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MR MAYER

NATURALISATION

1920

7th September

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Sends copy of note of interview with Mr Mayer. Case has warm sympathy especially as he has come from Kenya under a mis apprehension but there was no way out.

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Mr Mayer
You will perhaps see that Mr Mayer is a
rather able man
I find from your letter that he would be a letter
in support of his application for
naturalisation.

Mr Parkerson

Letter sent to Mr Mayer at present held, through Mr
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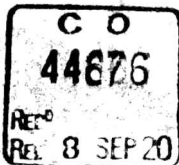
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13th September, 1920.

Dear Sir

I saw Mr. Mayer, whom you sent to me yesterday with a note, and think that the best way of informing the Colonial Office of the situation is to send you a copy of a note I have written of the interview. Mr. Mayer's case aroused my warm sympathy, particularly as he had come all the way from Kenya Colony under a misapprehension, but there was no way out. As you will see, I did what I could for him where we have any power, e.g., as regards the Aliens Order.

*Yours truly**John Pidd*

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Mr. Mayer called at H.O. on the 6th September with an introduction from the Colonial Office. It appeared in conversation that he had not understood - ~~as~~ ^{was to be thought} ~~was indicated~~ in the Colonial Office letter of the 19th August - that it was necessary for him to reside for 12 months in this country before he could be considered eligible for naturalisation. He expected to be naturalised at once and produced papers and told me facts relating to the services rendered by him to the British Empire particularly during the war, which made out an extremely strong case for doing everything possible to give him British nationality; but, as I explained, and he eventually admitted, the provisions of Section 2 (2) of the Act of 1914 made immediate naturalisation impossible. Mr. Mayer will, I think, go back to Kenya Colony in order to put in the necessary year's residence there now that that territory is British. He may then be qualified for naturalisation by the Governor of the Colony under Section 8 of the Act of 1914, but as to this H.O. cannot express an authoritative opinion.

It may be noted that Mr. Mayer came to this country with a certificate to the effect that "his British nationality is recognised" in Kenya Colony. This is somewhat irregular as it is quite clear that he has no British nationality, and all the certificate means, and ought to say, is that the authorities of Kenya Colony treated him to all intents and purposes as a British subject.

Mr. Mayer enquired whether he must register as an alien in this country, and I said that that point, unlike the naturalisation point, was one on which the Home Secretary had discretion to make concessions, and promised to look up his papers and see whether he could be exempted under Article 14 of the A.R.O., 1920 from the provisions of that Order. I added that in the meantime it was not necessary for him to register

register with the Police.

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I think he may properly be exempted from Part 2

of the Order. I have written to him ^{by that effect:} ~~the copy~~

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