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Secretary of State

DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADME OFFICERS ON NATIVE LABOUR.

Refers to correspondence with the Govt. of F.T. and expresses opinion that it is at present inadvisable to issue such instructions to Adme Officers in Kenya. Considers that the memo on Land and Labour Policy approved by Genfue of Govt. would be sufficient guide for officers in Kenya.

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(I am sorry there has been so much delay in sending on this paper, but it has been held up pending the general action on the report of the proceedings of the Governors' Conference. That action has been taken on X. 3212/26 East Africa, which has been in more or less constant circulation).

As regards Land and Labour Policy, the general replies of the Governors assume that memoranda will be submitted for the Secretary of State's consideration in due course. In the case of Tanganyika the memorandum has already been approved on Gov. X. 4561 Tang.

I spoke to you some time ago in regard to this paper, and I now suggest that it should be answered on the following lines:

I refer to the Confidential despatch of the 21st August on X. 3212/26 in which the Secretary of State has assumed that memoranda relating to the Land and Labour Policy would be submitted for his consideration in due course; and as Sir E. Grigg states that he and the Governor of Tanganyika have been in communication with regard to such instructions mention that the Tanganyika draft has been agreed to with slight alteration; say that the Secretary of State is impressed with the importance of furnishing district officers with authoritative and precise guidance as to the policy of the Government in regard to such matters, and that it was for this reason, and in order to secure the greatest measure of uniformity that may be possible having regard to varying conditions, that he had contemplated the issue.

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subject to his approval, of specific instructions in each Dependency. Also say that the Secretary of State still thinks that this procedure would be the best in the circumstances; but, if the Governor, on further consideration, is satisfied that the memorandum approved by the Governor's Conference would afford, in spite of its more or less general terms, sufficient detailed guidance for the district officers in the exercise of their every day duties, the Secretary of State will not press for the issue of separate and more detailed instructions in Kenya at the present time.

W.H.M.

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the Secretary of State

Yes - we should not press the Governor further than this, as he may well feel that the standards among European settlers makes it undesirable to be too precise.

But from the administrative officer's point of view precision is much needed.

A & B will not interfere general principles in just the same way, and if A inclines a little more away from the encouragement of staff because the position is not ideal.

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the original form ✓

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But from the administrative point of view precision is much needed.

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W. H. D. C.

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Mr. D. S. Byrd

I agree with Mr. Kattowley,
doubt if the memorandum approved
by the Conference will be sufficient-
precise, but this is a matter we
must leave to the future, while
not possibly less far than
proposed.

J.H.G.

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- Mr. Lawrence 9/10/26
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- Mr. U. Davis
- Mr. S. Wilson
- Mr. Oswald Clark
- Mr. J. Clouston
- Mr. Amery

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Sir Ind

(Gov x 6212:26 Kemp)

I have to ask the receipt of your conf. despatch No 45 of the 12th of July, on the subject of the issue of draft instructions for the guidance of Admin. Officers in dealing with the qⁿ of Native Labour.

DRAFT.

through
 brief
 Mr. E. J. Harding

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2. In my conf. despatch of the 25th August I assumed that memoranda relating to the Land & Labour policy w^d be submitted for my opinion in due course; I have already agreed, with slight alterations, to the draft instructions submitted by the Gov. & the S.D.

copy with the
 minutes of the
 Comm. Conference

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I am impressed with the importance of furnishing district offices with authoritative & precise guidance

guidance as the policy of the State
in regard to such matters; it was
for this reason, in order to secure
the greatest measure of uniformity
that may be possible, having regard
to ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{local} conditions, that I
contemplates the cases subject to my
approval, & specific instructions
in each Dependency.

4. I am still of the opinion
that this procedure wd be the best
in the cases, but if, on further
consideration, you are satisfied that, in
spite of its more or less general terms,
the memorandum ^{approved by} ~~part of~~ the Governor's
Conference wd afford sufficient
detailed guidance for the District Officers
in the exercise of their every day
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(Signed) L. S. AMERY

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(Signed) L. S. AMERY



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA

KENYA
No. 115
Confidential

X. 6212
9 AUG 1926

July, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Sir Donald Cameron's despatch, Confidential, dated 29th April, 1926, on the subject of the issue of draft instructions for the guidance of Administrative Officers in dealing with the question of Native Labour, a subject, which, as you are aware, was discussed at length at the Governors' Conference, the recommendations of the Conference having been forwarded to you in Governors' Conference letter No. 7, dated 23rd March, 1926.

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2. In accordance with conclusion 3 of the recommendations of the Governors' Conference on this subject, Sir Donald Cameron and I have been in communication with regard to the special instructions on Land and Labour policy which should be issued to Administrative Officers in our respective territories and the instructions which Sir Donald Cameron has now forwarded to you have been altered in some respects from his original draft instructions, which he kindly forwarded for my suggestions, to meet certain remarks put forward by me on the question of native production.

3. In so far as the Colony of Kenya is concerned, after careful consideration, I am of opinion that it is at present inadvisable to issue any draft instructions on the question

The Right Honourable,
Lieutenant Colonel L.C.M.S. Amery, P.C., M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, London, S.W.

of Native Labour to Administrative Officers and I consider that in the first instance the Memorandum on Land and Labour Policy in the East African Territories, which was approved at the recent Governors' Conference, should, if approved by you, be sufficient guide for Administrative Officers in Kenya; If, in practice, it is found that Administrative Officers require some further guidance, I shall then, in communication with His Excellency the Governor of Tanganyika prepare draft instructions.

4. I would therefore request that early instructions may be issued by you with regard to the conclusions of the Governors' Conference on the question of Land and Labour Policy, so that appropriate action may be taken in this territory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Edward Gigg

GOVERNOR.