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Date

23RD JUNE 1921

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OR CIRCULATION :-

SUBJECT

CURRENCY

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Enclosed extract from draft of letter to Govt of India and asks if it correctly represents the position.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Bond
- Sir G. Poles
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

Previous Paper

MINUTES

no

30203 (Last case)

W. E. ...

Does your good sample
to advise

MRS

25.6.21

Mr. Batten

I have amended the draft in pencil to bring it into line with the facts. I have left the date of demonstration of the Indian note blank but you can no doubt get the date from your sub-committee.

Unfortunately it was not possible to give any notice of demonstration in the case of the note.

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*Copy of my ...
July ...*

Subsequent Paper

INDIA OFFICE

LONDON, S.W.1.

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23rd June 1921.

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C. Bottomley Esq.,

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Dorling Street

22nd June, 1931.

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Dear Kitch,

In Bottemley's absence I am replying to your letter to him, No. 2.562 of the 23rd June, regarding currency in East Africa.

I enclose a copy of your draft with amendments in red ink to bring it into line with the facts. Unfortunately it was not possible to give any notice of amendment in the case of the note.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) H.F. Butterfield

14/2/1921
EA

Spring Street,

29th June, 1921.

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Dear Kitch,

In Bettomey's absence I am replying to your letter to him, No. F. 652 of the 23rd June, regarding currency in East Africa.

I enclose a copy of your draft with amendments in red ink to bring it into line with the facts. Unfortunately it was not possible to give any notice of amendment in the case of the note.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) H. F. Battelby

14/21/54
LEA
Downing Street.

28th June, 1921.

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Dear Kisch,

In Bottonley's absence I am replying to your letter to him, No. F. 6532 of the 23rd June, regarding currency in East Africa.

I enclose a copy of your draft with amendments in red ink to bring it into line with the facts. Unfortunately it was not possible to give any notice of declassification in the case of the note.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) H. F. Butterfield