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25TH JUNE 1923

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RE: 2 JUN 23

CIRCULATION :-

Mr. *K. S. ...*

Mr.

Mr.

Asst. U.S. of S.

S. H. ...
27/6/23

Permt U.S. of S. ✓

Part U.S. *(initials)*

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT

POSITION OF INDIANS

DELEGATION FROM KIKUYU ELDERS

Reports fully as to meeting with Kikuyu Association. Points out growing interest of Headmen and Elders in political issues of all kinds. States they desire message to be sent to H.M. expressing their loyalty and gratitude for the care bestowed on their welfare.

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Very interesting.

Kingani is an old & trusted Kikuyu chief.

As to para 6 - we have not taken up in our memorandum the question of the appt. of Indians to higher branches of the service. The Indians have urged this, but it was not regarded as one of the "practical points at issue" for decision by H.M.

It is only fair to say that if we had in Kenya really good class Indians filling some of the higher appts, the natives might thus come in contact with Indians

Answered Conf 7 Aug 23

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MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE.

who might command respect. And as things are, the native view is quite intelligible.

In para 7 - this assurance of loyalty with things must be rather well of. It will be a great day for S. of. when the Prince of Wales can visit the dependencies on the East Coast.

On para 8 - we can express appreciation of the offer, but we are not likely to want the Kikuyu to come.

? all: receipt & thank for full statement & express appreciation of the way in which the S. of. has dealt with the application from the Kikuyu elders - say that

The Elders should be informed that S. of. has conveyed to H.M. the message of assurance of their loyalty & gratitude for the care invariably bestowed upon their welfare & that the King was pleased to receive the assurance most graciously -

[We must trust the local S. of. to put this into appropriate Kikuyu.]

(2) that the Elders will have understood from the recent pronouncement of H.M. that the interests of all the African tribes in Kenya will be most fully safeguarded -

& (3) that S. of. appreciate their readiness to proceed to the country if at any time their presence for discussion of matters affecting their interests is considered desirable - but that they may rest assured that the S. of. will be kept fully

fully up. through the
Gov. of Kenya of any
views which they may
wish to express.

Probably, when the Dis.
has gone. P.S. might
send to Lt. Stamford
a copy of the address
Mr. for the King to
be ready with a
suitable reply has
been sent through
the only to the assurance
of loyalty.

all
11.7.23

As proposed?

The prolonging of the
of any encroachment upon their
land is very proper & will have
any support here. Part, at all
events, of the Kenya Revenue is
a National dividend to many of
the Europeans ("they don't seem
to have seen the railway?") but
there has been no real demand
for several years.

It is all to the good that the
headmen should take an
interest in political matters.

You certainly
A.S. 312

Yes - that is a
real - serious
danger.

K.S.

The main danger is that they
may be left behind by the
progressive union and the tribal
organization built down
altogether.

C.S. 27.7.23.

to J.S.

27/11/23

S.P.

You should know how the dispute
? As proposed

A.S. 312.

Interesting - I agree to
course proposed.

D.31.7

W. H. H. H.

To see Col. Wigram's
letter annexed.

S.P. ? Public. all

If course Col. Wigram 11/10/23
does not know of the body
or body - otherwise between
the local Indians & we certain
reaction of the natives.

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