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KENYA

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10TH OCTOBER 1923

NATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Quote tel. recd from local agents of Messrs Griffiths & Co: as to circulation of leaflets from Report on Contractors' Treatment of Native Labour to Private Enterprise Committee. Local Agents apply for copy of Report should request be granted. Telegram reply.

U.S. of R.

*See H. H. Hall*

*19/2/23*

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U.S. of R. 20 X 23.

Secretary of State

Previous Paper

MISCELLANEOUS

*I have in the study, copy of Report on 1923 and have made some corrections regarding other parts.*

*We could not submit that any number of the 10 copies before Sir John Scott Griffiths, and (both very good copies of the original) number of the (2) I think that such action is properly in order. And the report is rather more than if the original had not been submitted.*

*We can also (2) Tell Sir John Scott Griffiths that the action is not in order.*

*File to Gov 20 Oct 23*

Subsequent Page

18th Nov 20

Minutes of Committee

held in Hall

at 8.00

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E. Hall  
Secretary of the C)

18th Nov 20

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6th C

Lawyer - 168 things

take this over

Call the whole book for (6)

6th Nov 19.10.22.

Jan in favour

of (4)

H. J. R.

19/10/22

Having just read

and the other day.

In H. Hall & roughly for  
Group and last Secretary

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is (Juggles, not sure) about

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Wally 29.10.22

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name, regarded as the

Reference: No. 40-41, 2nd Edition  
I regarded the matter as closed  
and the Committee has not  
discussed it since.

If the document has shown to  
Norton Griffiths by a member of  
the Committee it has done without  
the Committee being informed.

Would you like me to mention  
the matter at the meeting of

My dear Amnesty Com,

Thanks for yours of yesterday

with copy of telegram from the  
Governor of Kenya. I am afraid  
I am there in light on the  
question how Norton Griffiths

came into possession of the  
document to which you refer

24. 10. 17.

was concerned itself could find  
no solution amongst the members  
of the committee. Some members  
wanted to push forward the  
reform; others argued that it was  
expedient to wait & to give an  
opportunity of engaging with the  
Chargés. I told the committee  
that I agreed with the former  
opinion but I was unable to  
formal evidence. I then signed

was permitted to offer their ex-  
planation of the things complained  
of. I added that I assumed  
that the document was confidential  
and that it could not be dis-  
seminated to them without the  
authority of the Council of State  
I submitted a translation  
to the Council, and I received  
verbal information that you would  
not say anything and that you  
did not wish to communicate the

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*[Handwritten signature]*

TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies.

Dated 18th October.

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(Received Colonial Office 10.45 p.m., 18th October, 1952)

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No.303 18th October Following is copy of telegram received from local agents Griffiths and Company Limited. Message begins - View of substantiating their contention that contractors cannot handle native problems equally to Government Colonial Office have circulated pages 86, 88, 90, 91, 92, 94 from 1922 report Kenya Native Affairs Department Native Civil Servants extending to railways to members of private enterprise committee for their final meeting to-day this accuses you gross neglect of duty and will do incalculable harm (?) obtain copy. Although too late for Committee we must have your considered report for circulation to Committee Members and for reference if necessary in House of Commons. Sir John Griffiths Message ends.

Local Agents apply for copy of report. Should request be (? granted). Please telegraph reply.

CO 533 298

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of incalculable harm<sup>(?)</sup> obtain  
copy or although to call for  
committee we must have your  
condensed report for circulation  
to committee members and for  
reference of necessary in House of  
Representatives in the long run  
message etc

Local needs apply for  
copy of report. Should request be  
(? granted) to obtain copy of report

Answer



an incalculable loss (70) obtain  
it for although to call for  
bona fide we must have your  
careless report for circulation  
to the committee how best and for  
reference necessary in House of  
Commons and the staff. The  
average is

Local reports sent by you  
copy of report should request be  
granted to please to sign and reply

Yours

50988/23 Kenya

23 October 1923

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Dear Lord Ronald Dunsany

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for the Hon. Secy's signature

C. D.  
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I enclose a copy of

DRAFT.

Re the  
Land Office,  
S.I. G.C. 10.

MINUTE.

22-10-23  
23-10-23

a telegram which has been received on the C.O. from the Governor of Kenya, from which you will see that the extracts from the 1922 Report of the Kenya Native Affairs

Depts. which were circulated to the Private Enterprise Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, have been brought to the notice of Sir John Norton-Griffiths, M.P., and by him to Messrs. Griffiths and Co., Ltd., the contractors for the Nairobi-Jaricho Railway

Mr. Clerk  
Mr. G. G. G.  
Mr. H. J. J.  
Mr. J. J. J.  
Mr. K. K. K.  
Mr. L. L. L.  
Mr. M. M. M.  
Mr. N. N. N.  
Mr. O. O. O.  
Mr. P. P. P.  
Mr. Q. Q. Q.  
Mr. R. R. R.  
Mr. S. S. S.  
Mr. T. T. T.  
Mr. U. U. U.  
Mr. V. V. V.  
Mr. W. W. W.  
Mr. X. X. X.  
Mr. Y. Y. Y.  
Mr. Z. Z. Z.

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(let) 18.10.23  
(50988/23)

23/10/23  
I suggest this is in  
the hands of the  
land office  
Lord

*Handwritten mark*

It is evident from  
the telegram that Sir John  
Austin further has been made  
acquainted with the  
contents of the document which  
was presented to the Committee,  
and that he has not only  
been able to get to the  
bottom of the matter, but has  
been able to get to the  
bottom of the matter. I must  
say that a horrible secret  
has been made known to the information  
and has been made known through  
a member of the Committee; and  
I am therefore informing you at  
once of what has happened.

I should be glad to  
have your views on the matter

It is evident from  
the telegram that Sir John  
Austin's papers have been made  
available to the Government such  
as to be sent to the Committee,  
and I am sorry to hear that  
it is not possible to give to the  
Committee copies of the papers  
of the Report for which the  
Committee were asked, ~~and~~  
I think a terrible breach  
of confidence in the information  
was made which was through  
a member of the Committee; and  
I am therefore informing you at  
once of what has happened.

I should be glad to  
have your views on the matter

before giving any instructions  
 as to what answer should  
 be returned to the enquiry  
 in the last para of the  
 Governor's telegram.

DRAFT.

MINUTE.

- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. C. [unclear]
- Mr. G. [unclear]
- Mr. H. [unclear]
- Mr. J. Masterton Smith.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Mr. [unclear] of Devonshire.

Low [unclear]

(34) W. [unclear]  
 Secy

SPLA

Grp 50988 Kauru

Coded - 1st  
585 pm  
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DRAFT.

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- Mr. [illegible]
- Mr. G. [illegible]
- Mr. G. [illegible]
- Mr. H. [illegible]
- Mr. J. [illegible]
- Mr. [illegible]
- Mr. [illegible]

You let [illegible]

No. 303 [illegible]

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Wm. W. [illegible]

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