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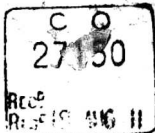
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and address—

The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.



The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for *the*
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of
State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,

August 17, 1911.

Reference to previous letter:

Colonial Office No 23649 August 1.

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<i>To French Ambassador,</i> <i>August 17.</i>	<i>British East Africa Customs</i> <i>Ordinance of 1910</i>

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

August 17, 1911.

Your Excellency:-

I have the honour to inform you that I have given very careful consideration in communication with the proper Departments of His Majesty's Government to the objections put forward in Your Excellency's Note of August 23rd 1910 in regard to the British East Africa Customs Ordinance.

These objections would not, in the opinion of His Majesty's Government, hold good unless it can be shown that the provisions of the Ordinance go beyond what is reasonably necessary, in an uncivilized country, to prevent smuggling. I have, therefore, been at pains to ascertain, and the enquiry has involved considerable delay, whether these provisions do as a matter of fact go beyond those in force in other Colonies or Protectorates, including the Colonies and Protectorates of France.

The result has been to show that such is not the

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case and it would therefore appear that the application of the Ordinance to French subjects and protected persons is justifiable. If, however, there are any provisions which in the opinion of the French Government press with undue severity on French ships and fetter the Treaty right to freedom of trade enjoyed by France, His Majesty's Government will be happy to consider what modifications can be introduced to meet the French point of view. Moreover as a proof of their readiness to meet the wishes of the French Government, they are prepared at once to abrogate the provision of Article 54, by which the cost of feeding a guard placed upon a ship by the Customs Authorities falls upon the ship.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

humble Servant,

(for Sir E. Grey)

(sd) W. Langley