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Native Labour.

Sends report, which has been prepared at the request of Prof. Dunstan, for transmission to Mr. J.B. Kees for the info of the International Congress on Tropical Agriculture & Col. Development to be held at Brussels this year.

Mr. Fiddes.

This is an extraordinary proceeding on the part of Prof. Dunstan & I think that he should be called upon ~~to~~ for an explanation of his action in communicating direct with the local authorities on an important question of this kind. I understand that the General Dept. are dealing with matters relating to the Congress, & this had better go to them.

Sir J. Hopwood

H. J. R.

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I agree. [This particular report is harmless]

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native labour is not purely scientific or commercial, but is closely connected with polemical politics. But scientific men are notoriously touchy on distinctions between private and official capacities and, whatever may be thought of the tact and taste displayed by Professor Dunstan in failing to adopt the natural course of applying to this Office, as was actually done in the case of the Geological Congress, I think that he has kept within the technical ground of propriety.

This point is not likely to be obvious to Governors and I think it will be more effective to point out the stupidity of the method adopted than to discuss the question of official propriety.

~~Dr. F. H. ...~~ 22.3
 Sir F. Spurrell

... I first spoke to Mr. ... about this, and before I had seen the papers and particularly the British ... by feeling ... write to the Managing Committee and ask them to pull Professor Dunstan up. But Mr Green's explanation puts a different complexion upon the matter. The most we can now say is that Professor Dunstan showed considerable want of judgment. (I am afraid he is very wanting in this quality) in not asking this department to arrange for the reports which

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he wanted. He ought also to have been particularly careful in writing from the Imperial Institute; or at any rate in making it quite clear that he was not writing in an official capacity. No doubt all the Governors would take the letter as coming from the Institute.

All we can do I think is to write to Professor Dunstan himself when he returns and point out that in a matter of this sort he would have been much better advised to write to the Colonial Office; he would be aware that so far as possible the Secretary of State would assist him in obtaining the information he wanted; and that the action he took was certainly liable to misrepresentation and has produced queries on the part of certain Governments.

As regards the possibility of similar applications being made by somebody quite unconnected with the Colonial Office, I can only say that I hope our Governors would have the sense not to prepare a special report upon a highly controversial question without reference to the Secretary of State. In fact I think the action taken both by Sir F. Hodgson and Sir Percy Girouard leads one to believe that this would be so. We may leave that part of the question alone.

C.A.H.

I fear I don't quite agree. 21 Mar

To understand the fact that Prof. Dunstan is in full employment dominates everything. He had no business to be direct: even if he had been an outsider his proper course would have been to ask the S. of S. to obtain the info. - though in last case he could have placed up words as a cause for the irregular procedure.

It seems to me that as a matter of policy it is simpler to form the S. of S. to be written to & that to inform him that the S. of S. was the proceeding with the approval

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

February 19th 1910.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 90.

(Incl. 1.)

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that I have received from Professor Dunstan of the Imperial Institute a request for a report on the native labour question in this Protectorate.

2. Professor Dunstan writes me that he is addressing a similar request to all the British Colonies and Protectorates, and asks that the report may be submitted to Mr. J. Batalha Reis, the Portuguese Consul General in London, who has been appointed Reporter - General on the subject of Native Labour to the International Congress on Tropical Agriculture and Colonial Development to be held at Brussels this year.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

THE EARL OF CREVE, K.G.,

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

3. As I am unaware of Your Lordship's wishes in this matter, I submit the enclosed report, which has been compiled by Mr. Hollis, the Secretary for Native Affairs, for transmission, should Your Lordship so desire, to Mr. Batalha Reis, 6 South Street, London E.C.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's humble,

obedient servant,


GOVERNOR.

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~~Let in Office~~

Induced (Yours)

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Professor W. R. Dunstan, Hon. Secy., F.R.S.

20 April 1910

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- Mr. Fiddes.
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox 15
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. F. Hopwood. 17-4
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Crewe.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to inform you that his Lordship's notice has been drawn to the letters which you recently addressed to Affairs administered by the Governor of British Colonies and Protectorates, in your capacity as British Chairman of the British Section of the International Congress

? Copy of this to Prof. Dunst.
 The last time Man. Comm. Conf.
 This may suffic. C.H.

23 April
 J. D. H.

as possible in obtaining the
information desired; and it
appears to ^{his} Lordship that

the cause which you ad-
mittedly in ^{letters addressed from the Dept. that,}
particularity, ^{serious misconstruction.}
was liable to ~~misrepresentation~~.

It has ^{in fact} certainly led to ^{and protests} queries
on the part of some ^{of the} Governments
addressed, who not unreasonably supposed
that you were in an official capacity.

3. I am to enclose for
communication to
the ~~information of~~ Mr B. Allen

Re: the accompanying reports
which have been received from
Seychelles and the East Africa
Protectorate, and to state that
the Governor of British Guiana
has intimated that the recently
published Handbook on that

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Colony contains as much public
information upon the questions
of labor supply of the Colony
as can conveniently be given.

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The Director
Imperial Institute

23 April 1910

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Mr. Sharley, 20 April

Mr. Green 20
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Mr. Just.

Mr. Cox.

Sir C. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood.

Col. Seely.

Lord Crewe.

Sir,
I am directed by the
Earl of Cromer to transmit
to you to be laid
before the Managing
Committee of the Inst. that
for their
confidential information
the enclosed copy of a
letter which His
Lordship has caused
to be addressed
to

(Already copied)

For 7669 EAP
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DRAFT East Africa Protectorate No 228

- 2) British Guiana No 115 ✓
- 3) Seychelles No 32 ✓

23rd April

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- Lord Crewe.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge

the receipt of your despatch No.

- 1) 90 of the 19th of February
- 2) 114 14th
- 3) 46 of the 20th ultimo

respecting the request made by

Professor Durstaa, as Chairman

of the British Section of the

International Congress of Tropical

Agriculture & Colonial Development

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that the course he
adopted was liable
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to misrepresentation, &

intimated that he would have
been better advised to have
consulted the Department Office
in the matter, as I should have
been prepared to assist as far
as possible in obtaining the
desired information.