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W. H. Reed

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Papers relating to -

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Secretary of State.

Previous Paper

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MINUTES

W. H. Reed

As to personnel, the position as known to date is shown on the attached sheet. Two copies will be sent to -

W. H. Reed also for information of the Council, and a copy of the statement which I have received on 11/26/24, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council on 11/26/24, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council on 11/26/24.

W. H. Reed, in company, followed to call him at 12 noon on Wednesday 5/24/25. Perhaps *W. H. Reed* will see him (from a later meeting) 1/28/25 *W. H. Reed* 20.6.24

Subsequent Paper

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 the term advisory committee - the
 Committee ought to report occasionally
 to either], or the terms of reference
 to either.

But it is particularly important
 to go working as to the relation of
 either body to the human question.
 My own view is that any discussion
 of human affairs, or such as the
 terms of reference will be regarded
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Private and Confidential.

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India Office,
London, S.W.1.
7th May, 1924.

My dear Marsh,

Lord Olivier asks that this telegram, which he has just received from India, may be added to his letter of this morning to Mr. Thomas, about the Government of India Colonies Committee.

Yours sincerely,

S. K. Brown

E. H. Marsh, Esq., CB. CMG. CVO.

COPY OF TELEGRAM 261

From Viceroy, Department of Education, Health and Lands
to Secretary of State for India

Dated Simla, 6th May, 1924

Received 6th May, 1924 6 p.m.

(Copies
Circulated)

Reference our telegram dated 17th April

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The members of the East African Committee

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L^d Southborough

~~Sir A. Steel (Merchant)~~

Sir S. Henn.

Mr. Mossel.

Mr. Harris

Mr. C.R. Buxton.

Sir Rider Haggard.

Sir H. ~~Richborough~~ Bichenough.

Mr. (now Sir W^m) Himbury.

Col. Balfour

Sir H. Clifford

Mr. Barclay

Mr. Ormesby Scott

Mr. Snel

Mr. E. Harvey

Mr. Church

Mr. Odham

Mr. Ben. Sand Hammond

Invitation, sent to

Lord Southborough & accepts

✓ Earl of Devon accepts

~~Mr. Wood~~

— ✓ Sir A. Steel ^{Eastland}

Ordnance

— ✓ Sir S. Haun accepts

— ✓ Sir G. Borel accepts

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Mr. William Edge accepts Committee

TELEPHONE
186-VICTORIA

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72, CADOGAN SQUARE,
S.W.1.

30th June, 1924.

Dear Thomas

I am extremely sorry but I find that it really is absolutely impossible for me to serve on the Committee which has been appointed to consider problems connected with Eastern Africa. I had hoped that I might have been able to manage this, but I have a more than usually heavy amount of work on hand at present, and I would not like to come on to the Committee unless I could really give a good deal of time to it. I must very reluctantly, therefore, refuse the invitation.

Perhaps if you
date I may be more free

want anyone to help at a later

Yours sincerely
Arthur Steel Macdonald

The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

Telephone:
UNYQZE, CHURTON, LONDON

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885, VICTORIA

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General
14/3/24
asked to file on its return
Wed 24/6/24
Rev. Postmaster

The Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society.

(In which are incorporated the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society and the Aborigines Protection Society.)

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SECRETARY:-
Travers Buxton, M.A.

DENISON HOUSE,

VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD,

ORGANISING SECRETARY:
John H. Harris.

LONDON, S.W. 1.

(CLOSE TO VICTORIA STATION.)

20th June, 1924.

To:-

The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the
Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

Sir,

I beg leave, by the direction of my Committee,
to forward enclosed a copy of a resolution passed at the
Annual Meeting of this Society on the 18th instant, under
the Presidency of Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P..

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your humble and obedient servant,

Travers Buxton

Secretary.

Mr. Calder
you had better
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24th June, 1924

My dear Buxton,

Mr. Thomas asks me to thank you for your letter of the 19th instant and to say that you will no doubt have seen the terms of reference which were printed in yesterday's Hansard in answer to a question by Sir Walter de Freese, who was not there to put it. He hopes very much that on seeing them you will agree to serve on the Commission.

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24th June, 1924
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Dear

Col Hammond
Mr Oldham

You will probably be aware that I have decided to appoint a Committee to consider various problems connected with Eastern Africa, and also a small Commission which will visit the territories concerned in order to consider certain matters locally.

I am now writing to ask if you will be good enough to assist me by consenting to serve as a member of the Committee which will sit in this country. If you will do this, you will be rendering a real service to our tropical administration.

Your sincerely
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Genl. R. G. Church, DSO., MC. MP.
Capt. R. N. Barclay, M.P.

H. Oldham, Esq.

Genl. Col. F. D. Hammond, R.E.

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Very sincerely,
T. Edmund Harvey

The Bishop's Ho.
9, St Thomas, S.P.P.

P.S. I still hope to come to
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RYDAL HOUSE,
GROSVENOR ROAD,
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21. VI. 1914

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The Organ No.
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I could not let you know
sooner, that I have only
thirteen days written about
Natal. I had made

very slow arrangements
for going, & my wife
had been very lean &
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today. I had made

very few arrangements
for going & my weight
had been very heavy &
I did not like to
go on an expedition, no trace
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regret at not being able
to undertake a task of
such importance
& do a service to you.
You told me I regret
that I should have to

might not stand the
strain of a Turkish
climate, I should
decline the invitation
to go as a member of the
Small Commission to S.
Africa.
I greatly regret that
I could not do you a more
pleasant, but I have only
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to-day. I had made

very slow an experiment
for going & my wife
had been very brain &
gird about it, so that
you can understand my
regret at not being able
to undertake a tour of
Africa in that importance
I do a business in women
you did me I regret
This I should have to

MOBBERLEY HALL,
MOBBERLEY,
CHESHIRE.

21st June/24

Dear Mr. Thomas,

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I must apologise
for the delay in replying
to your letter of the 18th inst.
I had to go over of Down
first thing on Thursday
morning, and only got
home late last night, hence
the delay.

I much appreciate
your invitation to serve
on the Committee you
are appointing to consider
various problems connected

with Eastern Africa which is to
sell in this country, and I wish
to say I shall be very pleased
to do so.

Yours sincerely,
Morton Ranney

Major Genl. J. A. Thomas,
House of Commons,
London.

11th July, 1924

Colover
~~*to Stanley*~~

My dear Stanley,

You will probably be aware that I have decided to appoint a Committee to consider various problems connected with Eastern Africa, and also a small Commission which will visit the territories concerned in order to consider certain matters locally.

I am now writing to ask if you will be good enough to assist me by consenting to serve as a member of the Committee which will sit in this country. If you will do this, you will be rendering a real service to our tropical administration.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Thompson

11th July, 1924

~~C. L. O. C.~~
~~W. H. H. H.~~

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Yours sincerely,

J. L. Thompson

14. 7. 24

Dear Mr. Thomas

Thank you for
your letter of July 11th.
I shall have great
pleasure in accepting
your invitation to become
a member of the "East
African" Committee
which you are appointing.

I only hope that I shall
be able to be of some
assistance

Yours truly

Stanley

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be able to be of some
assistance

Yrs. Sincerely
Stanley

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Yours truly
Stanley

9th July, 1924.

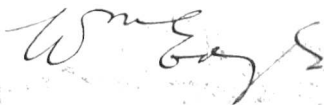
Rt Hon Thomas

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd July, and it gives me very much pleasure to accept your invitation to join the East African Committee sitting in England,

I am very much obliged to you for the honour you have done me in asking me to join this Committee.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



Rt. Hon. J. n. Thomas, M. P.

7th July, 1924.

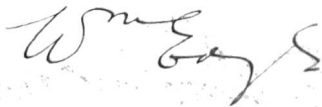
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Yours faithfully,



Rt. Hon. J. R. Thomas, M.P.

June 30th 1924

My dear Thomas

I need hardly say how flattered I am that you should have chosen me to help you with Eastern Africa by serving on your Committee & on the Commission; or with how much pleasure I put my services, for what they may be worth, at your disposal in both capacities.

Yours sincerely

Reginald Berkeley

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas M.P. &c.
Secretary of State for the Colonies

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The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas M.P. &c.
Secretary of State for the Colonies

~~to send~~ 4/7
X Mr. Bottrill
The court building 7/7

3rd July, 1924

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Yours sincerely,

J.N.S.

Mr William Edge.

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July 4th, 1924.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation of last Tuesday, I am enclosing a few particulars for your information.

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|----------------------|--|
| 1916. | At War Office, with Lord Derby.
(Derby Scheme) |
| 1917 - 18. | Ministry of National Service.
Parliamentary Secretary to
Sir Auckland Geddes. |
| 1918 - 19. | Local Government Board.
Parliamentary Secretary to
Sir Auckland Geddes. |
| 1919 - 20. | Ministry of Labour.
Parliamentary Secretary to
Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Horne.
(Demobilisation of Army etc.) |
| 1920 - 22. | Downing St.
Assistant Government Whip. |
| 1922 - 23.
(Dec.) | Assistant National Liberal Whip.
(Mr. Lloyd George) |

I am not engaged in the Cotton Trade, but am generally interested in the various trades of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

I have been for 10 years, and hope to be again, the M.P. for Bolton, the largest cotton constituency in the Country.

My Firm has extensive dealings with the Bleaching, Dyeing and Finishing trades.

I am a Director of William Edge & Sons Ltd., of Bolton - Dye and Chemical Manufacturers, with Depots and Branches throughout the world.

My private address is:-

Ribble Lodge,
Lytham. Lancs.

In London:-

18, Abingdon Street,
Westminster.

finds me.

Best wishes

Yours faithfully

Wm Edge

Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, F.C., M.P.,
125, Thurloe Park Road,
London S.E. 21.

2 July 1924

Dear Thomas,

I enclose a formal acceptance
of your invitation. As I had you this
evening I was at Lyons from Friday
last to this morning early
and my letters were not forwarded
to me.

Yours sincerely,

A. Churchill

2 July 1926

Dear Thomas,

I am both honoured and gratified by the invitation conveyed in your letter of 27th June to serve on the Committee to consider various problems connected with East Africa and a small Commission to visit the territories concerned.

Yours sincerely,

A. L. Murch.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas P.C. M.P.

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London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

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TELEPHONE:
MUSEUM 8614.

TEMPORARY OFFICES:

INSTITUTE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH,
(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)
MALET STREET, W.C.1.

June 24th. 1924.

Dear Mr Thomas,

With reference to your letter of June 18th and to my reply of June 19th, would you kindly note that the Board of Management of the above School agree to my serving on the Committee which you are appointing to deal with East African affairs: indeed they welcome the possibility of co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Balfour

The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.
Colonial Office,
Whitehall. S.W.1.

88, EATON SQUARE,

S.W.1

24th June, 1924.

REPLY TO
THIS ADDRESS

My dear Thomas,

I have only just come back after being away with my yeomanry in the North, and I must apologise for not having answered your letter sooner. It is very good of you to invite me to serve on the East African Committee, and I should very much have liked to do it, but I am afraid I have already almost more on my hands than I can well discharge, and I therefore hesitate to take on new work, and in doing so fill a place in which someone else would probably be more useful.

Thank you very much for thinking of me.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund Howard

United Services Club,
Pall Mall, S. W. 1.
26th June 1924.

Dear Secretary of State

I shall be very pleased to accept your invitation to serve as a member of the Committee which you are appointing to consider the various proposals connected with Eastern Africa.

Yours sincerely

Lord Curzon

Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas,
P. C., M. P.,
Colonial Office, S. W. 1.

Mr. Southborough

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23rd June, 1924

Dear Lord Southborough,

I have just heard from Lord Arnold that you have been good enough to accept the Chairmanship of the Committee which I have appointed to advise on the administration of the British East African Dependencies, and I am writing to express to you my warm thanks for having so readily undertaken the task.

I feel sure that your long experience of public administration and your knowledge of Imperial problems generally will be of the greatest value in connection with the present enquiry.

Again thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

JAT

His Rt. Hon.
Lord Southborough, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.S.I.

To 6.24

Dear Thomas

Many thanks for

your letter I have

just received a very

kind note from

Oliver saying he

was misinformed and

that he did not wish

to suggest that the

Duke of Devonshire & I

had not been "characterized".

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Yours sincerely
W. H. Auden

PORTFIELD HOTEL,
SIDMOUTH

S. DEVON.

June 26 1924

My dear Thomas,

As I telegraphed you this morning
I accept with pleasure your invitation
to serve on the Committee
I have decided to appoint to
consider various problems connected
with Eastern Africa. I quite understand
that the Committee will
not go then country. I am
only too glad to be of service to
the Committee with a subject

where I am deeply interested,
and I think you would
be opening me the open []

Alfred []
Henry []

M. R. []

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Secretary of [] for the []

27th June, 1924

Berkeley

Dear Church,

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Yours sincerely,

JH

Captain R. Berkeley, F.P.
Major A. C. Church, DSO., MC., MP.

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Yours sincerely,

JHB

19th June 1924

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Mr J H Thomas M.P.
Colonial Secretary

Dear Thomas,

As I was aware that you
desire to announce the names
of the Committee for East Africa
I accepted nomination as a mem-
ber.

With regard to the other subject
I will give an answer early next
week.

Yours sincerely
W. S. Hoyle

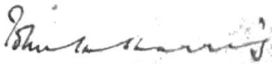
19th June, 1924.

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Many thanks for your letter. I shall be most happy to do anything in my power to assist the Committee which is being formed to consider certain matters affecting the territories of Eastern Africa, and beg to thank you for giving me this opportunity.

I have to be away from London during September, because I always attend the Assembly Meetings of the League of Nations in Geneva, but, apart from this, I am at your service.

Yours sincerely,



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19 June 1924

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The Right Hon

J.H.Thomas M.P

Dear Mr Thomas,

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterdays date asking me to serve as a member of the Committee on Eastern Africa affairs which will sit in this country.

I shall be happy to take part in this work .

Yours sincerely

H. Snell

19 June 1924

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at present.

I am coming
on Wednesday 2.5. Yours
to attend the Royal
Foster Party and hope
to call at the Colonel's
office about 12. o'clock

not.
Perhaps I may be able
to see someone there who
can instruct me further.
Again thanking you,
Believe me,
sincerely yours,
The Right Hon. Mr. W. H. Murray

W. H. Murray
His office for his services.

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The Right Hon. R. White, M.P.
P. H. Young
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6. ERSKINE HILL,
GOLDERS GREEN, N.W. 11.

Dear Mr.

Wickett
June 26/84

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My dear Mr. Wickett

I appreciate very much
your efforts to assist on the Committee
in regard to London you give me a
little more information. I should
like to see the terms proposed
and know something of the proposed
The fact is, I am very ready to
do the work if I am satisfied
that it is possible to serve to
the Party. I am sincerely anxious
to help the Party - especially
the people towards the native races.

But I should like to see you
more often, that I can
see you. My own interest is
about all the land question.

Yours sincerely
G. W. Robinson

46, CHELSEA PARK GARDENS,

LONDON S.W. 3.

June 19th., 1924,

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date in which you inform me that you have decided to appoint a Committee to sit in this country to consider various problems connected with Eastern Africa and that you desire that I should serve upon it. I need hardly say that I am, of course, completely at your disposal.

Sincerely yours,
J. H. Thomas

The Right Honble.

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CITY 5732.

333-350, THE ROYAL EXCHANGE,
MANCHESTER.

19th June, 1924.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
H. M. Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office, Downing Street,
LONDON S.W. 1.

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Having devoted the major portion of my life to travelling in tropical Africa and to assisting in the solution of problems connected with its economic development, I am a pronounced optimist as regards the future of that country, which I feel convinced will eventually prove second to none in the Empire as regards the provision of raw materials for our industry and markets for our manufactures; therefore I have much pleasure

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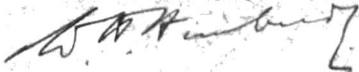
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Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. H. Hinbury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

From Mr. W. H. Hinbury.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

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TELEPHONE:
MUSEUM. 8814.

TEMPORARY OFFICES:

INSTITUTE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH,
(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)
MALET STREET, W.C.1.

June 13th. 1924.

Dear Mr Thomas,

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date conveying your kind invitation to serve as a member of the Committee which you are appointing to consider various problems in connection with Eastern Africa. I would esteem it a privilege to serve on this Committee and if my Board of Management grants me permission, I shall have much pleasure in accepting your invitation. The Board meet for the first time on Monday next when I will take an opportunity of placing your letter before them and obtaining their decision. Thereafter I will again communicate with you on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.
Colonial Office,
Whitehall. S.W.

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 with great regret I find I must
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Buxton

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Buxton

18 June 1971

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Mr. Hon. J. H. Thomas, T. D. P. C.
Secretary of State for the Colonies
Downing Street

Dear Thomas.

I shall be happy to serve on
the Committee to consider problems
connected with Eastern Africa
as requested in your letter of
his date.

Yours faithfully

A. S. Royce

18 June 1971

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Mr. Hon. J. St. Thomas, T.W. P.O.C.
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to which I ought to
endeavour to respond

Believe me

Yours truly

T. Edmund Harvey

The City of Boston

J. H. Thomas, Jr.

Secretary of State for the Com.

19. 11. 1924

Dear Mr. Thomas

In reply to your letter
of yesterday I write to say
that I shall feel it
a privilege to accept your
invitation to serve on

the Committee on Envoys, Spain

Questions which you are
about to set up.

19. 10. 1924

Dear Mr. Thomas

In reply to your letter of yesterday I write to say that I shall feel it a privilege to accept your invitation to serve on the Committee on East African

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Respectfully yours

T. Edmund Harvey

The Registrar

J. H. Thomas, M. A.

Secretary of State for the Colonies

19.10.1924

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Sincerely
 A. H. H.

June 18. 1964

Yours truly
 J. H. Thomas B. C.

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Terms of Reference to Committee.

To consider and report as to the steps to be taken to implement the principle enunciated in the White Paper Cmd. 1922 of July 1923 that native interests in East Africa must be paramount but that the legitimate

(a)
To consider and report on the measures to be taken to accelerate the general economic development of the territories in question and the means of securing closer co-ordination of policy on such important matters as transportation, cotton growing, ~~and the~~ ^{of} control human, animal and plant diseases.

(b)
The steps necessary to improve the social condition of the natives of East Africa, including improvement of health ^{and} economic development, and general conditions ~~of life.~~

(c)
The economic relation between natives and non-natives, with special reference to labour contracts, ^{labourers} care of ~~natives~~, certificates of identification, employment of women and children.

(d)
The taxation of natives and the provision for services directed to their moral and material improvement.

Discussions ...

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EAST AFRICAN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION.

1. As a result of our discussions we decided to recommend that the Committee (to meet in this country) should first be appointed, and that the terms of reference and constitution of the Commission (to go out) should not be settled yet. The Committee would be instructed to submit as soon as possible an interim Report showing on what subjects local investigation is required and in what dependencies, and then the Secretary of State would (without necessarily adopting in full or confining himself to the recommendations of the Committee) proceed to constitute the Commission and decide on the terms of Reference. The Commission would of course be in no way subordinate to the Committee, to which it would not report.

It does not seem possible in any other way to avoid an overlapping of function between the two bodies.

2. We have prepared a draft (annexed) of terms of reference to the Committee, with an explanation (which would have to accompany the published statement of the terms) of the reasons for omitting education and amalgamation. Certain points now under reference to the Governor of Kenya have had to be included: this is a little unfortunate, but they cannot be left out.

3. Still confining ourselves to the Committee, we have prepared a "panel" from which the members might be selected. Many omissions would have to be ^{made} ~~left out~~, as a Committee of more than (say) ten members would be unwieldy. We have appended notes to the names to show how they came to be included.

W.C.B.
See also memo prepared by W. Strickley & attached as an appendix giving a short ^{of} what had been said in the debates on the subject. # 2. 13/21/24

The following points are excluded from the terms of reference:

1. Native Education The Secretary of State has a standing Committee of experts to advise him on this matter. Native Education in East Africa will come up as soon as the Committee has the benefit of the investigation made by the unofficial Phelps Stokes Commission and the report of its Secretary, who has accompanied that Commission.
2. Amalgamation of Administration. In the present diversity of political conditions in the various parts of Eastern Africa complete amalgamation is not practicable. Much has already been done to secure unification of policy and co-ordination of administrative action, and there is no doubt that every effort should be made by conferences between Governors or between corresponding Heads of Departments to extend the field of co-operation as far as possible. Where the interests of the territories appear to conflict, the final decision must rest with the Secretary of State, but subject to this the report of the Committee on the means of securing closer co-ordination of policy will be of great value.

Suggested Panel for Committee

(The names are not in any definite order).

The Right Honourable Earl Burton

(Ex-Governor General and High Commissioner, South Africa. Led deputation of April 4th).

The Right Honourable Edward Wood, M.P. (Conservative)

(Ex-Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. Went on a Mission to West Indies, was much interested in East African problems and would command general confidence, including that of the Anglican Church).

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(Late Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. Accompanied Mr. Wood to West Indies. Went fully into East African problems when here. Accompanied the deputation of April 4th).

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Sir A. Steel Maitland, M.P. (Conservative)

(Ex-Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, when he was specially interested in East African native land questions. Has spoken in the debates, but his business pre-occupations might interfere with his membership of the Committee).

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Sir S. Henn, M.P. (Conservative)

(Represents a cotton constituency. Is Chairman of the Joint East African Board, and moved the Resolution of April 8th).

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Mr. E. D. Morel, M.P. (Labour)

(His interest in matters affecting the natives of

Tropical

Has made a special study
of questions relating to native
land. Was a member of the
West African Land
Committee.

Tropical Africa needs no note).

Mr. W. Royce, M.P. (Labour)

(Knows East Africa well and has long experience
of railway construction. Spoke in debate).

Mr. Edmund Harvey, M.P. (Liberal)

(Has long been interested in Kenya native land
matters and has pressed the interests of the
Africans earnestly, but with moderation).

Mr. J. Harris, M.P. (Liberal)

(Secretary of the Anti Slavery and Aborigines
Protection Society. The Chief critic in the
House of native administration in Kenya where
what he has said has aroused some resentment).

~~Major Tudor Rees, M.P. (Liberal)~~

~~(Has offered his services to the Secretary of
State)~~

R N Barclay MP

C. Roden Buxton

(General interest in social reform).

Sir H. Rider Haggard

(Has offered his services for the Commission.
Long knowledge of Africa and natives, but
little of East Africa. Well known as an
agriculturist).

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H. Sorell MP

alternatives John Baring

Sir H. Birchenough

(Director - British South Africa Company, Chairman of the late Empire Cotton Growing Committee and a Vice President of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation. Selected for his knowledge of North East Rhodesia matters).

X J.H. Oldham.

(Secretary International Mission Conference and a member of the Secretary of States Advisory Committee on native education in Tropical Africa. Has the confidence of all Protestant Missionary bodies).

W.H. Himbury.

(Manager, British Cotton Growing Association. Has been concerned with the development of native cotton growing from the start. Has personal knowledge of West Africa.)

X Lord Francis Scott or Lord Cranworth.

(Either would represent the Kenya European well. Lord F. Scott would probably be the better, as ^{more} moderate in view, if his health would permit)

Dr. Andrew Balfour or Dr. A.E. Horn.

(As a Medical representative, Dr. Balfour is a member of the Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee and is a distinguished authority on tropical disease and sanitation; but he is a busy man.

Dr. Horn is the Medical Secretary of the same Committee. Long knowledge of medical work in West Africa. He has acted as Principal Medical Officer

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in Tanganyika and has been on a mission to Malaya to report on the Medical and Sanitary work there)

+ Sir Hector Duff. *Long experience in Nyasaland.*

+ J.H. Sinclair.

(These would represent the Administrative side of East Africa. Sir H. Duff was Chief Secretary of Nyasaland and administered the South Western area of occupied German East Africa.

Mr. Sinclair has just retired from the British Residentsip in Zanzibar of which he has had some 28 years. experience, especially of the Arab community)

* Lieutenant Colonel F.D. Hammond R.E.

(Has conducted several Missions of enquiry ^{into} ~~as to~~ Colonial Railways, including those of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika).

The question of official membership - Colonial Office or Department of Oversea Trade - is left over for the Secretary of State's consideration.

As per letter

11/6/24

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I. EXTRACT FROM WHITE PAPER "INDIANS IN KENYA"

PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT JULY, 1923,

(Cmd. 1922).

"Primarily, Kenya is an African territory, and His Majesty's Government think it necessary definitely to record their considered opinion that the interests of the African natives must be paramount, and that if, and when, these interests and the interests of the immigrant races should conflict, the ^{former} ~~power~~ should prevail

But in the administration of Kenya His Majesty's Government regard themselves as exercising a trust on behalf of the African population, and they are unable to delegate or share this trust, the object of which may be defined as the protection and advancement of the native races. His Majesty's Government desire also to record that in their opinion the annexation of the East Africa Protectorate which, with the exception of the mainland dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar, has thus become a Colony, known as Kenya Colony, in no way derogates from this fundamental conception of the duty of the Government to the native races. As in the Uganda Protectorate, so in the Kenya Colony, the principle of trusteeship for the natives, no less than in the mandated territory of Tanganyika, is unassailable. This paramount duty of trusteeship will continue, as in the past, to be carried out under the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the agents of the Imperial Government, and by them alone."

II. DEBATE ON COLONIAL SERVICES VOTE.MARCH 3rd, 1924.

The proposal before the House was to grant a sum of about £3,600,000 for sundry Colonial Services, the principal of which was for railway expenditure in Kenya and Uganda. The Members who spoke before Mr. Thomas made his statement were Mr. Hope Simpson, Mr. John Harris and Mr. Amery. Mr. Hope Simpson in discussing the question of the railways said "I trust that before this railway is constructed the right honourable gentleman will take steps to ensure that this money is not spent in the development of European concessions. After all, the main taxation of that country is paid by the natives. The Europeans do not pay the majority of the taxation. The natives do, and the natives should have the first claim on the railways and on the prosperity which we all hope these railways will bring."

Mr. John Harris called special attention to the importance of the proposed railways from the point of view of encouraging the growing of cotton. He advocated the great importance of encouraging natives as producers of cotton and said "I do not know whether the right honourable gentleman would be willing to consider setting up some form of commission which would face this problem of getting for us such a volume of native production in these territories and that such a Committee should be able to do some real staff work upon this question which would ultimately place our industries in Lancashire in such a position as to be independent

independent of external supplies.

Mr. Amery discussing the question of development generally and especially from the railway point of view was of opinion that "You will not get a satisfactory development in East Africa till you face the problem as a whole and until you in some way or other federate the various parts of it. It is essential from the railway point of view, it is essential from the point of view of the broad development of the cotton resources about which the honourable gentleman spoke, it is equally essential from the point of view of general policy I am sure the House will support the right honourable gentleman in a serious investigation of the problem from the point of view of the unification of East Africa ? "

Mr. Thomas after pointing out that the question was a non-party one said "I do not think legitimate criticism can be levelled against the general scheme of the railways because undoubtedly they are best suited to the places where the cotton is being grown. That, however, does not dispose of the question of the native himself, and here, I think, all sections of the House are apprehensive. I would like to be able to announce the policy but I cannot do so because I do not know sufficient about the subject. However, I am absolutely certain of one thing and it is that more attention ought to be paid to it, and when you talk about doing justice to the native it does not mean in my view, and my conception of justice, merely dealing with his relationship to the employers. I do not mean that at all. We have to see that justice is done to the native. There

is also the educational side of the question, the training of the native and general protection, all of which require consideration. I do not know whether it would be wise to appoint a small Committee to look into the whole question, but at the moment I am favourably disposed towards that course. I do not want to commit myself as to the form of the Committee, but that side of the question will not be lost sight of."

Mr. Edmund Harvey then asked "While the right honourable gentleman is keeping an open mind as to the form this Committee will take can he give a promise that he will have some enquiry made into the principle of trusteeship which was announced by the late Government and which he himself stands for ?

Mr. Thomas replied "The honourable Member means, I suppose, how we shall give effect to the underlying principles laid down in the White Paper. My answer is "Yes". That is the exact problem I mean when I say I want to see what kind of Committee will be best to deal with the matter.

III. DEPUTATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

AT THE COLONIAL OFFICE ON APRIL

4TH, 1924.

The Earl Buxton who introduced the deputation said "The concrete proposal we desire to make to you is that if you see fit you should appoint a special Committee which would enquire into the matter" (the development of cotton growing) — "I presume on the spot in order to see

when

when this new development takes place to what extent the interests of the natives can be duly protected." Earl Buxton said that the proposals of the Deputation were for the moment confined to East Africa and proceeded to say that by the expression "the interests of the natives" he meant the question of the right of natives to the land, the taxation of the natives, their education, and what he described as by far the most important matter for the Committee to consider, the most effective and practical way of enabling natives to take part in the development without their labour either being forced or exploited.

Mr. Thomas said he would take an opportunity, which would arise on the 8th April, of replying to the representations of the Deputation. In the course of his remarks he said "It may be possible that a Committee could be set up, as I say, with very wide terms of reference, and, for the purpose of their own first hand information, ^{they} ~~that~~ ^{there is} ~~from~~ ^{from} that number could appoint a Committee to visit on the spot which would be part of the bigger and more general problem. He further said "I want to say that I am sorry that in some of the debates in the House ~~in~~ in discussing the railway problem seemed to ~~conclude~~ and to assume that the problem of transport was for a particular given area. That is a profound mistake. We could not consider the question of transport except in relation to the whole. But equally it is not good to say we are going to grow more cotton, and we are going to have more transport, with all the commercial advantages that would accrue from

from it, unless we rightly said, yes, but we have got an obligation to see that those who are growing the cotton and that those who are running the transport are to be a first care from a medical point of view as well as from an educational point of view. That is where the question of what I call trusteeship comes in. The other is a commercial proposition and can be considered in its commercial relationship from a business point of view, but the question of education, the care and protection of the native, and above all, to see that regard must be had to his own local prejudices whatever they may be, are all questions of trusteeship.

IV. SIR SYDNEY HENN'S MOTION IN THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS ON APRIL 8TH
1924.

Sir Sydney Henn moved "That in view of the desirability of unity of policy both in the administration and development of the territories of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Nyasaland and North Eastern Rhodesia and the necessity for a comprehensive scheme of transport development throughout East Africa this House urges the Secretary of State for the Colonies to send out to East Africa this year a special commission to report to him on the practicability of co-ordinating policy and services throughout the territories and to advise on the programme of future economic development, especially cotton growing and railway construction."

Mr. Thomas accepted the motion, and said he

was favourably disposed to the appointment of a commission to investigate on the spot, subject to the concurrence of the Treasury, and also to the appointment of a Committee to examine every aspect of the question and advise the Minister responsible. He said it must be a real Committee not only with a knowledge of the subject, non-party in character, representative of all sections in this House and outside, but whose function is limited and must be limited for giving advice to the Minister who alone must be responsible. He said "I want to make it perfectly clear that the visit of any commission to either East or West Africa - and I am not indisposed to consider both, because there is much to be learned with regard to East as there is as to what has happened in West Africa; in fact, I myself, with my very limited knowledge, have come to the conclusion that East Africa ought to be very largely and will ultimately be developed on the lines that West Africa is already - but, in agreeing to that policy, I want to make it perfectly clear that nothing but harm is done by sending commissions, or individuals, or members of a Government which in any way reflects upon the existing administration." As to the terms of reference, Mr. Thomas said "The terms of reference must be my responsibility, but those terms ought to be sufficiently wide to include every aspect of the question."
