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REMOVAL OF UNDESIRABLES ORDINANCE.

The copy draft bill States is not aimed against Indians and is on a par with Uganda legislation. Has decided to postpone its consideration till first meeting of new Legislative council.

W. B. Bowring, Secy to Govt

Copy of Uganda Ordⁿ. No 70 of 2/1/13,
is attached to 865/8/100.

This Ordⁿ. follows the Uganda
Ordⁿ. ~~except~~ verbatim & (§ 5 of
Uganda Ordⁿ) is very closely (§ 6 of
Uganda Ordⁿ)

It does not seem that the Govt should
see the reason - a cause for
uncertainty of the Indians.
We do not suppose there would have been
any trouble.

If the Reg. C^o passes the bill,
we shall get it again in the
form of an Ordinance - so there is
no hurry to do anything about

See 10368 of 20 -

? by night send for general
resolution a copy of the Bill
to the Secy., the Committee of
the Indian National Congress
together with copy of reference
D.W.C. 10 of 1913 calling
attention to §§ 5 & 6 of that
B.D. which the Bill of Novo -
(without further command).

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? So proceed - though 10368 requesting
about a copy of the proposed Bill.

— Sir R. Govt would not object on
of the 1913 form relate to ministerial
Article. And to what mean the
two common terms "as such"; or how
politically" being how "minister". Then
does a "political" term mean an "minister"?

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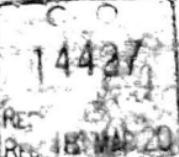
NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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16th February, 1920.

My Lord,



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I have the honour to refer to Your
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Lordship's telegram of the 4th instant, and my cypher
telegram of 9th January, respecting the proposed
Removal of Undesirables Ordinance and to explain
the reasons on account of which the introduction
of this legislation was contemplated.

Governor,
Uganda

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Draft Bill

2. On July 12th last year a despatch dated June 27th, of which I attach a copy, was received from the Governor of Uganda regarding the procedure to be adopted by this Protectorate in dealing with persons removed from Uganda under section 5 of the Immigration and Removal of Undesirables Ordinance 1913. The Attorney General was consulted and advised that the enactment of a similar Ordinance here was the only practical way of giving effect to Sir Robert Coryndon's wishes. It was accordingly agreed in Executive Council that such legislation should be drafted and subsequently published for information and criticism. In pursuance of this decision the Draft Bill, a copy of which I append

RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c. &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

4. The real basis of the opposition I
think lies in the apprehension felt by the Indians
as to the attitude towards them which will be
adopted by the European Community. I am
commenting on this in a general despatch on the
Indian question.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant,

J. M. Weston.

My servant the ACTING GOVERNOR.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

UGANDA,

27th June, 1919.

ANDA PROTECTORATE.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the question of the removal of undesirable Asiatics which I discussed informally with Your Excellency during my recent visit to East Africa. I understood Your Excellency to agree that the presence of such individuals must tend to exert an unfavourable influence on the natives, whose trustees we are, that their removal would have a good effect on public morale, and that the Government of the East Africa Protectorate would render such assistance as was found to be possible.

2. Under section 5 of "The Immigration and Removal of Undesirables Ordinance, 1913", the Governor has power to order any person who is not a native of the Protectorate and who from information officially received is deemed by him to be an undesirable to remove himself from the Protectorate by a certain date ~~propose~~, therefore, to request the Government to issue such instructions as may be necessary when it is considered advisable to do so of any Asiatic whose presence in Uganda is regarded as undesirable in order that I may issue such instructions as appear necessary. The powers will be sparingly used, and only in exceptional cases.

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REPLY ENCL

THE GOVERNOR,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE,

Nairobi.

3. I assume that the Government of the East Africa Protectorate would not be prepared to allow an individual to remain in that country after his removal from Uganda, and I am also advised that it would not be incumbent on me to provide such an individual with a passage to any country other than his country of origin. For all practical purposes, therefore, the discussion of the measures to be taken may be confined to the case of individuals proceeding to India, and I suggest the following procedure.

4. When a decision to remove an individual has been made, but prior to the issue of any order, the Commissioner of Police, Nairobi, will be informed by telegram of the name of the individual, the proposed date of his departure from Uganda, and any other details which he may consider necessary. He will thus be enabled to make recommendations to Your Excellency as regards the desirability of serving a similar notice of removal from the East Africa Protectorate upon the individual as soon as he arrives at Mombasa. I am informed that it is not possible under the Ordinance to exercise restraint on any individual who complies with the order.

5. In order to ensure the identification of the individual concerned, the name of the steamer on which he will be taken locally, and suggest that similar precautions should be taken by the East African Police in order that it may be impossible for him to return to Mombasa.

6. I assume that it will be necessary to inform the Bombay Police in each case, and I should be glad to know if the Commissioner of Police, Nairobi, is prepared to do this. If not, it will be necessary for this Government to be informed of the name of the steamer by which the individual leaves and the date of sailing.

7. I fear that these proposals will entail additional responsibilities to the East African Police but think that the instances in which removal is necessary will be few and benefit will undoubtedly accrue to both Protectorates. I trust therefore that the essential principle of cooperation will be accepted.

8. I may add that any expenditure incurred in the supervision and detention of an individual will be reimbursed by this Protectorate. The cost of rail and steamer fare when necessary will also of course be met from Uganda funds.

9. The cooperation of the Administration of the Conquered Territory is being invited upon the terms conveyed in this despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. T. CORYNDON.

GOVERNOR.

A Bill

Intituled

An Ordinance to Provide for the Removal of Undesirables.

Printed by the Government Printer, Nairobi.

A Bill

Instituted

An Ordinance to Provide for the Removal of Undesirables

1. This ordinance may be cited as "The Removal of Undesirables Ordinance, 1947."

2. Any person who, in the opinion of the magistrate, is deemed undesirable by the magistrate, and is not informed of his offence in writing himself, is reserved is descreed by the magistrate to be an undesirable, who may be ordered by the magistrate to remove himself from the place where he is situated or to be held in such order.

3. Any person, who having regard to the order given under the preceding section, shall be in the opinion of the magistrate, exceeding his power, or who has committed any disorderly behaviour, or is found to be causing trouble to any body, such magistrates may dispense with the notice given under the section, shall not affect the power of the magistrate to issue any further order under the preceding section in respect of the same person.

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Secretary
with Committee of the
Indian National Congress

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Bombay, 28 March

March 1920

Mr. Parkinson, esq. Sir,

Mr.

Mr. Grindall.

Sir H. Lambert.

(10368)

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Fisher.

Mr. Amery.

Lord Milner.

Mr. Peth.

With ref to the letter
from the Ditt of the 3rd of
February, March last, I
beg to say, for your
perusal and information, a
copy of the draft Rescript
of undesirables "Order"
which has not been
received from the Govt.

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