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War Office

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Last previous Paper.

W. O.
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A. d. W. Ritch

Enquires action taken on his case.

Inf: the W.O. that we are awaiting the report, which the Gen^l promised in his tel. of the 22nd of Jan^y, copy of which was sent to the W.O. in our l^{tr} of the 25th of Jan^y.

Sgt. ~~Conner~~
at once.

H. J. R.
16/2/15

Letter to the Sqs from Mr. Robertson
& copy of reply attached. JED
24/2/15

Next subsequent Paper

Gen^l
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5 Mar 18 Feb 15
2 Gen tel cons 3 Mar 15
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Mr Maentig.

I return the slip with regard to the case of Mr Ritch. The facts as related to me by Mr Harcourt are - that Ritch (being a married man) is on his beam ends and will in a day or two be actually starving. If the report is not received this week Mr Harcourt will be glad if the Governor's opinion on the case can be obtained by telegraph, in order that no unnecessary suffering may be caused to Mr Ritch in the event of his having a just grievance against the military authorities..

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not custom
Main.

J.C.D.
2/3/15

~~See Report~~ Dr. F. Zeller
pp. below.

Should we ask Gov. by tel. when the report was sent?

Yes 3/3/15
think so, + ask the Gov?
H. S. R. 3/11/15
at once 3/3/15

at the same time to find us
briefly his opinion on the case

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it arrives

S. Africa Dept.

Gen 2/3/61

? Has the report

on Mr. Petch's case been
received yet from the S.A.P.
please. If so may I see it
before it is published.

SBEA the meeting

I think it is not in
SAC? Gen 2/3/5

J.S.D.
1/3/15

not yet received

J.S.D.
2/3

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OPY.

Downing Street,

24th February, 1915.

My dear Roberts *(on)*

Many thanks for your letter of February 23rd about your friend Mr. Ritch. I am expecting to receive in a short time, a report from the Governor and until I have considered it, I am afraid I cannot make any pronouncement.

You may rest assured that I will give the case my earnest consideration.

Ernest Smeeth

(Sgd) A. Harcourt

23 Feb. 1915

My dear Harcourt

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influence of this corporation
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order the deportation.

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belief, a truly conscientious
honorable man. It has appeared
to have his case reconsidered
here, but gets no decision.

Miss [unclear] & his family are in
serious distress, and in a right
of starvation. 463A

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Mr Robertson

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J. M. Robertson

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

0165/6724 (M.O.S.)

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EBIS

War Office,

London, S.W.

15th February, 1915.

Sir,

*w. O.
5565*

In continuation of this office letter No. 0165/6724 (M.O.S.) dated the 2nd February, 1915, relative to Mr. L.W.Ritch, who, with his family, was deported from Mombasa, I am commanded by the Army Council to acquaint you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, that they would be glad to be informed of the action taken in reference to the application of Mr. Ritch.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D. D. Currie

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

100 Feb/1915 East

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FEB 17

18 Feb 1915

I am pleased to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter, No.
0185 / 8725 (P.O. 5) of the
15th Feb and to request
you to inform the Commission that

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The Secretary
War Office

MINUTE

Mr. Wagon 17/2/15

Mr. Cotton 17.2.15

Mr. Read 17

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

he is awaiting the
report regarding the
deportation of Mr.
L.W. Hitch from the
E.A.P. promised by

for review

(for 3520)

the Govt. in his letter
of the 22nd of Jan'y, a copy of
which was sent to you with
the letter from this Office
of the 25th idem.

(Signed) H. J. READ.

For the Secretary of HEAT

11 MAR 1915

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Sent 5.5 pm
3/3/15

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Mr. Harcourt.

copy to D.O. 10 April 1915

Private Secretary to see

JCA
3/3/15

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