCERY SQUARE (4 LINES)

AM.

*1, Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn,
London, W.C.2*

25th November, 1938.

Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

26 NOV 1938

Sirs,

Ansley 28

We have for the last year or so been acting for a Mr. Erich Kohler, who came to this country from Vienna.

Our transactions with him were relative to his investment in house property round London. He has recently emigrated to Kenya, with of course all necessary permits.

Before leaving he left with our Mr. Leader photographs of his father, mother and sister who were still in Vienna and who were endeavouring to escape and hoped to be allowed to come to England, together with authority to place all resources of his in our hands at their disposal.

We have now received a letter from a Mrs. Jerusalem in Prague, who is apparently the grandmother of Mr. Erich Kohler. We enclose a translation of this letter, from which the plight of Mr. Kohler's father, mother and sister will be seen.

We remember Mr. Kohler informed us that though his father was not a Jew, his mother was and the father had actually been asked to divorce his wife, which he had of course refused to do.

Crown Agents for the Colonies.

25th November 1938.

We understand the father was a Colonel in the Austrian army during the War of 1914-1918.

Is it possible for anything to be done for these poor people, who have apparently been stripped of everything. It occurs to us that in view of their son having already been allowed to go to Kenya, it may be possible that a permit for them to join him there can be granted.

If there is anything further we can do to assist matters, perhaps you would be so kind as to let us hear.

We are also writing to the Home Office.

We are, Sirs,

Your obedient Servants,

Gordon Stables

Prague, 21.XI.1938.

Dear Mr. Leader,

I have debated for a long time whether I should write to you but the recent events in Vienna which have affected me, are the reason why I am doing so. Firstly permit me to introduce myself as my name is unknown to you. I am the grandmother of your client Erich Kehler. It is needless to tell you what terrible worries I am going through about my grandchild's parents and sister who live in Vienna. A few days ago they were robbed of all their possessions and they have been wandering about for nine days and have nothing but their clothes. They are staying alternatively with friends who help them, as they do not dare to go back to their home. They are writing to me imploring me to do everything to get them out from their misery.

I am doing my utmost, but you cannot imagine how difficult it is to get a permit to come to Prague. I have also written by air-mail to Erich to advise him of the misfortune which has befallen his parents and also asked him to apply for a permit for them to enter Hairebi. It is only possible to get a permit for them to come here for a short period if I can prove that they are immigrating.

My grandchild she was intending to go to Australia has lost all her belongings and has now nothing to take with her. Of course they must leave without any money.

Can you imagine such things in your country and have your Ministers any idea of these occurrences that innocent people are tortured like that?

If you have the opportunity to intervene with the authorities to acquire this permit, I should be very grateful. I do not know if you are informed about the horrible things which are going on in Germany,

Excuse me that I have written to you, but only the anxiety may explain this step and I do not know what to do else. Will you be kind enough to let me have your answer.

Yours very sincerely,

Louise Jerusalem.

Prague XI., Fochova 13.

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Mr. Paskin. 24/x1 f.

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Mr. A. J. Dawe.

Downing Street.

Sir H. Moore.

November, 1938.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Perm. U.S. of S.

Party, U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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Gentlemen,

THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

I am etc. to inform you that the sum of £150 has been deposited by Mr. James de Rotschild with the High Commissioner of the League of Nations for German refugees, as a guarantee that a German refugee named Liebenstein, who has been admitted to Kenya, should not become a public charge. This guarantee is to remain in force for a period of five years, and the High Commissioner is being requested to transfer this sum to you to be held for this purpose. Any part of this sum which has not in the meantime been employed for the support of Liebenstein, together with any accrued interest,

Copy to Kenya Gov

FURTHER ACTION.

Copy to Gov. Kenya.

interest, should be repaid to Mr. de Rothschild
on the 13th of November, 1943.

Mr. de Rothschild wishes the
fact that he has furnished this guarantee to be
treated as strictly confidential.

A copy of this letter is being sent to
the Governor of Kenya.

I am, etc.

(Sd) J.B. Freeston

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Semi-official for Mr. Paskin's signature.

Downing Street.

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25 November, 1938.

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BRIGADIER-GENERAL

SIR NEILL MALCOLM, K.C.B., D.S.O.

(High Commissioner of the
League of Nations

for German Refugees).

14 Northumberland Ave.
W.C. 2.

Dear Sir Neill,

I understand from your
Secretary that you have agreed that
the most convenient procedure
for dealing with the £150 which has
been deposited by Mr. James de
Rothschild as a guarantee against
Liebenstein becoming a public charge
in Kenya would be for this sum to
be transferred to the Crown Agents
for the Colonies and to be
retained by them during the
currency of the guarantee. A

letter

FURTHER ACTION.

A letter has accordingly been sent to the
Crown Agents warning them to ^{expect} accept a
cheque from you.

The Crown Agents have been instructed
that any part of this sum which has not in the
meantime been employed for maintenance of
Liebenstein, together with any accrued interest,
should be repaid to Mr. de Rothschild on the
13th of November, 1943. They have also
been informed of Mr. de Rothschild's desire that
the fact that he is giving this guarantee should
^{treated}
be given as strictly confidential.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. J. PASKIN.

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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies.

Dated 14th November, 1938. Received 9-35am 14th November

No. 182. Confidential.

Your telegram No. 184 confidential.

Liebenstein admitted.

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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies.

Dated 14th November, 1938. Received 9-35am 14th November.

No. 182. Confidential.

Your telegram No. 184 confidential.

Liebenstein admitted.

C. O.

- Mr. Paskin 7/11
- Mr. Dawe 7/11
- Mr.
- Sir H. Moor.
- Sir G. Tomlinson
- Sir C. Bottomley
- Sir J. Shackleton
- Perm. U.S. of S.
- * Parly U.S. of S. 7/11
- Secretary of State.

Immediate.

No. 184 Confidential.

Your telegram of 7/10 Confidential.

Difficulty as to possibility of Liebenstein becoming a public charge has been explained to High Commissioner for refugees who has now obtained a guarantee of £150 from source with

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which I am satisfied. ^{May} I assume that ~~some~~ ^{as the} difficulty has been removed ~~therefore~~ you will be prepared to admit

Governor,
Nairobi.

person named? Not possible to obtain unlimited guarantee though it is possible that sum mentioned might be increased. I should, however, prefer not to ask for this unless you definitely consider it inadequate.

Please telegraph reply.

I am taking up with H.O. question of issuing further ^{visas} ~~visas~~ to consular officials ^{in a view to} avoiding recurrence of cases of this kind.

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Res. 190. Mr Paskin
in red.

COPY FOR REGISTRATION

Telegram from the Deputy Governor of Kenya to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 3rd November, 1938. Received 11.35 a.m. 3rd November.

No. 176. Confidential.

Your telegram No. 173 Liebenstein arrived
Mombasa on board S.S. Porthos 9th October in possession
of German passport expiring April 1939 vised by British
Consul at Basle without reference to this Colony.
Unemployed without definite prospect of employment his
resources over and above immigration deposit of £50 amount
to only £9-14-0. Entry into Kenya refused ^{under} 5 (a) Chapter 62
as Liebenstein considered to be likely to become a public
charge. Regulations had not been altered and possession
of £200 or any arbitrary sum was not demanded. Essential
requirement is satisfactory evidence that he is not likely
to become a public charge. No evidence forthcoming
to indicate that he is not likely to become a public charge. Many
cases have been dealt with in the past where the
applicant has been allowed to enter the Colony and has
remained without prior reference to the Government in compliance
with Foreign Office circulars of 1934 with April 1938. See
also my despatch No. 149 confidential of 20th October 1938

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JH.

C. O.

Mr. Pasquin

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NO 178

Mr.

my tel. No. 177.

Mr.

Sir H Moore.

visa was stated to have
been granted at Basle.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Spuckburgh.

Parliament U.S. of S.

Party U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DRAFT Tel.

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Handwritten box containing:
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Rec'd to
Mr Pasquin

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Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh

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Secretary of State.

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Gov.
Nairobi.

Coded & Sent 10 pm

No. 177

1/11/38

Representations received from
in respect of
H.C. for Refugees

LIEBENSTEIN passenger

S.S. PORTHOS

admission MOMBASA

19th July 0 Parnin

named is said to have
been granted visa for KENYA
at MILAN and on strength
thereof was provided with
passage by charitable
organisation. It is stated
that he was ~~had~~ deported
with Barclay's bank, Mombasa,
£50 for deposit but
was refused admission
on ground that he
was not in possession
of £200 0 Person named
is still on board vessel
named which is again

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Recive to Mr Parnin

done at ~~MOMBASA~~ MOMBASA 9th Nov.

and High Commissioner represents unfair that admission should be refused and charitable funds wasted when regulations were altered after arrangements had been made in good faith on stating the name of person named was actually on the High Seas.

whether passport valid for return journey via your Conf. Dep. No 145 of 5th August para 5 of H.C. assumes that if he is unable to land

(No. 1 on 3808/38)

Please telegraph your observations as to possibility of admitting person named

Have any new regulations been introduced requiring stipulations to possession of ~~stipulated amount of money~~ and above deposit of £50⁰

MOMBASA
he will be returned to
MARSEILLES
on 9th Nov.
& leave
report to
Governor