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APPT OF AN INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER

1920

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Last previous Paper

To distinctly in favour of as likely to divert a large quantity of foreign trade. Suggests consultation with Sir M. Murray.

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East India home goods do not
import

May 13. June 14 no reply from
the Foreign Office & Murray
and Sir M. Murray also do not
comes to my office (the office
has been closed below)

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Mr. B. Murray

Spoke with Dr. R. Ferguson
today - He agrees with
Sir M. Murray - He does
not see India Trade
Coming in office
but he does not see

Subsequent Paper

had a very cold spring

was often rainy

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April, 1920.

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10/5/29
 I have the honour
 to acknowledge Amery's despatch No. 174 of
 telegram No. 188 of the 29th instant
 the suggested proposal of the
 Committee of the East African
 Conference.

1. The discussions held at the
 Conference on the subject of
 India's monopoly of
 Indian Empire's foreign
 trade which is now
 foreign controlled and amounted to about 90%
 of the total.

2. Geographically India is very favourably situated for taking advantage of such an opportunity. Sea transit is comparatively short compared with most competitors and the Suez Canal

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RIGHT HONORABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., A.C., A.C.,
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
 DOWNING STREET,

dues are avoided.

4. Moreover an improvement in our trade relations with India would possibly have a beneficial effect in reducing local prices, which are abnormally high at present, and would also furnish an answer to those who claim that a legitimate outlet for Indian aspirations in our African Colonies has so far been denied to them.

5. I am, therefore, distinctly in favour of the creation of the proposed post and I have suggested that Sir Edward Northey be consulted in connection therewith.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient's

Obedient, Obedient servant,

John Murray
ACTING GOVERNOR.