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140MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION IN NAIROBI.  
REPORT OF COMMISSION.

Full summary of report, which was signed by every member. Recommendations acceptable, with two amendments stated which he hopes will eventually be accepted by Indians. Despatch 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 obvious that in adopting any particular view on a point left unsettled by the compromise, we run a risk of serious opposition on the part of one party or the other.

In paragraph 2 of the telegram, it is stated that the unofficial Europeans ask that one of the members of the Government should be an unofficial European in order that thereby it may be secured that the majority of the Municipal Council is in the hands of the European unofficial element. But as I read the telegram that arrangement would

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Committee proposes to raise in  
active form the question of  
municipal representation in Kenya.  
If they do not so intend, I think  
that we might very well telegraph  
to the Governor agreeing to his  
proposal on the understanding that  
he is satisfied that it will be  
accepted generally by the Indians in  
Kenya as a satisfactory arrangement.

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## Representation of

	Historical Persons	General	Persons	Groups
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great Europeans	(actual)			
also	2:	two nominal	2:	2:
and	4:	2:	2:	2:
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	2:	one official one unpaid	2:	(nominal)

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From the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 5th May

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No. 140 of 5th May. Following is gist of Report of Commission on municipal representation in Nairobi after long and able consideration. Commission consisted of three officials, four unofficial Europeans, one Goanese, 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 Goanese 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 <sup>as to secure European unofficial</sup> majority in municipal affairs.

Four. Officials and Indians agreed that the Government nominees should be officials.

Five. Europeans have given up proportion of numbers first insisted upon but believe that their principle is established by the absence of the common franchise and by having seven Europeans against four Indians as although the Goanese is not Asiatic he is not positively an Indian.

Six. Indians have given up demand for the common franchise for the present but insist strongly <sup>that</sup> to do so in the common franchise is not withdrawn. They have reduced the European

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

Seven. 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 Gannese 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 two Government nominees should be ex-officio the Senior Commissioner to represent the Government and native interests and the second nominee is to be a European acceptable to the other eleven members and is to be nominated by the Government.

Eight. As now modified this membership is likely to be generally acceptable but any insistence of both nominees being officials is likely to lead to abstention by the Europeans and strong opposition in the Legislative Council. After prolonged discussion Indians adhere to desire that both nominees 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 contention.

Nine. The present Council continues to act but I urge your approval of the report as amended at the earliest in order to permit of new election and termination of the present very unsatisfactory conditions.

Report and despatch follow by next mail.

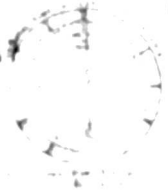
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