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TO: CIRCULATION:—

## SUBJECT

INCOME TAX

Encloses copy of Resolutions passed unanimously at INDIAN MASS MEETING on 14.12.21 affirming former protests and calling for repeal of Ordce. States as to Indian representation in Council when Bill was passed, reduction of licence fees for livestock traders and amendt of I.T. Ordce to provide abatement for wife and children.

Mr. Mankerton Smith.

Mr. Wood

Mr. Churchill

## Previous Paper

No 6

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## MINUTES

Mr. B. D. Stanley

For paper has been unfortunately  
burned in fire-kindle, but I  
don't know any place from  
where he can get it.

It will be sufficient back-up  
to show large the Assoc<sup>n</sup> may  
be anxious that this resolution  
has been removed.

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Mr. J. P. Scott

## Subsequent Paper

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

KENYA.

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I have the honor to transmit at the request of the Indian Secretary of State, a copy of Resolutions regarding the imposition of Income Tax in this Colony.

It should be distinctly remarked that when the Income Tax Bill was introduced in the Indian Assembly by Mr. Radcliffe and Deolalikar were present. It was agreed to leave out the word "and" in the Bill and instead of "or" or "either" it was proposed that the word "and" should be inserted in the original by the Indian Assembly, but it was rejected by the Committee.

It is also understood that the Stock Traders Ordinance, 1921, has received the assent issued to Traders in the State of Bihar & RV. 50.

It is also desired to amend the Income Tax Ordinance, 1921, which was passed on December 31st last and to do so under alias it, an abatement of 25% up to a maximum of Rs. 50/- each with subsidiary abatements of up to a maximum of Rs. 25/- each child under 12 years of age, Government supported, illegitimate or not in the case of a widow.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

THE RIGHTEOUSABLE

WINSTON CHURCHILL, P.C., M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 107 of 23.1.1922.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A MASS MEETING OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY HELD UNDER THE JOINT AUSPICES OF THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION AND INDIAN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THEATRE ROYAL ON WEDNESDAY, the 14TH DECEMBER, 1921.

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The Indian public of Nairobi are by now well aware of the mass meeting held on December 6th, 1921, at the Royal Theatre, Nairobi, of the Indian Association and Indian Merchants Association, at which the Indian community demanded for reasons of health to be taxed without any increase in the tax paid on the Executive Council, and its members. An additional amount was to be hit off the Indians, and especially all Indians in Government service, in the name of the Public Health Tax. This income tax was imposed to meet the increased cost of the administration of the Colony, and it is now impossible to assess the number of Indian families whose requests did not meet the said sum, and therefore, we urge the Colonies to repeal the said Ordinance.

This mass meeting is further of opinion that the direct taxes in the form of Poll Tax, trading licensing fees, increased rent of plots under temporary occupation, licenses, live stock trading licenses, and the various Municipal rates and assessments are calculated to paralyse the whole community and to tax it out of existence, and do not permit of any further direct taxes being levied on the country.

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The Indian public of Nairobi are by now well aware in the mass meetings held on the 14th December, 1921, of the general protest made by the members of the Indian Association and Indian Merchants Association, it was the unanimous resolve passed for the following reason:

That the Indian on the Legislative Council and its relatives, be publicly summoned so to hit the Indian community especially in GREAT SHAME.

That the Indian public of Nairobi, in view of the terrible disabilities imposed upon them by the Government, and particularly the introduction of the new Ordinance, which makes it impossible to obtain under the Indian Ordinance, requests the right of the Self-government, except for the colonies to repeal the said Ordinance.

This mass meeting is further of opinion that:

- 1. Direct in the form of Poll Tax, trading licensing fees, increased rent of plots under temporary occupation, licenses, live stock trade, licenses, and the various Municipal rates and assessments are calculated to paralyse the whole community and to tax it out of existence, and do not permit of any further direct taxes being levied on the country.

This mass meeting further protests against and keenly resents the false pretext under which the proposed amended schedule to the said Ordinance has been recently introduced to hit the poor class Indians specially, viz, the existence of a considerable number of polygamous among the Indian community of Kenya, and emphatically asserts that the existence of Indians with more than one wife in Kenya is infinitesimal.

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Mr. Brett April 10.

Mr. Butterfield

Mr.

Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Grindall.

Sir H. Lind.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Hood.

Mr. Churchill.

Sir,  
I have the honour to  
ack. the rest of your desq,

No 107, of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan,  
forwarding, at the request  
of the Indian Assoc'

copies of resolutions  
regarding the imposition  
of income tax in the

Colony, and to request you  
to cause the Assoc<sup>t</sup> to  
be informed that the  
resolutions have been

I am

(Signed) WINSTON S. CHURCHILL