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ALIENS TRADING IN E.A.

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Points ^{out} inadvisability of permitting - and enquires if a certain person named SOHR is employed in Mombasa with the full knowledge and consent of the Govt.

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~~Mr. Bischo~~
~~Mr. Boykomey~~

S. H. New

It appears from ~~Sober~~ doubtful whether Mr. Sohr performed such valuable services to the British cause as the Foreign Office ~~supposed~~ ^{supposed}. He was ~~allowed~~ ^{permitted} to go back to German East Africa with the express permission of the Secretary of State as an exceptional case and there is an end of the matter. Our permission was to return to German East Africa, but he appears from this letter to have made his way to Kenya; as to this we have received no information.

? Reply that they are mistaken in supposing that there is any provision in the Peace Treaty to the effect that no former enemy alien shall be allowed to trade in British or German East Africa for a period of 5 years after the signing of the Peace Treaty. The Peace Treaty, with regard to the repatriation of former enemy aliens from British territory and late German territory are contained in Articles ~~123~~ ¹²⁰ and ~~126~~ ¹²² of the Peace Treaty respectively.

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(I do not see why they should not look this up for themselves) and that legislation has been passed in Tanganyika (late G.P.A.) and Kenya prohibiting any former enemy aliens from entering their respective territories without first obtaining the prior permission of the local Government; and say that Mr. Sohr was allowed to return to G.P.A. as an exceptional case with the knowledge and approval of the Secretary of State in view of strong representations made to him as to Mr. Sohr's services to the British cause.

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Sir,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

I am desired by the Chairman of the East Africa Sub-Committee of this Chamber to draw your attention to the necessity for exercising caution in permitting Aliens to trade in British East Africa. The Committee has been informed that a certain British Firm at Mombasa have, as their representative in East Africa, an ex-enemy alien, whose name is Sohr, and although they are convinced that the firm in question are of the very highest standing, the Committee would like to be assured that Mr. Sohr has been employed with the full knowledge and consent of His Majesty's Government. If special permission has been granted all objection with regard to this particular case will be withdrawn. I am to say that the reason for approaching you, with regard to this matter, is that my Committee are extremely anxious that there should be no danger of trade being prejudiced by it being carried on by any other than British subjects, and they wish therefore wish to urge upon the Government the extreme desirability of the terms of the Trade Agreements in this connection being strictly enforced. These ex-enemy aliens and to the extent that ex-enemy aliens shall be allowed

N.S.K.

11.11.20

A.F.B.

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Mr. Strachey
Sir H. P. ...

Abraham Amery

So proceed.

15.12.20

I would like to see the "G", or they may like the
part that he shall not go to Kenya

Yes.
H. V. ...

C.P.
16.12

N.S.K.

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Mr. ...

The Under-Secretary,
Colonial Office,
LONDON.

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to trade in British or German East Africa for a period of five years after the signing of peace.

If you can submit any comments or observations with regard to this matter your courtesy in doing so will be greatly appreciated.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary

The Under-Secretary of State
for the Colonies
Colonial Office,
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The Secretary
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Sir

I am in receipt of the letter of the 23rd inst. to the effect that you are informed that the Manchester Chamber of Commerce is mistaken in supposing that there is any provision in the Peace Treaty ^{with Germany} to the effect that no former enemy alien shall be allowed to reside in the Africa for a

which were made to his
honour as to the services
rendered by him to the
British Government

(Signed) H. J. HEAD