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CONVENTION OF ASSOCIATIONS.

P.O. Box 86,

Nairobi, E.M.A.

February 12th 1914.

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The Convention should make it clear that so far as the Natives of the Protectorate are concerned, it is not proposed or indeed regarded as possible that in their present state of practical barbarism the Natives should take any part in the election of those upon whom the responsibility of the Government of the country may now or for many years to come devolve.

5. It is hardly necessary to bring forward arguments in favour of this view as they are obvious. The Convention rely upon the broad lines which have emerged of the question in respect of the Natives of the Protectorate in other parts of the Territory.

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Governor of one additional unofficial European member of Council directly to represent Eastern interests.

13. The Convention have put this matter fully and very respectfully before the Secretary of State because they feel that it is best that the initial stages of the discussion should be free from doubt and that it should be understood that the basis of their contention is that British East Africa is a White Man's Colony and should be governed by the principles and on the lines of ordinary British Colonial Government and to this they insist that the term "Colony" may be substituted for that of "Protectorate".

14. Passing to the qualification of voters the Convention are broadly of opinion that the qualifications for white voters should be on the principle of one white man one vote a voter being registered as belonging to the district in which he nominally resides. That 12 months bona fide residence in the Colony should constitute his qualification and that the only bar to the exercise of the franchise should be either lunacy, undischarged bankruptcy or a criminal conviction. This point would want a little careful working out but it is the basis of the view of the Convention. It is not suggested that there should be any educational or property qualification. It is understood that the White official will have a vote

15. The same principle governs the Convention in respect to candidates for election

Subject, the work of
may properly be left to the
electors.

16. With regard to the Uganda railway
the revenue derived from it by the Government of
British East Africa the Convention respectfully
point out that the railway was originally
constructed so far as they are aware, for Imperial
purposes and in no sense to serve what is now
known as British East Africa. They would remind
the Secretary of State of the acute rivalry
between England and France, and ^{the} French project of
acquiring the hinterland and the sources of the
Nile, with a view to bringing pressure on the
British Government to end the British occupation
of Egypt. The rivalry nearly brought the two
countries into armed conflict and culminated
the Fashoda incident. Again, the difficulties
of repressing the Nubian rebellion in Uganda
demonstrated the impossibility of holding Uganda
without a railway, and under the urgent instructions
of the Foreign Office the railway was pushed up
to the Lake, regardless of cost, for purely
Imperial purposes. Further the Convention would
point out that the abolition of the slave trade
which may be deemed a purely Imperial purpose, has
also been accomplished and the expense of the
East African Squadron, for the abolition of
slavery, was ~~paid~~ ^{borne} by the Government
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without qualification, it is only the establishment of the progressive and energetic Colony of East Africa which has made that traffic possible and we submit that the present conditions would not have obtained but for the presence of the white settlers, who have sunk a very large amount of capital in the country. This capital has largely conduced to the prosperity of the Natives, and thus indirectly to the revenue attributed by them though the direct return is now only commencing to come in.

20. That the prosperity which is growing in East Africa is shared by others and is an aid to the establishment of British civilisation in the still farther interior is a subject of congratulation to the inhabitants of the Protectorate, but the Convention would urge that in such a ~~matter~~ matter the consideration of the subject should be taken as a whole and that the fact that a valuable through traffic has been established to countries still further from the sea than East Africa should not be held to be an argument against the contention that the grant-in-aid is rendered unnecessary by reason of the settlement of an energetic British population in this country.

21. Dealing with paragraph 7 of your letter the Convention would respectfully point out that the resignation of the unofficial representatives on the Legislative Council can hardly be said to have taken place "before the Secretary of State had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with ~~the~~ ~~circumstances~~". It should be ~~remembered~~ ~~that~~ that two previous petitions for representation had met

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with a blank refusal, with the result that public opinion was stirred, unanimity of procedure was crystallized and unofficial members of Council realised that it was difficult to convey to the Secretary of State the strength and reality of their case so long as they continued to take part in debates which they did not believe gave adequate authority for the expression of the views on the legitimate needs and aspirations of the country in whose service they nominally acted.

22. It should also be remembered that His Excellency the Governor, in his speech at Nakuru dealt with the question as outside the scope of practical politics, while prominent officials had freely avowed that the country was not at the back of the movement. It therefore became necessary to show that movement was the practically united wish of the Settlers.

23. It cannot be too strongly urged that the action of the representatives, so far as the Convention are aware, was taken not with a view to embarrassing the Secretary of State but in order to accentuate the reality of the petition now under consideration.

24. Had the Convention desired to embarrass the Secretary of State it would not have been difficult for them to direct some of the work of the country by advising the representatives of non-official members from all parts of the country that they should not attend the Convention. The retirement of members would have been sufficient to embarrass the Secretary of State.

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Jermyh Street, S.A.

March 16 1914

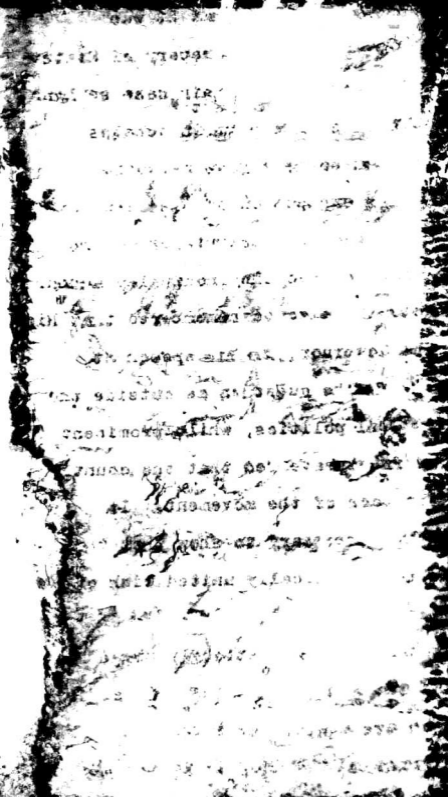
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acknowledge your letter of
the 11th inst. in relation with
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Colombia. I am sorry to hear
of your notice, on behalf
of the Convention of American
States, and I am sure that
the Government of Colombia
will be very glad to
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If there are any of the
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Mr. Haassant would
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very busy at present
I am leaving London
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I am
your obedient servant
C. Delavere



to the Rev. Prof. F. Hall
T. L. Covell
S. J. Anderson

Lord Belmore; Attn. of March

(1) Labor Commission Report

Pl. see p. 9 of letter of East Cape
Apr 14 Feb 1914

(Sir H. Dalfield's speech at the Hakea

show.) Lord D. might have a copy
of the passage marked in blue? It

shows (1) that the Gov. is delaying
recommendations till in the course
of the Convention of Associations, but (2)

that he is presumably disposed toward
the Commission, recommendations.

(2) Representative

It appears from p. 8 of the same
letter that he is still waiting for the
Convention's ^{view} ~~report~~. I do not think
much can be done till we have the Gov's
reply.

In reply to Lord D. or (1) Lord
Belmore might say that the S. of N. will
have to wait, before coming to a decision,
for the Gov's despatch after the receipt
of the Convention's "report" ^{but} that he
could be hurried as to an interim

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Feb 14

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