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## SUBJECT

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ORDINANCE

Reports as to proposals put before Indian Congress. Consideration whether sufficient should be provided for unskilled and Indian doctor literary qualifications for their electronics.

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*S. B. [Signature]*  
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Secretary of State

Division Paper

MINUTES

On Oct. 17, 1968, at 58700

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

Dated 1st November, 1923.

(Received Colonial Office 11.45 a.m. 2nd November, 1923.)

Priority

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1st November.

Your telegram of 27th October Deputed Proposed put before the Indian Congress 2nd October was as follows. It is further proposed that the following Sub-Section should be added to Section 4 of the principal Ordinance (I) is unable to read write and speak one of the recognized languages in common use in the Colony. ~~AND~~ The opinion of Congress is desired as to whether such a literary qualification for Indian voters and whether that proposed will allow wide franchise to Indian community. The leader of the Arab community and the Commissioner of the Coast had already recommended the literary qualification of Arabs. It was therefore originally proposed to include literary qualification but on further consideration by the Executive Council it was felt that Indian and Arab franchise should be as wide as possible. Further no literary qualification is in force for European electors and it was felt that if such included for Indians and Arabs it might be necessary to make similar qualification in the European franchise which according to the White Paper was not intended in any way to change. I consider manhood suffrage should be provided for in the bill but if Indians and Arabs favour literary qualification for Indian and Arab electorates their wishes in the matter should be acceded to. I shall be glad of the earliest authorisation to this in the Legislative Council. Yours informs me (that) no reply will be given by the Indian Community until the Congress meets about third week in November.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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

Dated 1st November 1952.

(Received Colonial Office 11.45 a.m. 1st November 1952)

Priority

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1st November.

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Your telegram of the 28th October has been received and has before the Indian Councils and I have been advised that it is further proposed that the proposed amendments be added to Section 2 of the Indian Councils Act, 1952, so as to enable the Councils to read wide and broad representation in common use in the Councils. It is desired as to whether the proposed amendments to the qualification for Indian voters should be included in the Bill which will allow wide franchise to Indian community and the Government had already recommended the Bill to the Indian Councils. It was therefore originally proposed to include the proposed amendments in the Bill but on further consideration it was felt that the Indian Councils should be as wide as possible. Further no franchise should be in force for European electors and it was felt that such included for Indians and Arabs in the proposed Bill. It makes similar qualification in the proposed Bill. According to the White Paper was not intended in any way to change. I consider method sufficient could be provided for in the Bill but if Indians and Arabs favour franchise for election for Indian and Arab electors their wishes in the matter should be accorded to. I shall be glad of the Government's authority to this in the Legislative Council. Yours faithfully (Signed) no reply will be given by the Indian Councils until the Council meets about third week in November.

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of a telegram from the Government of Kenya

1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1953Received in the District Office at Nairobi 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1953

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Priority

1<sup>st</sup> November


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 Colony"

Note understood the  
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 a literary qualification  
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 that proposal will  
 allow wide franchise  
 to Indian community.

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For. Tel. 27 Oct  
10700/45

From For. Tel. 1 Nov  
55120/45

On the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. the ~~State~~  
of ~~Kenya~~ sent to Lord  
Puck a copy of a letter from  
the Gov. of Kenya giving  
the substance of the Report  
sent to amend the 24<sup>th</sup>

Council Order 1919, and you  
will remember that some time  
ago I agreed by Lord  
Puck a reply in which  
I suggested  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. London  
copy of that reply.

I saw your letter  
copy of the tel. sent to the for-  
warded to me on the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct  
and I understand that the reply

to the first question in the  
tel. of the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct.

the words "in the community"  
and that the reply to  
the second question

begin with the words "The Union of  
the South is necessary"

It is not as that in fact,  
which is to be done with  
entire justice. The  
whole is very fine &  
I hope to that the  
God send northern people  
will be provided for Indian  
rights, no part of the  
Indian interests, justice  
& economy. I hope for  
that the people of the  
South will be in the  
the best of the

If I had eyes,  
the Duke of Devonshire  
propose to reply that  
the Gov. may make  
the statement. I hope  
please, let me know  
exactly what I feel  
you see my objection.

18th March 1841

begin with the words "The burden of  
the world is on our shoulders"

It is not as that in fact,  
which is true, with  
certain possible  
which by way fill the  
day. (I) That the  
God think narrow enough  
to be provided for Indian  
religion, no part of the  
Indian religious practice  
- literary practice? for  
that religious education  
to be within the limits  
of the world.

If both had agreed,  
the burden of the world  
proportionately light - that  
to go, may make  
the statement. Let you  
please, let me know  
equally whether it had  
agreed seen any objection.

*[Signature]*