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INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER.

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NO  
Recommends approval be given to proposal. Presumes part of cost will be borne by E.A.P. Considers no danger of European trade being ousted by Indian.

-Wait for other replies, but return in a month

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Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 15611/1920 of the 15th inst. regarding a proposal for the appointment of an Indian Trade Commissioner in East Africa.

2. I consider that the appointment of an Indian Trade Commissioner would be beneficial as it would offer facilities for the improvement of trade and for the free circulation of merchandise throughout the Protectorate. I am very glad to see that effect be given to the proposal.

3. I presume that no part of the cost will be borne by the East Africa Protectorate.

4. It may be argued that the stimulation of Indian trade in East Africa may act detrimentally on European enterprise, but I am of the opinion that if European trade cannot be maintained on its own merits against Indian competition, it must give way before the more efficient Indian trade. I think, however, that there is no danger of European trade being ousted by Indian as they are concerned with different commodities. The improvement in Indian trade should stimulate European trade. In any event such arguments should not be allowed to interfere with the free development of trade on the most economic lines.

5. The enclosures to India Office letter No. R.S. 8981 of January 30 are returned herewith.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant.

Richard Northey,  
Governor of the East Africa Protectorate.