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FROM

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INDIA

24TH FEBRUARY 1922

TO COLONIAL

SUBJECT

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POSITION OF INDIANS

Mrs. Gurdle

Encloses copy of telegram from Committee of Indian MERCHANTS' Chamber and the B.I. Colonial Merchants' Assocn Bombay protesting against policy outlined by S. of S. at E.A.dinner.

Sir H. Lambot

+ Sir H. Read

S Sir Massey Smith

Mr. Wood

Mr. Churchill

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Mr. Secretary

Mr. Pardotan

for two years has been related to
the S of S. who has always been very
kindly & his son is now a very
active young man in Uganda.

1 Feb 1922

Acting Secy

Next Day

any further communication on this subject should
addressed to me.

The Under Secretary of State for India,
INDIA OFFICE,
India Office,
London, S.W. 1.

(The following reference quoted)

L.O. 0. 547/22.

Victoria 2000, I.D. Reg. No.
Name:—
Rotaxanday, London.



INDIA OFFICE,

8850 BRITISH HALL,

LONDON SW. 1.

25/22

14th February, 1922.

Six,

With reference to the letter from this office
dated 16th February 1922, re L.O. 0. 367, relating to
the Indian public in Kenya, see also by Mr.

Montagu to transmit for
Churchill, copy of a telegram
from the Committees of the Indian
and the British Indian Colonial Merchants
Bombay.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary
India Office and Overseas
Affairs.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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The Purshotamdas Thakordas to Secretary
of State for India, 16th February 1922

Received 17th February 1922 6 PM

The Committee of Indian Merchant's Chamber and British
Indian Colonial Merchants' Association, Bombay, have read
Mr. Churchill's speech at First Indian Dinner with great
concern and genuine disquietude. It constitutes a
violation of promises and pledges of equal citizenship
rights for Indians in the Empire. This violation is especially
resented, as Indians have been admittedly pioneers in
developing East Africa. By Committee's appeal to you not to
accept, but to modify the decision announced by Mr. Churchill
so that it may be in keeping with natural rights.
As common subjects of King-Emperor with white settlers
Indians feel that such an attempt to sacrifice them
after repeated unequivocal pledges, betrays lack of
courage and further lack of courage to hold scales even between
Indians and white settlers. Confirmation of this policy
bound to rankle ever in India.

Purshotamdas Thakordas, President.

FOR CIRCULATION:-

Mr.

Mrs.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Wood 15/1/22

Sir M. Hartington Smith. 10

Mr. Wood

Mrs. Churchill

SUBJECT

POSITIONS OF LEADERS

Enclosed decipher of telegram from Mercury reporting resolution in Indian Council on 23rd February re strong feeling of reservation at S. of S. speech by H. A. Hopper, and giving resume of debate. Has approved publication of tel in India.

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Sir H. Wood

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cont'd and 3rd

I am not sure about the first sentence about Major Hopper's speech having been omitted, as the message has been delivered to me. I feel that the omission of the first sentence of the first part of the message.

1. It is useless to comment on the answer - negotiation or the time of giving away any thing leads nowhere. 2. probably

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For further communication on this subject, write
to the Under-Secretary of State for India.
COLONIAL OFFICE
LONDON SW.1

VISITORS BOOK - 10. MAR. 1922
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RECORDED LONDON.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Office dated 23rd February 1922, I enclose herewith and previous correspondence on the subject of Indian policy in Kenya. I am directed by Mr. Secretary Minto to transmit for the information of Mr. Secretary Churchill decypher of a telegram from the Viceroy, reporting the text of a resolution adopted unanimously in the Indian Council of State on 11th February, and giving a resume of the debate thereon.

Mr. Minto has approved the transmission of India's proposal in regard to publication of the telegram.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. A.

Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

COPY OF THE MURAI.

From Viceroy's Secretary

Dated Delhi, 28th February

Received 28th February, 1922, 10 a.m.

L.S.O.

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Priority A.

The following resolution was carried unanimously in Council of State on 23rd instant.
Begins (Beginning) This Council recommend to submit to Governor-General in Council that he should communicate to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India the strong feeling of resentment aroused in this Council, and in the country generally, by speech of the Right Honourable Winston Churchill delivered at East African dinner last night. Ends. (Ends.)

3. Most of the members present took part in the debate, including influential land-holders, merchants, titled persons in the upper conservative element generally well disposed towards Government for example Raja Sir Harnam Singh, Raja Sir Gopal Singh, Raja P.N. Roy of Dighapatia, Sir Dinesh and Sir Umariya Khad. The debate revealed the same strenuous feeling as was shown in the Assembly but was even more so in the fact that the Government of India should not be allowed to have a free hand and however strongly supported.

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felt here.

3. With regard to immigration, he said that the existing ordinances were suitable and there was no need for a departure therefrom. That the English language test would effectually shut out Indians, and that any limited imposition permitted as to restrict Indian immigration would be a grave mistake. He accepted policy of the Immigrant Control Act of 1917, the Crown Colony and Protection of Native Lands and held that it had been well received.

4. General criticism of the bill.

Revenue

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felt here.

3. With regard to immigration, the existing ordinances were sufficient and there was no need for a departure therefrom. That an English language test would effectively shut out Indians and that any limited imposition permitted would be restrictive. Indian immigration would be a grave threat to our accepted policy of the minimal control of immigration. The Crown Colony of the Highlands and Islands has been suggested.

2. The following

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Mr.		
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Mr. E. Lambert		
Mr. I. Read	Encloses copy of report of debate in Indian Legislative Assembly on 9th February 1922.	
Bir S. Stevenson Smith		
Mr. Churchill		
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G.W. 15/2/22 Indian Robin Brown	<p><u>See Notes</u></p> <p>There is nothing doing at present in this direction. The India members from the south said that the S.G.S. proposed dealing only with freedom from, and other than the question of representation, which is the most important, presumably as there were some left open.</p> <p>The members of Congress do not ignore the fact that if they ignore the fact that, if rights of citizenship "which is</p>	

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