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## IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS.

Fwds copy of letter from Govt of India, and requests that if and when it is proposed to introduce legislation, Govt of India may be given opportunity to make representations.

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Secretary of State

Previous Paper

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## MINUTES

That the Secretary of State wired Mr. Hale Bishop (August 6th) on 35140:

"It follows that the new Immigration Ordinance, the draft of which is being prepared, will be enacted in due course, so that the term of immigration shall be made desirable and the period of residence less undesirable. Different times for immigration enforcement to be possible as such as 4 yrs satisfied by having the art exist."

The Secretary of State's position analysis of paper of the letter to him even though original of Mr. Hale Bishop, was as follows: "I am of the opinion that the new Immigration Ordinance will be enacted in due course, so that the term of immigration shall be made desirable and the period of residence less undesirable. Different times for immigration enforcement to be possible as such as 4 yrs satisfied by having the art exist."

In the letter of Bishop to the Secretary of State, he referred to the recent visit of Mr. W. G. H. M. to India, and wished him to convey his thanks for the friendly reception given to him.

Subsequent Paper

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## MINUTES.

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN  
ON THIS SIDE

Therefore, although we regard  
it as right the TEXT of the proposed  
legislation will be submitted to  
the Government of India before  
final assent is given, it is necessary that  
we have a copy of the Bill in our hands  
as soon as possible so that the Indian Govern-  
ment may have time to consider it.

W.W.S. 15.10.24.

I am not so sure about  
having an Ordinance with a  
suspending clause. It  
affords a target for  
criticism all the time.  
But, whichever course we  
take, clearly it will be  
better to let India see  
the draft.

G.G.

15.10.24

We can file the draft for  
circulation later & circulate  
it with the Ordinance 10/10

W.W.S.

any further communication on this subject, which I  
desire to—  
The Under Secretary of State for India,  
**Economic & Overseas Department,**  
India Office,  
London, S.W.1  
the following reference quoted  
0.4133/24.

INDIA OFFICE,

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WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W.1

9th October, 1924.

Date: 9th Oct. 1924.  
Place: London



Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copy of a letter received from the Government of India on the subject of immigration into Kenya, and am to state that Lord Olivier would be obliged if a note could be made of the Government of India's request, in order that, if and when it is proposed to introduce legislation on the subject, they may be given the opportunity, for which they ask, of studying it and of making any representations that they may consider desirable.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J/Turner

Under Secretary of State,

Secretary,  
Economic & Overseas Department.

Colonial Office.

No. 384

Government of India.

Department of Education, Health and Lands.

(Overseas)

Simla, the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1924.

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From

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S. S. Bhore, Esq., C.I.E., M.A., LL.B.,  
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

His Majesty's Under Secretary of State for India.

Kenya Immigration Ordinance.

Sir,

In a letter dated the 30th August 1924 Mr. Hope Simpson, M.P., who acted as chairman of the Colonies Committee in 1923 informed the Government of India that Mr. Thomas reserves the right to introduce regulation of immigration into Kenya by legislation immediately he considers that such legislation is necessary in the economic interest of the African native. The Government of India will be grateful if the Secretary of State will kindly take steps to inform Mr. Thomas when the Colonial Office proposes to introduce immigration restrictions the Government of India are given an opportunity to examine the measure proposed and make necessary representations before it actually becomes operative.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. J. W. Bhore

Secretary to the Government of India

47802/24.

Downing Street,

23 October, 1924.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Thomas to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. M. & O. 4133/24, of the 9th of October, and to request you to inform the Secretary of State for India that the text of any general immigration legislation which it may be proposed to introduce in Kenya will be sent to the India Office for communication to the Government of India before it is enacted.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. Steele

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

INDIA OFFICE.

DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT.