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FOREIGN OFFICE

NATIVE LABOUR

1921

14th Feb

next previous Paper.

Trans copy note from Italian Ambassador requesting information re policy and asking that if possible copies of the ordinances etc. referred to may be forwarded.

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? Enclose a copy of the 1st January
and 5th paper (which contains the circular &
the copy) & say that it will be

obtained that the circular was not sent from the C.O. Say that

the memorial presented to Lord Milner by the delegation

which wanted a loan or 500

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Ans 18 Feb 21

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Quarter of Policy as a whole or on
the defalcations request that
a Royal Commission should be
appointed.

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at once.

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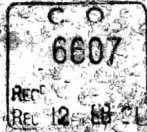
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any further communication
subject, please quote

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to and from by name.

Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, E.C. 1.



THE Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to *The Under Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs* and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper for such observations as *Lord Milner* may desire to offer.

Foreign Office,

Feb. 10th, 1921.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p><i>Italian Ambassador</i> <i>no. 238</i> <i>Feb. 8th 1921</i></p>	<p><i>Conditions of labour</i> <i>in East Africa.</i></p>

Similar letter sent to

REF
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ITALIAN EMBASSY,
London.

February 8, 1921.

My Lord,

The Italian Ministry for the Colonies has been informed that the British Colonial Office recently sent out a circular urging Colonial officials, British subjects, and native authorities, to exercise every lawful influence to assure the supply of labour for Colonial undertakings belonging to Europeans and for plantations in East Africa, and that it is likewise said to have issued a decree which, with some specific exceptions, imposed a measure of compulsory labour for two months with regard to any Government work in that Colony.

The same Department has also been informed that a special Commission waited on Lord Milner in order to submit a memorial on the subject treated by the two decrees mentioned above, and to suggest the expediency of appointing a Royal Commission to examine all questions referring either to the pay, etc., of natives in the African Colonies, or to local labour.

The Italian Ministry for the Colonies is particularly interested in these questions which are being considered by the Government of His Britannic Majesty, as there is also a scarcity of labour in the Italian African Colonies, such as Somaliland. The Department

is:-

The Right Hon.
The Earl Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.,
etc., etc., etc.

would therefore like to have, for its information, a copy of the two legislative enactments referred to above, of the memorial presented to Lord Milner, and of the decision which the Government arrived at in the matter.

I therefore beg to request Your Lordship to inform me whether the particulars received by the Italian Ministry for the Colonies in are correct, and to transmit a copy of the required documents if possible.

With thanks in anticipation of Your Lordship's courtesy in the matter,

I beg to remain, etc.,
(25), G. DE MARSHING.

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U.S. J.S.
Do.

18 February 1921

MINUTE.

Sir

- Mr. Bannister 17 Feb
- Mr. Balthazard
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Read
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28/1/22 of the 17th of Feb with regard to an enquiry by the Helean front with regard to the conditions of native labour in Gabon & to advise for communication to the Station. Enclosed is a copy of a Parliamentary paper dealing with the

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The circular referred to by
de Martini was not received from
the Dept. but by the post of
Korea.

I am to explain that the message
promised to have been by the
which wanted in from on 25th
marked "Private & Confidential"
is regretted in fact that it is
possible to furnish a copy of

I am to add that no decision
has been taken by the Govt either
the question of policy as a whole or
the Department's view that a Royal
Commission should be appointed