

EAST AFR PROT

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India

Position of Indians

1920

8 Jan

Last previous Paper

M/1366

Reports copies report Economic Comm^{tee} be furnished for transmission to India. In copy has been from India & proposals of reply being sent. Trusts deputation from Indian Community before every family also supports S. B. Robinson's deputation to S. Africa etc. afterwards visit B.E.R.

Mr. B. Robinson & Mr. G. P. ...

Para 1.

[Faint handwritten notes]

say that copies are not available but have been kept & that if S.D. with us will visit ... copies direct to ...

Para 2.

say that ... may be assumed that ... will not fail to attach full weight to the views of the Govt. of India in regard to the matter ...

Recd. 23 Jan 20
Copy to Mr. ...
... 23 Jan 20
... 1920

Last outgoing Paper

M/1538

1588/20 - may that it is
 considered that the Governor
 is the representative of all
 classes of the community
 in B.S.A., European Indian
 Arab & others - that the
 Gov's discussions should be
 with the Gov. ^{only} who is cognizant
 of the facts - but that
 a reputation is sent to this
 country by the Congress from
 day to day, so that all
 be placed in the way of
 its coming & it may be
 assumed that it will
 not be ^{with} ~~placed~~ to receive
 it - subject to proviso
 that B.S.A. will not
 give an undertaking that
 no decisions affecting the
 Gov. will be taken until
 such reputation has been
 [done] -

(A)

(B)

Page 3.

This is separate copy
 as to the B.S.A. relations with
 the Gov. (in [the]) & to
 Gov. (in [the]) - so we
 are then this part of
 the Gov. - simply referring

How in
 circulation
 with
 also
 being
 problem

+ send copy of this concept
to Li. S. Mather only.
for info when taking
summary action re 1588/20.

acc'd

15.1.20

? Omit [A]. Of course the defination
ought to be accurate & not to low down,
& probably will, but we must be told
that it is wrong so that it shall
[In fact should be corrected to recommend for further
correction]

15.1.20

I will also omit (B). re $\frac{2.1}{1588}$

H. J. R.

15.1.20

[Col. Am. ... 1588]

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State for India,
Public Department,
India Office,
London, S.W.

and the following reference quoted—

J. & P. 22/20.

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INDIA OFFICE.

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WHITEHALL
9 JAN 20
LONDON, S.W.

8 January, 1920.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with Sir Herbert Read's letter of 17th December last, No. 69641/1919, regarding the position of Indians in British East Africa, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit a paraphrase of a telegram which has been received from the Government of India on this subject. I am to enquire whether copies of the Report of the Economic Commission which was the subject of a question and answer in the House of Commons on 22nd December may be furnished for information and transmission, as requested, to the Government of India.

Paraphrase of the reply which is being telegraphed to the Viceroy's enquiry as to the present position is enclosed herewith. As regards the representation of Indian interests at the forthcoming discussion with Sir E. Northey, Viscount Milner has already had before him the views of the Government of India expressed in their despatch of 24th June 1919 and the consideration thereof in Sir T. Holderness's letter of 15th August 1919, No. J. & P. 4027. It is noted that Sir T. Holderness's further letter of 21st December 1919, No. J. & P. 7227, regarding the urgency of the question of the elective representation of Indians on the Legislative Council will be brought to His Lordship's notice on his return from Egypt. Mr. Secretary Montagu does not doubt that full weight will be attached to the point of view of the Government of India on the questions at issue in Lord Milner's conversations with Sir E. Northey. I am to suggest, that if there is no objection, the relevant papers might

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might perhaps be communicated to the latter in advance for his information or any preliminary observations. As regards any further representation of the Indian point of view, for which it may be possible to afford an opportunity, I am to observe that it appears from a telegram addressed by the Rev. C.F. Andrews to Lord Sinha (of which a copy is enclosed) that the Indian community may contemplate sending a deputation. If they should proceed with such an intention Mr. Montagu hopes that they may be granted all practicable facilities.

As regards the third paragraph of the Government of India's telegram I am to refer to the Government of India's telegram of 13th November last, copy of which was enclosed with the letter from this Office of 22nd December last, No. J. & P. 7285/19. I am to enquire whether the Secretary of State for the Colonies is prepared to agree to the suggestion that Sir E. Robertson's deputation to South Africa, which is now expected to take place, should afterwards visit British East Africa (as well as Uganda) for the purpose of discussion with the colonial authorities. It will be seen that the Secretary is anxious to make an announcement on this subject and I am to request the pleasure of your early reply.

I am, Sir, the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant,

R. E. Howard

Copy of telegram to Secretary of State from Viceroy,
Commerce & Industry Dept., d/- 30th December 1919.

P. (? 1085-D). Reference E.Africa. It is gathered from reply on the 22nd instant in the House of Commons by Amery to a question by Bennett that Milner and Governor will shortly discuss whole matter of Indians in E. Africa, with special reference to E.Africa enquiry commission report.

2. Considerable anxiety is being caused by the situation that has arisen, which is not fully understood in India. Please forward copies of the report in question and inform us fully by telegram of the present position. Meanwhile, it is hoped that arrangements are being made by you in order that at the proposed discussion Indian interests will be fully represented.

3. Please see my telegram No.82-D, dated 18th November 1919, in this connection. Have Colonial Office agreed that Robertson's deputation should proceed to E.Africa also? If this could be announced immediately it would assist in allaying anxiety.

Copy of Telegram to Viceroy, Commerce & Industry Dept.,
d/- 7th January 1920.

P. E.Africa. Reference your telegram of the 30th ultimo. Governor is now here and when Milner returns from Egypt will discuss general Indian question with him. As to Indian interests, full representation is being asked for and importance of the particular question of elected representatives on the Legislation Council has been urged. Reference is invited in this connection to my despatch of the 25th ultimo, No.185 (Public).

As regards proposal that Robertson's deputation should visit E.Africa, reply of Colonial Office will be telegraphed when received.

Copy of telegram from the Rev. C.F. Andrews to Lord Sinha,
d/- 27th December 1911

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East African Indian situation now most critically dangerous because united attempt made by European associations to close door against future immigration and stop Indian franchise chief reason stated that Africans morally deteriorate through Indian contact but advance under Christian Western civilization, Government Economic Commission report recently published takes same attitude mentioning specially Indian moral depravity and approving South African exclusion policy intense indignation expressed here by Indian Congress gathering which was remarkable for its weight and numbers I have decided on urgent request to stay till January here Congress committee decided on my suggestion abandon claim for preferential treatment in complete continuance of all existing rights protectorates governors coming England final settlement Eastern African questions congress here sending deputation near future if deputation until arrival.

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*Amid 5239
SP*

Downing Street,
23 January, 1920.

DRAFT.

Under Secretary of State,
INDIA OFFICE.

Sir,

MINUTE

I am etc. to acknowledge the recd. of your letter J & P 22/20 of the 3th of Jan. regarding the position of Indians in B.E.A.

*Parkinson, J. P. 20
Montagu, J. P. 20*

2. No spare copies of the report of the Economic Commission to which you refer are available in this Dept., but time will be saved if copies are sent direct from Nairobi to India, and if Mr. Secretary Montagu wishes, the Acting Gov. of the E.A.P. will be requested by tel. to send copies direct to the Viceroy.

- General*
- H. Lawrence*
- H. Wood*
- G. Fisher*
- Amery*
- Milner*

*Copy to E.A.P. for 20/1/20
for 20/1/20*

3. Mr. Montagu may be sure that Lord Milner will not fail to attach full weight to the views of the Govt. of India in regard to Indian policy in B.E.A. when considering this with the Gov. of the Prot. The relevant papers have already been shewn to Sir Edward Northey in advance of Lord Milner's return, so that he may be fully acquainted of the latest developments.

Overseas Assen.
8 Jan. (1920)

4. As regards the sending of a Deputation by the E.A. Indian National Congress, I am to say that the Gov. of the Prot. is regarded as the representative of all classes of the community in E.E.A., whether European or Indian or Arab or native, and that it is considered ~~desirable~~ ^{only} that Lord Milner's discussions should take place ^{only} with the Governor ~~only~~, who is fully cognizant of the facts. If, however, a Deputation is sent to this country by the Congress, no obstacle will be placed in the way of its coming, so far as this Dept. is concerned. In this connection, I am to transmit to you, for ^{but in regard} ~~your~~ information, a copy of corres. with the Indians Overseas Asscn., in which the question of a Deputation is raised.

5. A separate communication ^{has been} ~~is being~~ sent to you with regard to the proposed visit of Sir Robertson.

I am, etc.,

(31) READ.