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York Cottage,
Sandringham,
Norfolk

4th January, 1925.

Dear Mr. Edgcumbe,

I write to thank you for your letter to Lord Stamfordham of January 3rd and the accompanying copy of a telegram sent by the Colonial Office to the Governor of Kenya with reference to the press reports concerning the tour of the Duke and Duchess of York.

The King quite approves of the telegram, which accurately represents His Majesty's views in the matter.

Yours very truly,

A. H. d. Stamfordham

A. Edgcumbe Esq., C.B.E.,
Colonial Office, S.W.1.

3rd January 1925.

Dear Lord Stamfordham,

As a result of your telephone communication to me yesterday evening, during the course of which you expressed the displeasure of His Majesty the King at the nature of the press reports received in this country regarding the tour of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, the Department have addressed a telegram, a copy of which I enclose, to the Governor of Kenya.

I trust that this telegram gives effect substantially to the wish expressed by the King.

I will send you a copy of the Governor's reply as soon as it is received.

Yours very truly,

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January 1925.

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Telegram.

Governor

Kenya

Edgcombe 3.1.25.

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

(Sent 2.10 p.m. 3rd January, 1925)

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Lord Stamfordham rang me up at a late hour last evening to express "His Majesty's deep distress and annoyance at the nature of the reports coming from Kenya regarding the tour of the Duke and Duchess of York". Lord Stamfordham said that the King felt that in a country like Kenya it should surely be possible in some way to prevent such reports being cabled.

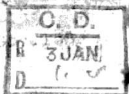
I have drafted the attached telegram, which I think gives effect to His Majesty's wishes as explained by Lord Stamfordham, and I should be very glad if the Department would be so good as to have this telegram, or something on lines very similar thereto, despatched without delay.

A. Edycombe.

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- Mr. *W. A. D.* 3.1.25
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- Mr. J. Shuckburgh.
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