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DEPORTATION OF HON G. COLE

July

Summary of interview between Mr Harecourt and Mr Cole at the Colonial Office on the 3rd July.

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Mr. Harcourt saw Mr. G. Cole today
The interview was very brief. EGG 15 JUL 12

Mr. Cole stated that his object in coming
was to show that his character was not as black
as was represented. His points were: -

1. He did not believe the native to die: the man
was practically dead when he left him [Mr
Harcourt quoted to him his evidence at the trial].
2. He could not have buried the body: natives do
not bury their dead, and it is rare been
impossible to act contrary to native custom.
3. The man's death was accidental [Mr Harcourt
mentioned that he shot twice.] He shot to wing
not to kill.
4. A remark of his, supposed to be impertinent,
was not so intended: it was meant to convey that
he did not wish to cause further trouble on his
day other than the case.
5. He had a good record for his treatment of
natives [Mr Harcourt concurs]
6. He had received much provocation, having
lost some 300 sheep per annum for the last 5 years.
[Mr Harcourt was aware of the difficulty caused
by the sheep, & was endeavoring to deal with it.]

He referred to the decision not to allow

him to go back. Mr. Harcourt stated that
he would allow Mr. Cole to return to the
E.C.P. while he remained in office. His
successor should examine the case for himself
& should consider anything that might be laid before
him. If Mr. Cole keeps quiet & behaves as he
is now behaving, Mr. Harcourt would not blame
his successor if he let him return; but if he
makes trouble for the Govt. of the E.C.P., Mr.
Harcourt would argue strongly against his return.

Mr. Harcourt

? The above is a correct

summary of the interview, & Mr. D. please
write the papers for record?

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E. 3.7

Yes

H. 4.7.12

Mr. Harcourt today saw Lady Delandere

who pleaded very hard that Mr. Cole
should be allowed to return to the
E.C.P. (Mr. Cole is suffering acutely
from rheumatoid arthritis, & cannot
live in this country). Mr. Harcourt
replied that he must adhere to his
decision not to allow Mr. Cole to return
so long as he himself held the
office of Secy. of B. for the Colonies,
but said that he would not do
anything to dissuade his successor from
allowing Mr. Cole to return.

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Heysmere,

Hartford.

Cheshire.

C. O.

June, 27th 1912

To

H. H. Colonial Secretary

Sir

I called on the Colonial
office on the 9th inst in order
to ask your secretary if he
would be so kind as to ask
you if you would see me
with reference to my
deputation from British
East Africa I am, Sir, your obedient

that you did not wish
see me on this matter
you did not think
such an interview would
serve any good purpose
I have the honour to
out that my object
wishing to see you on
matter is not so much
with reference to my
allowed to return to
East Africa as to see
to you my side of the
which I have never

had any opportunity of
doing. I would therefore
beg that you will allow
me to see you on this
matter & to this end that
you will kindly appoint
a day & time when I may
see you at your office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Guthrie Cole

Downing Street,
28th June 1912.

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am desired by Mr. Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, and to say that he is willing to see you at the Colonial Office on Wednesday next, the 3rd of July at 12 o'clock noon, on the following conditions:-

- (1) that you do not expect him to do more than hear your statement of your case; and
- (2) that you will not introduce the question of your return to East Africa in the period during which Mr. Harcourt holds the office of Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Yours very truly,

(sd) Lionel Earle.

Honourable

Galbraith Cole.

July 23. 12.

The R^t. Hon. L. Harcourt.

Sec. of State for the Colonies.

I understand that there is
 chance that the Hon. J. Cole who
 is recently departed from East
 Africa may be allowed to return
 at some future date, & I
 hope that this date may be
 early one. I am writing as
 who has had leave for several

years under my command ~~and~~ + cattle stealers -
 knows him very well, to bear witness to the act he did all he could
 to his character of which I have the mean, as I know he would
 always had the highest opinion as no kinder more considerate
 I have read + heard all about him as he exists. He is a model
 case + know that killing the man a soldier, and very popular indeed
 was an accident, though Mr. among the natives, and his
 Cole was wrong in taking the return to East Africa soon
 into his own hands + trying to most popular both with
 even punish the offender the Europeans + natives -
 caught red handed, but then He was an excellent soldier

did as the local authorities was
 unless to cope with the habitual
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& would have been high in his
profession, had not ill health
it necessary for him to have an
live in a warm climate -

Respectfully

W. H. W. W.

Brig. Gen.

Command: 1st Cavalry

(late Command: 10th Cavalry)

Downing Street,

24th July, 1912.

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Dear Sir,

I am desired by Mr Harcourt to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, in
reference to the Honourable G. Cole.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) Lionel Earle.

Major General Kavanagh, C.V.O., C.F., D.S.O.

Mr Harcourt,

Lord Stamfordham came to see me to-day. The main object of his visit was to say that he has recently seen Mr Calbraith Cole, whom he described as being miserably ill with rheumatism, generally down on his luck, and with the single desire, if possible, to get back to East Africa. He made certain amount as to what he had heard of the view taken in the Protectorate of Mr Cole's action and its results, and said that he understood that Lady Belmore was going to speak to you on the subject. I reminded him of the circumstances of the case, and of the particular attention which you had given personally to the matter, and said that I could not conceive that you would be induced to allow Mr Cole ~~even~~ to return to the Protectorate. The conversation was naturally a ^{diffuse} good deal more ~~diverse~~ and lengthy than this record can be, but I think this is a fair summary of what took place. I gathered that Lord Stamfordham was speaking entirely on his own behalf,

behalf, and not as the result of anything that had been said by the King.

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Oct. 25,

My decision is irrevocable.

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Private

India Office.

20 March 1913

My dear Souton

I have had a request from Ernest Miller who is a very good friend of mine, and a Cheshire gentleman, that his son Galbraith should be allowed to see Anderson at his position. I know very little of the case beyond what I saw in the newspapers at the time, it appeared to be an instance of the strongly callous spirit which some Englishmen show towards natives which some Englishmen show too early, and which seems to me to be among colonials. The only thing that order to me as justifying



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India Office.

20 March 1913

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Recommendation are a) that the
Administration was unusually
in finding it possible to deprive
men after acquittal: on grounds
of India is absolutely unresponsive
but we could not do this) and
that the exact financial injury
incurred, of the extent of which
know nothing, is an element
considering the justice of the
persons your office is aware
this already. Generally speaking
I think it is advisable to let
men state his case in person
whether it is possible to give
any relief or not.
I believe that they still had
poachers at Dept, as a regular
practice, in Austria and Hungary

The result being that the poachers
rewards, with equal regularity
with the keepers, so that there is
considerable loss of mounds annually.
with a curious case in
property, where the poacher
keepers. That was a well
repute and reluctance -

Yours
P. L. L.

Copy

Malwood,

Lyndhurst.

21. 3. 13.

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My dear Bob,

I have seen Galbraith Cole (Sir J. Anderson or Sir G. Fiddes was present) and heard all he has to say.

I cannot see that a further interview can do any good.

I recently saw his sister Lady Delamere and told her definitely that I would not allow G. Cole to return to East Africa so long as I was at the Colonial Office but that I would put no obstacle in the way of my successor, if Cole behaved well in the meanwhile.

But I am sure Sir J. Anderson will see Cole if it is still desired though my decision cannot be changed.

Yours etc.,

(Sd.) Loulou H.

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i.e. Lord Howe.

Keep copy of 313

Show to Sir J. Anderson

of 21. 3. 13

seen by Sir J. Anderson

CAVALRY CLUB,
127, PICCADILLY, W.

March 19th

Dear Lord Crew

My father writes
me that you have been
good enough to say that
you would ask Mr Harcourt
& Sir John Anderson
if they will see me with
regard to my case.

Mr Harcourt has given me

to understand that
will not allow me to go
back to E. Africa, but
am also led to believe
that my deputation is
not intended to be per-
As it is now nearly two
years since this case
I thought I might with
reason ask for some de-
statement of the Colonel

Office with regard to their
intentions with reference
to myself.

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In view of this it would
be extremely kind of you
if you would write to
Sir John Anderson & ask
him if he will see me.
Thanking you very much
indeed for your having
offered to assist me in
this way.

yours sincerely
Galbraith Cole

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 if it is still desired

Yours ever
 Boulton A.

Downing Street,

March, 1913.

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DRAFT.

M. K.
GALBRAITH COLE, ESQ.

MINUTE.

Dear Sir,

- Mr. Keith 27th March
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson. *27th*
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Lord Crewe has handed to Mr. Harcourt your letter of the 19th of March on the subject of your case.

Sir John Anderson desires me to say that he will be ready to see you on the question if you will call at this Office on any afternoon (except Sunday) after 3 P.M.

At the same time it should be clearly understood that Mr. Harcourt has finally decided that he is not prepared

On quarto for Mr. Keith's signature.

prepared to permit of your return to

East Africa so long as he is responsible

for the control of colonial affairs.

Yours truly,

Mr. Harcourt.

Mr. Holt called this afternoon to urge that a definite period should be put to his reputation. The man who is at present managing his business is coming home and he does not know where to turn for another.

I said I would give him no other answer than you had already given him personally, that so long as you remained in office you would not allow him to return, but that if he continued of good behaviour you would do nothing to dissuade your successor from allowing him to return. He said your successor might take the same view, a contingency which is of course possible, and in that case he would be permanently debarred from return. I could only say that you had placed on record here what you had stated to him, and that record would be before your successor when he came to consider the case.

has a brother
attorney in law

B. A. P.

H.

to
ably

He said that the present Govt should
so strongly insist that a change was
very unlikely, and that in view of his
circumstances he hoped you would
for a period. I said that I had
every reason to believe that your views
were unchanged, but I would put
his wishes before you.

He is convinced
not a possible
It is always
impossible
happens

He

14th 28.3.13

Tell him that I regret that I
am unable to alter my decision

14th 28.3.13

[Even the Spectator "last week"
reviewing Mr. Cranworth's book
said "In the Cole case, what else
could the Colonial Office have done?"]

Downing Street,

31 March, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I reported to Mr. Harcourt the representations which you made at the interview on the 28th instant in favour of the fixing of a definite term to the period during which you are not allowed to return to East Africa.

Mr. Harcourt has carefully considered your request but he regrets that he is unable to alter his decision not to permit of your return so long as he is Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Yours truly,

J. G.

HONOURABLE GALBRAITH COLE.

attach to
Telegrams
Manchester London

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CAVALRY CLUB
127, PICCADILLY, W.

April 1st

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Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your
letter of 31st ult.
I note what you say with
regard to Mr Harcourt's
decision in my case & beg
to thank you for having
represented my request to
him

Yours sincerely
Galbraith Cole.

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31 March

Dear Sir,

DRAFT.

The Hon. Balguy
Clerk

MINUTE.

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Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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regrets that he is unable to
alter his decision not to permit
you return so long as he is Sick
for the Colonies.

Seen
H. J. R.
4/12/13

Yours truly
J. A.