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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

SALE OF GOVT LAND IN NAIROBI. CONFINED TO EUROPEANS ONLY.

1920

6th March.

at previous Pt Mr. Bennett.—To ask the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he has received information that a notification has been issued announcing the sale by auction at Nairobi, on the 7th of April, of 60 plots of Government land situated in the business centre of that town and surrounded by plots held by Indians; if the right of purchase, according to that notification, is to be confined to Europeans; and if instructions will in that case be given that a limitation so prejudicial to the rights of Indian settlers and to the revenue of British East Africa shall be removed.

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Your oral reply

22nd March 1920.

W. H. Murray

See 14736720 which gives a copy of a Ld. from the Hon. Indian Commr. to the "East Africa Indian Segregation"

Indians are not to ^{live} ~~reside~~ in townships in E.A. within the zone demarcated for Europeans: this is the segregation policy (wh. L. Ind. will discuss among other things with the Governor), so strongly advocated by Prof. Scrimgeour.

It only want further that is refusing to let Indians purchase for themselves to live in

Subsequent Paper.

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action plus in the European business
area of Nairobi. See memo. in

475-20719 Part I (3) "Segregation
of races" app. tabbed green for
statement of position & reasons.

C.O. carefully refrained from giving
explicit approval to this extension
of the segregation policy. But on the
other hand never made any objection.

As regards this question we can say
that we have received from E.A.
Nairobi deputation in London
copy of a tel. from the Indian
Association in Nairobi respecting
this sale but have received no
other notification: but it is for
consider whether (i) S.P. will simply
tell that the policy of segregation
which is involved is matter for
consideration of the Governor
& that meantime he is not prepared
to take any action on (ii) S.P.
will uphold our telegraph
to suspend the sale pending decision
of policy involved.

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is a part of the
my own land in the
European land of 2 tons is fairly a matter
of precaution (possibly necessary). But
a matter of protecting European against
competition of local capital. Be careful

give away as important principle,

we should put our cards on the table
and understand the real value
of the land

- (a) the land for European building is small
and the influx of capital is small
- (b). Legislation on special provisions
outside, only to give profits.
- (c). They have the advantage of
money is plentiful in India at
premium, & for England at a
discount, as compared with the
old conditions.

? Reply

I have received from
Indian deputation
a copy of a telegram regarding the
sale, District Officer had no other
notification from the
which
I have
not
a policy which has been
adopted by the Government for some time
must be reversed.

London, 24 to April 7th 1911