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Indians in Kenya

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Secretary of State. 12/3/24

Sends paraphrase of letter to Govt. of India refusing to authorize publication of certain correspondence could not accept U.S. interpretation of event leading to substance of letter of 1/22/24

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As regards the first part of 3, I wish that I had logged the appeals to Indian officials, which formed a sort of prelude to our discussions. As I did not, we must leave it alone.

As regards the second paragraph of 3, I understood that there, to my mind the discussion with Lord Olivier, that without going up the principle of control laid down in the White Paper he would be granted, but not found application by the immigration

Subsequent Paper

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as to immigration which we asked for in January 1923? (Probably led by ...)

Any further communication on this subject should
be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State for India,
Industries & Overseas Department,
India Office,
London, S.W. 1.

at the following reference number—
I. & O. 546/24.



INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W. 1

LONDON, S.W. 1.

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27th February 1924.

Sir,

³⁶ With reference to your letter dated 26th February,
No. 4822/24, regarding the desire of the Government of India to
publish certain correspondence relating to the question of
Indians in Kenya, I am directed by Lord Olivier to state that in
deference to Mr. Secretary Thomas's wishes he has informed the
Government of India that he is unable to authorise publication at
present.

2. Paraphrase ~~copy~~ of a telegram addressed to the
Government of India is enclosed.

3. Lord Olivier is advised that the interpretation sketched
in your letter of the events leading up to the Cabinet decision
of 1923 could not, so far as the India Office is concerned, be
accepted without considerable elaboration.

Since, however, as the result of personal discussions
between the two Secretaries of State, he believes that a complete
understanding has been reached as to the procedure to be followed
in dealing with immigration, - at the moment the most pressing
question in view - and since the Government of India have now
been informed that publication of the correspondence cannot at
present be authorised His Lordship does not at present see any
necessity to trouble Mr. Thomas with any comment on that
interpretation.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Walton

Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

S.W.1.

Telegram from Secretary of State to Viceroy, Department of Education, Health & Lands. Dated 25th February, 1924.

25th. Kenya Committee. Reference your telegram dated 25th January. The Colonial Office still strongly desires to publish the report since their concurrence is necessary. I am unable at present to authorise it. Apart from the objections of the Colonial Office, the full committee of the Kenya question is not yet ready for publication now, especially in view of the demand for publication of the correspondence between the Colonial Office and the Governor of Kenya, which the Colonial Office might then be unable to resist. A revival of European agitation might result, which might make it very difficult for Colonial Office to extend sympathetic reception to representations of Committee. In answering questions in the Legislature you might say that pending your Committee's report, and in order that difficulties of their task may not be increased, it is inadvisable to publish at present. You will be careful of course not to hold out any hope of a reversal of present decision.

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Telegram from Secretary of State to Viceroy, Department of Education, Health & Lands. Dated 25th February, 1924.

P. 631. Kenya correspondence. Reference your telegram dated 24th January. Colonial Office still strongly object to publication and since their concurrence is necessary, I am unable at present to authorise it. Apart from the objections of the Colonial Office, the full consideration by your Committee of the Kenya question might be seriously hampered by publication now, especially if it were followed in this country or in Kenya by a demand for publication of the correspondence between Colonial Office and Governor of Kenya, which the Colonial Office might then be unable to resist. A revival of European agitation might result, which might make it very difficult for Colonial Office to extend sympathetic reception to representations of Committee. In answering questions in the Legislature you might say that pending your Committee's report, and in order that difficulties of their task may not be increased, it is inadvisable to publish at present. You will be careful of course not to hold out any hope of a reversal of present decision.
