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*London, 20th Nov.  
India Office*

Date

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Subsequent Paper

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INDIA OFFICE.

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

16th July, 1924.



*Final is I/O/33712/TT.*  
 Dear Mr. Thomas,

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The Committee are now a day after their interview with you on July 14th have made their suggestion regarding the discontinuance of non-cooperation by Indians in respect of the new Legislative Council quite clear. What they advised suggest was that if the Government are prepared to consider favourably their representations on the subject of the Indian franchise they are prepared to advise Indians in Kenya to accept representation on the following lines as an interim measure pending the next general election, viz. the Governor to nominate on the Legislative Council a certain number on the recommendation of the Indian community, who will arrange amongst themselves for the selection of these representatives. Since this plan does not require Indians to register themselves on a communal roll or commit them to the acceptance of a principle to which they are opposed, the Committee trust that their advice will receive careful consideration on the part of the Indian community.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. Hope Simpson.

Mr. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., P.C.,

Colonial Office,

24th July, 1924

Dear Mr. [Name] Sir:

I regret that I must, without waiting until I am in a position to write to you generally on the representations of your Committee, deal with the point which you mention in your letter of the 16th about the interim representation of the Indians in Kenya.

This point was, in fact, not understood at the interview of the 14th in the sense which you have now explained. We had understood that the proposal for nomination during the lifetime of the present Council was put forward, not as a step towards the common roll, but as a means of avoiding such a step being made impracticable by bringing into existence under the adult franchise a large body of Indian electors most of whom could not be admitted to a common roll; and, as regards the number, the suggested increase from five to seven escaped us altogether.

I shall of course deal with the matter in my fuller letter, but I think that you should know that I have been considering it on the basis which I have indicated.

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