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Sub-File B

SUBJECT

*Local Government of Nairobi
Urban*

*Recognition of Services of Messrs
Conway, Harvey & Madke*

Main-File

Subsequent

14 Feb 12 / 28 Nairobi

2nd July, 1928.

Anxious to clinch agreement before leaving for frontier on 5th July. States it would assist settlement if H.H. would confer C.I.E. on Mr. Conway Harvey and the C.B. Sir Mr. Phadke in recognition of their services.

The C.I.E. is a matter for the India Office but the statutes of the Indian Empire Order limit awards to persons who have rendered services to the Indian Empire. It seems doubtful whether services rendered to or on behalf of Indians in Kenya would qualify.

The statute runs "upon such persons who by their services, official or other, to Our Empire, in India have merited Our Royal favour."

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Suggestions have been made from time to time for immediate awards from the Order of the British Empire, appointments to the Civil Division of which are ordinarily made only at the Birthday. Except in the case of such very special events as the British Empire Exhibition and the opening of Canberra by H.R.H. the Duke of York these suggestions have always been turned down. See S. . . . tel of 16th Aug. '23 on H.C./4091/23 (Rhodesia termination list), Gov./50025/27 Honours (300th anniversary of British Settlement in Barbados), and 50031/27 Honours. (Floods in Malaya).

(sd) E.H. Howell.

b.7.28.

The fact that the "Special Committee" under Mr. Martin has arrived at an agreement over this contentious matter is very gratifying: everyone is pleased and congratulations have been telegraphed to the Governor and Mr. Martin - also at the request of the Govt. of India confidentially to all members

of

the Committee.

But (1) is the Governor's suggestion as to honours for Mr. Harvey and Mr. Phadke practicable? and if practicable, (2) is it really justified?

As to (1), it seems doubtful whether Mr. Harvey would be eligible, in the circumstances for C.I.E., but this is a matter for the India Office to determine; and it may be said definitely that precedent is against an award of the C.B.E. at a time other than the King's Birthday except in most unusual circumstances and that the present occasion would not appear to be parallel to the rare occasions upon which this general practice has been departed from.

As to (2) - even if there were no obstacle under (1), it is difficult to maintain that the circumstances of this local affair are such as to merit the unusual exchange of British and Indian honours suggested.

Presumably the S. of S. will wish to refer to Lord Birkenhead, and if the view expressed in this minute is accepted, the Private Secretary could send a copy of the telegram to P.S. at India Office, writing on the lines of X. - and saying that Mr. Amery would be glad to know what Lord Birkenhead thinks.

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There is also the question whether the award of an honour would be regarded by the associates of the recipient as evidence that he had been "bought". We shall do our best to know if

if the local Indians will back up the Phadke.

C.B. 5.7.18.

Sec of State

I don't know if you will think it worth while bothering Lord Birkenhead about this? There is no chance of our getting a C.B.E. for Mr. Phadke unless in the usual list. I think that we should reply that while you appreciate very much what Mr. Harvey & Mr. Phadke have done for you, you regret very much that it is not possible to recognise their work by the immediate grant of the honours suggested.

J.M.G.

6.7.18

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- Mr. G. Grindley
- Mr. G. Davis
- Mr. S. Wilson
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Lord Levis
- Mr. Amery

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9.11.18.

DRAFT Fel (Code)

Grigg
Nairn

10 July Private & your
 private Tel. of 2 July
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 appreciate the spirit
 of co-operation shown
 with by the Director
 of your Division for
 reports to the
 Govt Dept
 with a view to your
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Undersecretary
Revenue

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- ~~Mr. G. G. G.~~
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X Sir S. Wilson *[Handwritten initials]*

- Mr. Cornaby-Gora
- Lord Lovat
- Mr. Amery

9.12.18

10 July

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DRAFT

Fel (Code)

Gingga
Nairobi

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

Dated 2nd July, 1928.

(Received Colonial Office 11.18 a.m. 3rd July, 1928.)

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2nd July Private much appreciate your private telegram of 25th June. I am most anxious to clinch agreement before leaving for the Frontier on Thursday morning next 5th July especially as there will be continual danger of public recrudescence of controversy until agreement is known to have been ratified by you. It would also generally assist settlement if the two intercolonial borders in Uganda Kenya Kenya and Kenya could be recognised by immediate grant of an honour of some kind. Both have a record of long unpaid public service and both have shown courage and public spirit in carrying to this compromise. If His Majesty would confer C.I.E. on General Harvey and C.B.E. on Wain in recognition of services respectively to India and the Empire effect of this complimentary exchange would be invaluable and would certainly assist solution of the wider Indian question in East Africa when the time comes.