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(Subject.)

Legislative Council
Unofficial Members

Copy minute in w.r.b. of Churchill concerning suggesting aft. of 10 additional members. We propose to leave for the Highlands & W. Town all for Const District. There shall be 2,000 instead of 1,000. Suggests Major suggest to act during absence of Mr. J. H. Wilson.

(Minute.)

Mr. ~~Best~~ ^{Paterson}

If there 2 additional
members are added & also

Mr. Marshall (615)

there will be 9 official & 5
unofficial members. Judging

from the newspaper reports
the existing unofficials have
developed the most amazing
activity; & the meetings in
the afternoon have been frequent

& prolonged. It is really
rather a serious thing to

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wasting so much of the time of
our officials with in this way
of course if we add to the number
of officials the talk will be
longer.

If the Council is to be enlarged
I see no objection to the members
proposed Capt
Turnbull
Manager of
the road.

It is my opinion that the
the proposal is in dis
of Pether's letter 36089
that he gave a half promise to
Capt. Cooney of the seat which he
eventually gave to Mr. Butler
Hence he looks at company to
make an extra seat for him &
another for Mr. Turnbull in
order to please the Court
interest. I would like for Mr
Mason to reduce the
number of official members

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The proposal to reduce the tenure
of Unofficial Members to two
years is plausible, but I think
such a short term is almost unac-
ceptable, & I doubt whether
good men will always be found
ready to accept such a proposition.
Yours

W. J. P.

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I see no objection to ap-
pointing these additional
members for 2 years only,
and then, if they talk so
much as to prevent the
official members from attending
to their other duties, the
question of reducing the number
of members can be considered.

W. J. P.

Very truly

Yours

W. J. P.

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Secretary Office
Nombasa
S. S. Africa
December 24 1907

My Lord,

As desired by
Your Lordship I consulted
with the Rt Honble the
U. S. of State with regard
to increasing the number of
the Hon Official members
of the Legation Councils
and I had the honor to
officially correspond with
him and between myself
and the Colonial Office on
the subject.

The result of this consulta-
tion is contained in my
minutes of the 16th inst
under which Mr. Winston
Churchill has recorded his
note of the same date.

If your Lordship concurs
in these views, it will be
observed that I should
propose the name of

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Algen

Mr. Coore for the ad-
ditional member for the
Highlands and Mr. Burn-
hall, the manager of the
National Bank of India
at Bombay for the
Coast district.

It is true that there are
the interests of the Coast
Planters to be considered,
development here though
is of recent date and
the number of planters
though increasing is yet
small.

Mr. Sarabute has long been
connected with Bombay
and his name would
naturally occur in connection
with any increased represen-
tation on the Coast.

Mr. J. Wilson proposes
taking leave to England
in the early spring when
the acting vacancy might
be filled by a gentleman
acting in the interests of
the Coast Planters and
in this connection I
should be prepared to

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consider the claims of
Major Suggs R.E. who
though but a short time
in the country, has already
taken a very leading part
in the planting and trading
communities of the Coast area.

Mr. Winston Churchill was
further of opinion, and I
fully concur with him,
that it would be well to
appoint hon. official members
to hold these seats for
two (2) years instead of
five (5) years. It would
be difficult to effect this
change as regards the pre-
sent members who have al-
ready received their ap-
pointments, but it could well
be done in the case of
future appointments under
Article xvii of the Royal
Instructions. Members being
of course eligible for re-
nomination.

The advantage would be
that it would give us
the opportunity of seeing
how each member performs

his duties and if necessary of effecting a change and also enable us to consider the interests of any particular district of the community it be found to be over the other, and then would otherwise possible.

I have the honour to be Sir,
with deepest respects

Your most humble obedient servant

Thos. B. ...

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Minute

It was discussed the question of two (2) additional members non-official for the Legislative Council with the Rt Honble. Winston Churchill, who has been good enough to Express his approval with the proposal.

It will certainly give general satisfaction to the non-official communities as the Coast and in the uplands, and in view of the strength of the official element on the Council I think, and have done so for some time, that it is only right that the non-official communities should be represented by five (5) members nominated as heretofore. I should propose Mr. Lowe for the uplands and Mr. Lambeth for the Coast.

The Colonial Office are fully aware of my views with regard to the nomination of Mr. Lowe and I feel myself practically committed to his nomination.

Mr. Baillie, now on the Council, can hardly be styled a South African, his money is drawn from South Africa; otherwise he is a typical young Englishman married to an English lady, and Mr. Lowe has been for some years in Government employ in South Africa as a Magistrate.

Mr. Sarrut is the Manager of the National Bank of India in Bombay; an excellent man of business in whose judgment all classes have the fullest confidence; he is one of the most level-headed men we have and may be expected to bring to bear an unbiased opinion on the questions before him.

It has been thought desirable to limit the nomination of the present and future members of the Legislative Council to two (2) years so as to leave an open field for re-nomination as

otherwise after the necessary experience has been gained of the working of the first Council of the Protectorate, and the capabilities of its non-official members.

I propose to address the Colonial Office at once in connection with the above matter.

Signed J. H. S.
16. 11. 05

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