

E.A.P. Indentured Indian Labour

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26th March 1922

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2. We do not want to encourage further Indian immigration to East Africa: it is the curse of the country, keeping back indirectly the proper development of the African Natives.

Certainly the Indian Government will not approve of indentured Indian labour emigrating to East Africa on terms of repatriation at conclusion of contract - and on other terms we are much better without Indians.

3. I am willing to try the Maltese labour, if suitable terms can be arranged: we are at present trying the artisans from Seychelles, and we have a few clerks and mechanics from Mauritius, not of pure European descent.

4. The correct solution of the problem lies in the technical and industrial education of the African Natives. Up to date the local Government has failed lamentably in it's duties in this respect, while the Missions have done their little best: both, Missions

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The Government seems to have lacked the funds for this most important work, the scope of which can without difficulty, be enormously increased at once by provident expenditure, and by close cooperation between Government and Missionary Establishments.

The matter shall have my closest attention on my return: the financial-outlay required is the ^{only} consideration.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Edward Northey

Governor E. A. P.

Under Secretary
State for the Colonies.
Downing St. S.W. 1.

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(Sgd.) Edward Northey

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TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies
to the Officer Administering the Government of the
East Africa Protectorate.

(Sent 12.15 p.m. 14th April, 1920)

14th April.

Your telegram of 15th March No. 134 considers
that impossible to get Indian Artisans on terms
suggested. Herthey agrees. Am looking into possibility
of getting Maltese

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Sent 12/15

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Mr. Bannister, 13 April

Mr. Bulteel, 13/4

Mr. Ellis,

Mr. Grindell

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