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2nd MAY 1921

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Mr. *W. H. B. only 1/1/21*

Mr. *W. H. B.*

Mr. H. Lambert

Mr. H. Reid *5/12*

Mr. G. Fildes

Mr. *Wood*
Mr. Churchill

SUBJECT

POSITION OF INDIANS

AUCTION SALE OF FARMS

Enclosed copy of let. from Govt of India re proposed sale on 8th June. Urges that if it is true only British European subjects are to be permitted to bid that sale should be postponed pending settlement of general policy or that it should be announced terms of notification are subject to any general decision reached. Suggests telegraphic instructions.

Previous Paper

10/2/21

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See also *mt/21226/21*
Unlike the J.O.A., the Indian Govt. wishes the difference between these highland farms & other township plots.

In the present state of affairs, when the whole policy is under revision, the suggestion of J.O. is not unreasonable. *more exp. in view of reply in H.C. on 20/8/21*
? Let. to Gov. Kenya saying that I.S. wd be glad if he wd postpone these sales advertised in General Notice 196 in official

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Check copy after end. 1/1/21
Copy sent for Conf 27 Aug 21 & Govt 25/7/21

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State for India,
Public Department,
India Office,
London, S.W.
and the following reference quoted—
J. & P. 2833/21.

INDIA OFFICE
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WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. 1,
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30th April, 1921.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to refer to the letter from the Government of India, dated 21st October 1920, copy of which was enclosed with the letter on this office of 18th November 1920, No. J. & P. 7865/20, on the subject of the position of Indians in East Africa.

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26.4.21

I am to transmit copy of a telegram from the Government of India regarding a notification stated to have appeared in the Kenya Official Gazette advertising the sale by auction of 16 farms in the Uplands to take place on 6th June under a condition that only European British subjects would be permitted to bid or purchase save with the special sanction of His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Secretary Montagu wishes strongly to support the Government of India in urging that if this information is correct, the sale in question should be postponed, like the proposed sales of building plots at Nairobi and Mombasa, pending a settlement by H.M.'s Government of the general questions of policy referred to in the Government of India's letter of 21st October 1920, or alternatively, if there appear to be a prospect of a settlement being reached before the advertised date of the sale, he wishes to suggest that it should be announced that the terms of the notification are subject to any general decision that may be reached by H.M.'s Government in the interval.

I am to suggest that if Mr. Secretary Churchill agrees to either of the courses suggested above, instructions should be issued accordingly by telegraph.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

F.W. Duke

Under Secretary
of State
COLONIAL OFFICE.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

From Viceroy, Commed Dept. Simla to
Secretary of State for India.

Dated 26th April, 1921.

Received 28th April, 1921. 5.p.m. 609

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