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FOR CIRCULATION :-

Mr. Ellis
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 Mr.
 Mr. Grindle
 Sir H. Lambert
 Sir H. Reul
 Sir J. Masterman Smith
 Mr. Wood
 Mr. Churchill

SUBJECT

REFUGEES FROM SMYRNA

States as to difficulty of finding suitable accommodation and enquires as to possibility of finding accommodation for a small number in E.A.

Previous Paper

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 See 7508

= See 70/51895/22 Cyprus

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Subsequent Paper

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I have this through Sir E. and then
 via his headquarters office, but it
 is not very definite but
 says refugees landed
 of these people.

Apart from the fact that they
 are not Greeks, we have nothing
 else but this date is not
 certain and there are many
 unknowns.

Uganda is out of question as
 we do not have large
 areas as many countries as it
 can do with its people.

MINUTES.

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE

race pictures by the
introduction of a large number
of black leather moccasins
clad in your clothes. Native
European culture, however,
was nothing but what they
became at first but this
in the Highlands; they
are already bound to
entirely to cut up from a
removal of such a
habit & appearance had
for the Indians of the country
at Lake Superior. Much
plainer and of course
more fitted. It may come in
time to mind, however, that
such a state of

There can be no question of
finding a permanent home
for the people by
the fact that the little
country is not there
is little demand for labor
and life in itself, in
itself, in itself, in itself
is a complete and absolute
basis in itself.

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Tanganyika is out of the question
and so are Nyasaland & Somaliland.
We cannot even have one person
without population properly, and places
dependent on Treasury assistance
cannot put up a fleet of persons.

The suggestion is - properties are
to be turned down at once.

During the war there was a smaller portion with C.S.
regarding to refugee Indians. During

the war we did better than G.O. Cossor
now it's still not the
situation in that case, some
objection in that case, some
of these objections will probably
apply to the present measure

H. J. R
20/5/22

In any further communication
on this subject, please quote
No. E 11089/27/44

and address.

not to any person by name.

but to—

"The Under-Secretary of State."
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1

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FOREIGN OFFICE. S...1.

18th October, 1923.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Marquess Curzon of Kedleston to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the problem of finding suitable accommodation for refugees in the Near East is causing him serious preoccupation.

2. Over five hundred thousand refugees have already reached Greece from Asia Minor, and His Majesty's Minister at Athens points out that it is not possible to accommodate in Greek territory the further half million who are now leaving Thrace and Constantinople, without risking a serious calamity. On the other hand it is not possible for these people, most of whom were deeply compromised on the side of the Allies during the war, to remain under Turkish rule.

From which many of them have already fled more than once.

It has now been suggested that a certain small number of the refugees, more especially those who, not being of Greek race, have no claim on the Greek Government, should be accommodated in certain British colonies, more especially in East Africa.

3. I am to request that Lord Curzon may be furnished with Mr. Churchill's observations on this subject at an early date.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Lancelot Duffield.

Under-Secretary of State.
Colonial Office.

~~Mr. Justice~~ ~~Admitted~~
Mr. Battaray ~~Aug. 21, 19~~

Draft revised after meeting

with you. B/7586/18 appears
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to be the paper to which Sir
H. Read refers, but we did not
write to the F.O. on that paper,
and it does not seem possible
to make use of the argument.

On it nothing, I understand.

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Lefton
Sir H. Read

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E.A. Malta, Cyprus.

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DOWNING STREET.

24 October, 1922.

Sir,

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THE U.S.O.F.S.

FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Mr. Jeville 21.10.22.

Mr. Batterbee 21.10.22.

Mr. Bottomley 21.10.22.

Mr. Ellis 23/10

Mr. Glegg 23/10

Mr. Strachey 23/10

Mr. Trenholme 23/10

Sir H. Read 23

Sir J. Maudling Smith 23

Mr. Wood 23

Mr. Churchill 23

For CONSEN.

B/7586/18 E.A.P. is
presumably the paper
referred to in Sir H.
Read's minute; but there
is no draft to F.O. on
it.

M.J. 21.10.22.

Our Mil. We don't want them
if unorganized.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary

Churchill to acknowledge the receipt

of your letter (No. E. 11098/27/4)

of the 18th of October, regarding the

question of finding accommodation for

refugees from Asia Minor, Treace and

Constantinople.

2. With regard to the suggestion

that accommodation might be found for

some of the non-Greek refugees in

certain British Colonies, more

especially in East Africa, I am to

request you to inform the Marques

Gurson of Kedleston that the Secretary

of State regrets that he would be un-

able to contemplate any arrangement

introduction of these persons into the

Dependencies in Eastern Africa, where

there

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there is no suitable land available
for their settlement, and where the
prospects of their being able to support
themselves without assistance from the
local Governments (which ~~would not in~~
~~any case be given~~) must be regarded as
extremely doubtful.

3. It would in any event be
necessary for the Secretary of State
to consult the Governors concerned

before he could agree to such a pro-
~~posal which offers administrative guidance and social~~

~~aid~~ but the prospects of their

concurrence being obtained are so

remote that he regrets that at

present advised he would not feel

justified in approaching them.

4. I am to add that there can be
no question of providing a permanent
home for these refugees in Cyprus or in
Malta, where the Governments have
little or no land available for aliena-
tion, and there is but little demand
for labour.

I am etc.,

(Signed) H. J. R.