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1916

5 July

Last previous Paper.

Officers.

Concubinage with Native Women.

States that, owing to misinterpretation, the language of Circular of 11 Jan 1909 has not been issued to officers apts. during last 15 mo. Requests instructions as to action to be taken. Criticizes Circular, & recommends that issue of it be discontinued.

W. Macomber

W. Butler

So far as I am aware there has been no change in the C.O. attitude on this point since the Circular of 11 Jan 1909 was sent, and I do not think it desirable to withdraw the arrangements for ^{law} warning officers in the Protectorate (a) which produced the case which led to the appointment of (b) in which no more can be said that so far as the Gov. is aware concubinage is not common.

I am not sure that we ought not to ask the Gov. to satisfy himself that the practice is distinctly uncommon, but in any case it is a small

Hand copy (5), 22 Sept '16

at subsequent Paper.

7/25/16

matter for the Secretariat to watch
up its arrears by sending a copy of
A to the men who have not had it,
with an explanation of what the
overight it was not sent to them
when they were first sent to them
in accordance with the regular practice?

A

21/8/16

It should leave the matter to the
Gen's discretion.

I would keep for the Reader
G. Fiddes. T.C.K. 21/8/16.

I leave it to the Gen's discretion
to decide that the Circular shall
not be issued in the E.A.P.
It is impossible unless it is
decided to discontinue the issue
throughout the service. I think we
should reply as at A in W's
meeting's minute. There is no
harm in keeping the paper for Sir
G. Fiddes if we wish. We are not
appointing officers at present.

Har B

21/8/16

This had better be kept till we read
G. Fiddes's book. P.C.L.

J. B
a letter

Sir G. Fiddes

Reply that [the S. P. S. does not
consider it advisable to discontinue
the issue of the Circular &] that the
Secretariat sh^d. therefore send a copy of (as
in A of W's following's minute) -
adding that only a very small number
of new officers can have been
appointed since March/15

H. J. E
18/9/16

I have spoken to the S. P. S. There is
no need to say anything at all
concerning or obscure - the circular
for the first part. Substantially it is not
be possible to make a copy in the case
of an individual Admⁿ & it is not
best effects.

a letter for 2/16

no -
Circular is communicated
all newly app'd officers
it is in second hand copies
and been sent to all
unmarried Root Dist
Officers & Cadets in the
Colonial Admⁿ has
been sent for Col 29/10/16
J. B (Barker)

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

5th July 1909 38694

REC^d
RES. 15 AUG 1909

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Lord Crewe's Confidential despatch dated the 11th of January, 1909, in which mention is made of certain instances where officers in the service of some of the Crown Colonies and Protectorates have entered into arrangements of concubinage with girls or women belonging to the native populations.

2. In accordance with the instructions contained therein, Circular 'A' was issued to all British officers who subsequently entered the service of this Protectorate until March, 1915, when a re-arrangement of work was effected in the Secretariat and a misunderstanding apparently arose, the result being that no communication of this nature has been sent to officers appointed during the last fifteen months.

3. This omission has only now been detected, and I have the honour to request your instructions as to the action to be taken. I am reluctant to issue the Circular to officers who cannot now be regarded as just embarking on a career in the Colonial Service, while it would be equally invidious to send it to those who may in future be appointed if it is decided that officers arriving

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

arriving in this Protectorate in the interim are not to receive it.

4. I am personally inclined to regard the Circular as one which is likely to do more harm than good. It is one which has caused great offense in certain cases, and it is not the kind of communication which an officer might expect to receive on appointment to the Colonial Service. It has been issued without discrimination, to married and single men alike, and I cannot believe that any one of them would feel it a matter for congratulation to learn that he had entered a service where such practices are made the subject of official warning immediately he lands in the country.

5. In fact I regard the Circular as liable to impart undue prominence to a practice which, whatever antecedents it may possess, is so far as I am aware no longer common in this Protectorate. I am convinced that all officers are perfectly well acquainted with the opinion held by the Government with regard to such derelictions of duty, and I believe that it would be infinitely preferable to refrain from issuing a warning which an officer might justly regard as impugning his good sense and standard of morality, and at the same time to inflict condign punishment on any who might be proved guilty of such misconduct.

6. I therefore recommend that the issue of the Circular should be discontinued, and I propose to adopt this course pending the receipt of your reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

J. H. Young

Done and approved by
the GOVERNOR

Gov
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22 Sept. 1906

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential letter of the 5th of July on the question of the desirability of the time to nearly appointed officials of the Lincoln A. reporting drawing their attention to the danger attending the formation of associations of unemployed workmen with active girls or women.

I have carefully considered the views expressed in your despatch but I consider that it would not be possible to make an exception in the case of such an individual Administration but to apply general restrictions.

DRAFT

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Gov

H. Balfour

MINUTE.

Mr. Secretary 21. 5. 16

Mr.

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Mr.

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Sir H. Just.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

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22 Sept. 1916

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential letter of the 5th of July on the question of the desirability of the time to notify appropriate officials of the Circular A regarding drawing their attention to the danger attending the formation of arrangements of co-operation with native girls or women.

I have carefully considered the views expressed in your despatch but I consider that it would not be possible to make an exception in the case of a single individual admitted to the general institution

DRAFT.

E.A.P. Conf. (5)

Dear
Sir H. Belfield

MINUTE.

Mr. ~~Read~~ 21.9.16

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Mr.

X Mr. Read. 21

Sir H. Just.

Sir G. Piddis.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.