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MR. B. J. BHISHA

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States investigated case of Mr. Bhishe in March 1919 and decided <sup>no</sup> case for Govt intervention is still of same opinion.

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W. B. Bantley Sir

It really does not seem worth while to reply to R/458 <sup>15</sup>/<sub>20</sub> - unless he writes again, when we may say that I.S. has consulted the Gov. of the East that he is not able to intervene in his case.

? P. B. B.

The man seems to have all the misapprehensions he has shown here in the matter both as to the original suggestion, & as to Gov. S. having had anything to do with him after the trial.

? P. B. B. to C.S. 20.1.5.20 at once. H. J. R. 17/20

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Under Secretary of State  
H. B. Blishe

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 20232/1919 of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. I have the honour to inform you that I investigated Mr Blishe's complaint in March 1919, and decided that this was not a case in which the Government could intervene. Mr Blishe was convicted of an offence against the law and made an unsuccessful appeal to the High Court against the sentence imposed on him. There does not seem to me to be any occasion for introducing political considerations.

2. I am therefore still of opinion that no intervention by the East Africa Protectorate Government is necessary or desirable.
3. The enclosures to your letter are returned herewith.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Yours obedient servant

Edward Maitland

Governor of East Africa Protectorate

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Downing Street, 53<sup>A</sup>

13th January 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration and report, the accompanying copy of a letter with enclosures, from Mr. B.J. Bhishe regarding his treatment by the Government of the East Africa Protectorate.

2. You will doubtless consult Mr. Sanderson, to whom reference is made by the writer in the matter before replying to this despatch.

I have, etc.  
(for the Secretary of State)  
(Sgd.) L.S. Amery.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.



16<sup>th</sup> March, 1920.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No. 65 of 12<sup>th</sup> January enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. B. J. Bhishe regarding his treatment by this Government.

2. Mr. Bhishe made a similar complaint to Sir Edward Northey in March 1919, and after the matter had been referred to the Magistrate who convicted him, it was decided that this was not a case in which Government could intervene. Mr. Bhishe appealed against the conviction to the High Court which dismissed the appeal.

3. I enclose a copy of Mr. Sanderson's observations upon Mr. Bhishe's letter which adduces no new reason for varying the decision already given by Sir Edward Northey.

I have the honour to be,  
Your Lordship's  
humble, obedient servant.

Sd/- G. G. BOWLING

ACTING GOVERNOR.

HONOURABLE  
ACCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., ac. ac.  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

Mr. Sanderson  
3. 20.

March 4th, 1920.

The Honourable  
The Chief Secretary  
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I will remember Mr. Bhishe who in August 1915, when I was carrying on the duties of Intelligence Officer, Mombasa, came to my Office and volunteered the information that the Enemy were obtaining food-stuff from the Fuel Contractors along the Railway Line. I told Mr. Bhishe that if he could find out the names of the Contractors and give more definite information on the subject I would report to Head Quarters. Meanwhile he would have to carry out any investigations on his own responsibility and must expect no assistance.

Then reports began to come in that Mr. Bhishe was creating considerable annoyance among various Indian Communities and I had to inform Mr. Bhishe that I could have nothing more to do with him.

Later, I was informed that a charge was being preferred against Mr. Bhishe.

I know nothing regarding the particulars of the case.

SANDERSON.