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Indians in Kenya

Proposal of Indian Govt

to publish certain correspondence

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Secretary of State

Previous Paper

MINUTES

*10/1/24
Secret*

We are to have an official letter
but I have thought it best to
send this on at once

No comment on the Indian
Office telegram except that on
the first point we should say
do not emphasize the first point
the decision to be illustrated
by publication of correspondence
were those of H. H. Govt

The Viceroys telegram is of
course coming from the Govt of
India point of view, and of
unwisely interpreted it in 1914

Subsequent Paper

means that they do not
care what this chief
publication may do so
long as it switters off
the Council just from themselves.

The question is whether,
as the fact of how are
determined to be made & what
body have no legislation
(if they are not allowed to do
so) in saying there is
obstruction was occurred,
we do not use more by
receiving them by agreeing.

Oct. 26. 1. 1894.

I think that the position
taken by the Council of
the J. O. was perfectly
sound & that the telegram
from the J. O. put it very
bravely to the other party.

I am in favor of resisting
publication. It can be no
good that I can see & may
do a little of harm.

H. J. D.
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I explained to you orally
the meaning my views (as
far as) of the question of
publication parts of the
Mineral Commission (in the
possession of the part of the
that had up to the United
States.

But what you will mention
in saying this afternoon
I believe in the kind of
Mineral letter which represents
the department and views and of
which you official would
be a receipt.

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INDIA OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

25th January 1924.

Dear Mr. Buley,

Your letter of 15th January regarding the
 question of publication in India of certain correspondence
 on the Indian question in Kenya. I enclose advance
 unparaphrased copies of telegrams to me from the viceroy.

January 1924 } Will you please destroy these when you have
 25th January } done with them?

We will now write officially sending copy of the
 Government of India's letter and paraphrases of the
 telegrams. You will see from the telegram of 24th January
 that it will not be an easy task to persuade the Government
 of India to give up the idea of publishing something.

Yours sincerely,



Bottomley Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,
 Colonial Office,
 S.W.1.

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From Secretary of State to Viceroy (Department
of Education, Health & Lands) dated 14th January 1924.

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137. Your telegram 5th January. Kenya correspondence. You will understand that before authorising publication it was necessary for me to consult Colonial Office. Latter have advanced following objections to publication of documents referred to firstly risk of giving handle to critics of resulting decisions secondly publication of any correspondence which has been supplemented throughout by oral discussion would give a defective and misleading impression thirdly demand would probably arise here or in Kenya for publication of further correspondence with consequent risk of reviving whole controversy at time when emigration question is still outstanding.

There is some substance in these objections from Colonial Office point of view and I should be glad to learn what degree of importance as compared therewith you consider attaches to publication of whole or part of correspondence referred to. I understood your telegram of 14th August last to refer to correspondence that passed in July.

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Copy of telegram from Viceroy, Department of
Education, Health and Lands to Secretary of State for India.
Dated Delhi, 24th January 1924. XX
Received 24th January 1924.

Your telegram of the 14th instant, 137. Kenya
correspondence. We appreciate the strength of the objections
advanced by the Colonial Office, but, in view of the fact that
the substance of early portion of the correspondence was
published in White Paper, actual text will be in our opinion,
conducive to a correct appreciation of the situation, and, in
any case, be less liable to give rise to misconceptions than
the rumours of personal interviews current in this country.
We consider that, from our point of view, advantages of
publication outweigh the disadvantages indicated by the
Colonial Office, and, as the agitation in this country has
not abated recently, do not regard the risk of its revival
as material consideration. We now apply formally for leave
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