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2nd May 1924.MR CHARLES PERKINS, VAGRANT.
REPATRIATION.

Explains that Perkins was born in Tunis and suggests that law relating to French nationality may apply to him. Requests that question of his repatriation be discussed with F.O. and the Egyptian authorities. Requests tel reply.

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I do not see what this has to do with the Egyptian Govt. I don't know whether a half brother can be compelled to support him. It

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Colonial Office despatch No. 32 of the 9th January relative to the proposal to repatriate Mr. Charles Perkins, a vagrant, to England and also to Colonial Office Circular despatch of the 28th February with regard to the procedure to be adopted by British Nationals born in Tunis who desire to decline French nationality in accordance with the Law of the 10th December last.

1. Mr. Charles Perkins was born of British parents in Tunis his father's name and occupation being:-

Edward Arthur Perkins,
Managing Director of the Gas, Water
and Electric Light Company in Tunis.

his mother's maiden name was:-

Kather Adele Williamson, residing at
No. 4 Rue El. Sadikia, Tunis.

Mr. Charles Perkins arrived in this country on the 1st October, 1921, and was committed as a vagrant and recommended for repatriation, on the 23rd August 1923.

At the time he was committed he expressed a desire to be repatriated to Suez, where he stated that he had friends and he further stated that he had lived in Egypt and the Sudan for the last 16 years following the calling of a cotton expert.

Reference

HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, E. C.

Reference to His Britannic Majesty's Consul General at Cairo elicited the reply that Mr. Charles Perkins had a bad record in Egypt, but that he had a relative in Alexandria who might be willing to maintain him.

It later transpired that Mr. Charles Perkins's half-brother at Alexandria was unwilling to support him and that owing to his drunken habits, he had been sent away by his brother and had then come to Nairobi; His Majesty's High Commissioner did not therefore consider that Mr. Charles Perkins should proceed to Egypt.

Inasmuch as Mr. Charles Perkins was born of British parents and was to all intents and purposes an immigrant to this Colony, I asked in my telegram No. 567 of the 20th December last if he might be sent to the United Kingdom, but the Home Office were unable to agree to this proposal.

3. The present position is that Mr. Charles Perkins has been in the House of Detention for 8 months and has applied for release on the recognition of an Arab himself as an ex-convict, a source of relief which you will agree is most undesirable.

Mr. Charles Perkins is now a professed Mohammedan and it is possible that he automatically became a French national on the 20th March, the Circular despatch under reference being received subsequent to that date.

4. In the circumstances I have to remark that the question of the repatriation of this vagrant to Egypt may be discussed with the Foreign Office and the Egyptian authorities, as his support would appear to be a matter for his relatives and not the concern of this Colony.

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