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DATE

13TH NOVEMBER 1922

FOR CIRCULATION :-

SUBJECT

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- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Read 17/11/22
- Sir J. Masterton
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

BROTHELS

Reports passing of amendt to Municipal Corporations Ordce authorising REGULATION as well as suppression. Understands Bishop of Mombasa is protesting. Asks if he may assent to Amendt.

*Details in subheads of bookkeeping attached*

Previous Paper

MINUTES

800  
36544  
09

*Sir H. Read*

*The Ord<sup>ce</sup> (in 36544/09) gives power in § 45 (14) to make bye laws for the suppression of houses of ill fame if it is proved intended to law power to regulate them. Pending without any definite information as to what they mean by regulation, I cannot help thinking that it is a direct attempt on the part of the Council in connexion with last year's Public Health Ord<sup>ce</sup> (No 3648/21/14) that there would be no "regular inspection" of brothels. On this point and on the financial grounds...*

*Tel. No. 18th November 22*

Subsequent Paper

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anything in the nature of  
 State recognition of vice  
 is certain to provide  
 better opportunity here, it  
 is a great pity that the  
 Ordinance has passed without  
 prior reference to the  
 Governor has very rightly  
 withheld assent pending the  
 S. J. S. approval.

A very desirable line on  
 this question has been taken  
 at home for the last 40 years,  
 and with only the law & long  
 and the different interests &  
 feelings a different attitude  
 the home feeling must  
 be restored.

Telegraphic, that we must  
 have full information by  
 support of the terms of  
 the Ordinance and what it is  
 intended to do, and  
 refer to the committee on  
 the Public Health Ordinance.  
 [That committee is awaiting]

Yes.  
 H. J. R.

before considering  
 the matter further  
 the S. J. S.

but that, so far as  
 he can judge from  
 present information,  
 the amendment is  
 very undesirable, —

unfinished as they do not appear  
 to have waited themselves of the  
 degree of latitude which the S. J. S.  
 permitted. They may have  
 concluded that it was better to  
 do so under the Municipal  
 Corporation, Ordinance, and Ordinance  
 but they don't say so.

C. C. 17. 11. 22

Sam. J. <sup>18. 11.</sup> Doughton - Smith

There is possibility of know-  
 ing the same.

Is it as suggested above?

H. J. R.  
 17/11/22

7th  
 at sea  
 18. 11.

Mr. Amely. 9am  
 (6. 11. 22)

seen W. J. 27. 11. 22

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C. O.

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TELEGRAM

From the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies.

REC-15 NOV 22

Dated 13th November

(Received Colonial Office 9.40 a.m. 15th November,  
1922)

397. 13th November. Legislative Council has  
unanimously passed amendment to Municipal Corpora-  
tion Ordinance authorising regulation as well as  
suppression of Brothels by rules to be approved  
by Governor in Council. I understand that Bishop  
of Mombasa is protesting to Archbishop of  
Canterbury May I assent to Amendment which I con-  
sider highly desirable.

CORYNDON.

or C 3.

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Brothers by rules app. 1844  
Honourable silver god Thomley Bishop  
UNANIMOUSLY  
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APPOINTMENT  
UNDER (AND) FINAL

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Bombay is protesting to Archbishop of  
 London Marvellous anti-beam amendment  
 a dille consider highly desirable  
 London



Sir N. Read  
Mr. Spence.

Letter from the Council of Cambridge -  
revelation of Bristol in 1709.

20 Sept. 1871

Papers enclosed: I do not find a reference to  
the debate in the E. A. Standard of Nov. 11 (it  
may have been in the daily edition) but see  
the report in the Standard of that date - p. 16  
Oct. 2.

as word on the app. the power to approve  
was vested since 1709, & the explanation  
of the debate would be that they are not  
claiming but replacing the 1709 Ord<sup>s</sup>

I remain aff.

C. Col.

8/12/71

S. J. S.

Draft letter below. Do you approve

Yes  
S. J. S.

S. J. S. has signed the letter

Yes 9/12/71

Mr. Bottomley  
Soc. 11

Letter of  
CWS 12/12

Lambeth Palace S E.

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6th December 1922.

My dear Lord Duke,

I have received a letter from the Bishop of Mombasa—a very reasonable and capable man—a copy of which I enclose. He sends also a cutting from the East African Standard, Kenya. In that report the Attorney General of the Colony is said to have urged that by putting in the words 'suppress or regulate' instead of words originally proposed—the mere words 'regulation of brothels'—"there would be a better chance of obtaining the Secretary of State's sanction". The Governor then added "that he did not think that the Secretary of State would agree to the word 'regulation' only". Accordingly the Resolution was modified by the insertion of the words 'suppression or' with a view to conciliating the Secretary of State.!!

I am quite sure that if it became known in England that rules were receiving the sanction of the Secretary of State which provided for the "regulation of brothels" there would be a considerable outcry. There are few subjects upon which those who think on these subjects feel more strongly, and it is quite clear that you ought to know what is passing. I think the Bishop of <sup>Mombasa</sup> Bombay is a man to whose opinion on such a matter real weight may be attached. He was for many years in India, where he was much trusted and



did admirable work.

I am

Yours very truly,

*Herbert W. Mombasa*

His Grace

The Duke of Devonshire, K.G.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Copy)

Bishopscourne, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

November 11th 1922.

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My dear Lord Archbishop,

I was horrified to read in our local paper this morning that in the Municipal Corporation Bill now before the Legislative Council powers were asked for the "regulation of brothels". I had not the faintest idea that the matter was coming up and have had no time to consult others with a view to concerted action. I shall write unofficially to the Colonial Secretary here and inform him that I am writing to you by the mail that leaves to-morrow, for of course the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies is necessary before the law can be passed in this form, and I am anxious that those at home who have influence and feel deeply on the matter should be able at any rate to prevent a clause like this being rushed. The Chaplain of the Scotch Church here has promised similarly to write to the authorities of his Church. Knowing that I can count on Your Grace's sympathy, advice, and help,

I am

Yours faithfully and obediently,

(Signed) R.S. MOMBASA.

The Most Rev.

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

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My dear Lord Archbishop,

DRAFT.

most Rev. His Grace  
 Lord Archbishop  
 of Canterbury

MINUTE.Mr. ~~W. Wood~~ ~~W. Wood~~

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Road.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Wood ~~W. Wood~~ ~~W. Wood~~Mr. ~~Wood~~ ~~Wood~~

Duke of Devonshire.

Your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> about  
 the proposed regulation of  
 practice in Hong Kong did not come  
 to me as a surprise, as the Examiner  
 had informed me by telegraph that  
 the Bishop of Hong Kong had sent a  
 petition to the Govt.

The position is that the provision  
 was passed by the Legislative  
 Council but that the Governor,  
 very properly, ~~and~~ withheld his  
 consent pending my approval.

That approval I have refused  
 to give until I have full information  
 on the subject by letter despatch,  
 and you may be assured that  
 when I deal with the matter I  
 shall treat carefully in mind  
 what you say and the story generally.

(I think of course the Colonial  
Office <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~) which exists  
in this country against any  
advance of the land.

I trust, as you will realize,  
give full consideration to what  
may be put before us as to the  
denial of such a measure  
in the local circumstances, but  
but you will appreciate from the  
attitude which I have already taken and feel  
that there is no doubt of my  
 hearty acceptance of the local view.

Yours very truly

9th December, 1922

My dear Lord Archbishop,

Your letter of the 6th about the proposed regulation of brothels in Kenya did not come to me as a surprise, as the Governor had informed me by telegraph that the Bishop of Mombasa had sent a protest to you.

The position is that the provision was passed by the Legislative Council but that the Governor, very properly, withheld his consent pending my approval.

That approval I have refused to give until I have full information on the subject by despatch, and you may be assured that when I deal with the matter I shall bear carefully in mind what you say and the strong feeling (which of course the Colonial Office appreciates) which exists in this country against any measure of the kind.

I must, as you will realise, give full consideration to what may be put before me as to the desirability of such a measure in the local circumstances, but you will

at Reverend  
Grace

appreciate

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, G. C. V. O.

appreciate from the attitude which I have already  
adopted that there is no danger of any hasty acceptance  
of the local view.

Yours very truly,

*S. D. ...*