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31 October 1923.

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Mr. Perkins  
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Asst. U.S. of S.

SUBJECT IMPERIAL CONFERENCE  
Status of Indians  
Telegram from Secretary of State  
to Governor of Kenya

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Secretary of State.

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S of S's Telegram of 1 November (Expt)  
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~~PARAPHRASE~~  
TELEGRAM

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

(Sent 8.15 p.m. 21st October, 1923)

Personal and Secret.

J. Masterton  
Smith  
consideration  
J.M.S. 31.10.  
of S.  
Devonshire  
31.10.

For three sessions last Wednesday last Monday and  
to-day Status of Indians in British Empire has been discussed  
at Imperial Conference. Discussion is now concluded. Prime  
Minister Great Britain in winding up discussion made a state-  
ment terms of which had been settled in consultation with me  
regarding the position of Indians domiciled in British  
Colonies and Protectorates including Kenya. All speeches  
made during three days' discussion will be issued to Press  
tomorrow Thursday night for publication on Friday morning.  
I send you in separate telegram text of statement in order  
that there no misunderstanding may arise as to British  
Government's position in adhering to July decisions.

DEVONSHIRE.

ad Clerk.  
sorry but  
must go.  
ight.  
J.V.S.  
31.10.

PARAPHRASETELEGRAM

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

(Sent 1.10 p.m. 1st November, 1923)

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Personal and Secret.

Indian question. My telegram of yesterday.

I assume that you will not allow any newspaper comments upon conclusions reached at Imperial Conference or unauthorised versions of those conclusions to disturb yourself or others. You will now have received from me verbatim text of Prime Minister's statement on behalf of British Government. This statement makes it quite clear that no hope of British Government revising July decisions has been or could be held out to Indian Delegation Imperial Conference but that I could not refuse to receive any representations that a Committee to be appointed by Government of India might desire to make to me as to position of Indians whether in Kenya or elsewhere domiciled in the Colonial Empire. Most unlikely that Government of India will appoint Committee to meet me before middle of next year. In any event necessary steps will proceed to implement July decision.

DEVONSHIRE.

Masterton  
with  
consideration.  
W.S.  
1.11.23

of Devonshire.  
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(Munley) see.

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Extract from Conclusions of a Meeting of the Cabinet held on 11th December, 1923, at 12 noon.

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