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MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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ALIENS TRADING IN E.A.

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

Mr. Bushe
Mr. Pollockley

S H New

It appears from your doubtful whether Mr. Sohr performed such valuable services to the British cause in the Foreign Office ~~supposed~~ ^{however}. He was allowed 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 reside in British or German East Africa for 5 years after the signing of the peace treaty. Some of the provisions of the Peace Treaty with regard to the repatriation of former enemy aliens from British territory and late German territory are contained in Article 220 ¹²² and 226 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 C.E.A.) and Kenya, prohibiting any former enemy alien 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]E[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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15/12/20

Mr. Shadley
Sir H. Ryca.

Colonel Amery

So proceed.

6.A.S. 15-12-20

I shall leave at the "G" on the 26th
particular shall not go to Kenya.

C.P.

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H. J. A.

16/12/20

Mr. Ryca.

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8th December 1910. C20.

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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, as will further appear, I 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 therefore wish to urge upon the Government the extreme desirability of the firm of Sohr & Sons in this connection being strictly controlled. Please they will be glad to find the effect that no Ex-enemy alien shall be licensed.

The Under-Secretary,
Colonial Office,
LONDON.

to train 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
LONDON.

to 9th
before 10th Nov

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The Secretary
Manchester Chamber of
Commerce

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Sir,

Mr. Gaudie.

Sir H. Lambeth.

Sir D. Head.

Sir G. Fisher.

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Lord Milner.

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant & to inform you that the Manchester Chamber of Commerce is mistaken in supposing that there is any provision in the Peace Treaty to the effect that no former enemy alien shall be allowed to reside in

Ported or the Capital for a

period of 5 years after the signing of the
treaty.

2. The provisions of the treaty with regard to
the repatriation of former enemy aliens
from British Territories & from late
German Territory are contained in
Articles 220 & 122 respectively.

3. The former article provides that German
nationals who do not desire to be repatriated
may be excluded from repatriation; but
the Allied & Associated Powers reserve to
themselves the right either to repatriate
them or to turn them to a neutral country,
or to allow them to reside in their own
territories", while the latter states that
"The Power exercising authority over such

"... may make such provisions as
they think fit with reference to the repatriation
of their nationals & to the condition
upon which German subjects of European
origin shall be allowed to reside in their
territories".

Reside, hold property, trade
or exercise a profession in
them.

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MINUTE.

Mr.
Mr.
Mr.
Mr. Grindall
Sir H. Lambert
Sir R. Read
Sir G. Fudge
Colonel Amery
Lord Milner

4. In accordance with these
provisions, Repatriation has been
Kenya (including
carried out that it is ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~to~~ ^{to} be done
in the best friendly way
from among alien forces
entering here without
without first obtaining the
prior permission of the
local post.

5. As regards Mr. John
Guttmann was allowed to
return to Germany as an
exceptional case with
Lord Milner's knowledge &
approval in view of the
strong representations

which were made to his
Lordship as to the service
rendered by him to the
British Govt.

(Signed) R. HEAD