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5th May 1924.MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION IN NAIROBI.
REPORT OF COMMISSION.

Sir C. H. [initials]

Pete copy of report, which was signed by every member. Recommend acceptance, with the amendments stated which he hopes will eventually be accepted by Indians. Dispatch follows but very early approval is desirable.

MINUTES

I attach a table summarising the attitude taken by the various persons represented on the Commission and the proposals recommended for adoption by the Government.

As the various attitudes are of the nature of a compromise, it is difficult to adopting any particular view on a point left unsettled by the discussions for a lack of serious opposition by one party or the other.

In paragraph 9 of the telegram, it is stated that the underlying purpose was that one of the business of the Government should be to inform Europeans to prove that safety is not assured than the majority of the Indian officials in the hands of the European official element. But as I read the telegram this arrangement would

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only give six unofficial Europeans out of a total of twelve, and, unless it is intended that the Chairman or Mayor will always to be an unofficial European with a seat as well as a casting vote, I do not see how the proposed arrangement secures the pedigreed majority. The Governor ~~will~~ recommends that the wishes of the Indian Europeans should be met upon this point and at the same time suggests that the Indian representatives should be nominated by the Governor — although as this telegram stands all sections of the Indians are agreed that a year should be elected. That may be perfectly unimportant, if, as the Governor says, nomination was originally suggested to the Indians, and there is this to be said for it, that for example for an elected Indian ~~one person~~ ^{one person} of the Indians ~~make~~ ^{make} very well ~~make~~ a demand on the for election for two years.

The other point is of more importance as involving a step which ~~is~~ ^{must} in accordance with what the Indian representatives on the Commission are agreed to. Tonight ~~we will~~ ^{we will} feed to the Indians concerning the attitude which they have ~~survived~~ taken that their own representation

representation should ~~not~~ be elected on the common roll of the Commission, and not by election on a separate franchise, but by nomination. In view of the Indian attitude on representation generally, and of the fact that ever since Lord Milner's despatch of May, 1920, it has been taken for granted that Indian municipal representation should be by election, ~~as right after~~ ^{as right} on this ground alone.

I am not happy as to the permanence of the compromise indicated in the telegram. The Indian members of the Commission ~~had~~ have agreed to nomination, but it does not follow that the Indian community in Kenya accept their view, or that those elements in India which are seriously interested in Kenya affairs will allow it to do so.

As regards our position here there is I think no express necessity for us to contact beforehand the Government of India or the India Office, but it will ~~well~~ ^{be} better of course that I should ring up first the Secretary of the Government of India Committee whether that Committee

is in agreement.

Committee proposed to raise in
letter from the question of
municipal representation in Kenya.

If they do not so intend, I think
that we might very well telegraph
to Mr. Lawrence agreeing to his
proposal on the understanding that
as it is settled that it will be
accepted generally by the Indians in
Kenya as a satisfactory arrangement.

The India side of this

I assume we can really
not yet have an adopted or
finalized constitution of India
so demand any legislative
and other kind of legislation
which would be binding for
any one man or any state
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From the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 5th May

(Received Colonial Office 3.37 p.m. 5th May, 1924)

No. 140 of 5th May. Following is copy of Report of Commission on municipal representation in Nairobi after long and careful consideration. Commission consisted of three officials, four unofficial Europeans, one Swahili, three Indians with the Colonial Secretary Chairman. Work was marked by sincerity on both sides and tact of the Chairman. I am glad to say that the Report was signed by every member. It is a compromise between the extreme views of both sides.

Two. Recommendation is five Europeans to be elected four Indians to be nominated and as a matter of courtesy one Swahili to be elected and two Europeans to be nominated by the Governor.

Three. Strong rider was added by the unofficial European members that one Government nominee should be unofficial majority in municipal affairs.

Four. officials and Indians agreed that the government business should be officially.

Five. Europeans have given up proportion of Indians first mentioned but insisted that their principle is established by the absence of the Indian franchise and by having seven European members their Indians as follows the Swahili is not anxious as to our position if so desired.

Six. Indians have given up their franchise to give the present but important strong provision that in addition to the common franchise is not withdrawn. They also conceded the

Swahili

European majority as previously claimed from 10 to 4 down to 7 to 4 plus one German.

Sixteen. I recommend the acceptance of the report with the two amendments which form another and the necessary compromise between paragraphs 3 and 4 above (and) which was unanimously agreed to by the Executive Council. The first is that the German member may be nominated and not elected. This was originally requested by the Indians and is not likely to be objected to elsewhere. Secondly that the Government nominees should be entitled the Senior Commissioner to represent the Government and native interests and the second member to be a Native acceptable to the other native member and to be nominated by the Government.

Seventeen. As now modified this scheme is likely to be generally acceptable but my insistence of both nominees being officials is likely to lead to opposition by the Europeans and strong opposition in the Legislative Council. After prolonged discussion Indians appear to desire that both members shall be officials but I trust that they will eventually accept the scheme as modified now. I do not think that they have good grounds to maintain this minor objection.

Eight. The present Councils: willing to act but I urge your approval of the report as amended as the earliest in order to permit of new election and termination of the present very unsatisfactory conditions.

Report and despatch follow by next mail.

Yours,

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