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# Abolition of Slavery

Sultan of Zanzibar has signed decree but considers it will greatly disturb Arab domestic life. Out of consideration for him it will not be promulgated till 6 July after he has left for Europe. Enquiries whether corresponding decree will be promulgated in Zanzibar on the same date.

W. Reed  
W. Cox

June 1<sup>st</sup> was the date originally fixed for the simultaneous publication of the slavery decree in Zanzibar and the abolition of the legal status of slavery Amendment Ordinance in the G.A.P. (see last par. of enclosure in F.O. 3023). It does not appear whether H.M. Agent in Zanzibar has let the O.A.G. of the G.A.P. know of the hitch with the Sultan, which has resulted in the postponement of the signature of the Decree and the amendment

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of it in respect of concubines. The first  
intimation of it that we O.A.C. will get  
from us, as matters now stand, is the  
desp. of the 14<sup>th</sup> of June on 7.0. Nothing has been  
hitherto as to a concubine amendment of the E.O.A.  
but I presume that it is intended that the legislation should be the same in both  
I think there is no chance that we had better

telegraph, with ref. to our conf. desp. of the  
25<sup>th</sup> of Nov. that clause 3 of the draft  
ord. enclosed in that desp. should be  
amended by inserting after the words  
"Mohammedan Law", the words "except  
that any concubine who shall leave her  
master without his consent shall sacrifice  
all such rights and privilege including  
the right to the custody of her children  
by him"; & say that if the ord. has  
not already been passed, it should be  
brought in. force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, when  
the Decree will be promulgated in Zanzibar.  
And send 7.0. a copy of our telegram.

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Foreign Office,  
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FOREIGN OFFICE

June 12, 1909.

*date*  
Sir:-

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With reference to my letter of the 26th ultimo (19279/09) respecting the steps to be taken to effect the final abolition of slavery in the British East Africa Protectorate and Zanzibar, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to state that he has been in telegraphic correspondence with His Majesty's Agent and Consul General at Zanzibar on the subject.

Mr. Clarke reported that the Sultan agreed to sign the Decree but considered that even as amended it would greatly disturb Arab domestic life. His Highness therefore asked that out of consideration for him, it should not be promulgated until after he had left for Europe which he proposed to do on the 4th July.

Sir E. Grey on Mr. Clarke's recommendation has agreed to the promulgation of the Decree being deferred until July 6th and Mr. Clarke has reported that the

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Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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necessary steps will be taken accordingly.

I am to inquire whether the corresponding decree will be promulgated in East Africa on the same date.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*F. C. [Signature]*

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FOREIGN OFFICE

June 12, 1909.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of even date, respecting the Zanzibar Slavery Decree, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to state that he has received a telegram from His Majesty's Agent at Zanzibar stating that the Sultan has signed the Decree which will come into force on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

I am,  
Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,  
F. Campbell

Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office,  
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- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
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