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IMMIGRATION LAWS

Reports as to disabilities in connection with Foreign Powers having Treaty Rights, in order that F.O. may be aware of them when general readjustment takes place at conclusion of war.

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Mr Read,

The French Consul in Zanzibar took up a similar attitude when the Govern<sup>ment</sup> of that Protectorate imposed special restrictions on immigration on the outbreak of war; see F.O./1916/15 and subsequent correspondence. The French representatives no doubt based themselves on the French treaty with Zanzibar of 1844. We have that treaty noted as one of those to be got rid of, if possible, at the peace settlement. The Foreign Office have promised in 30975/15 Zanzibar to give us an expression of their views on the question of all the Zanzibar treaties in time to formulate a definite policy before the opening of peace negotiations. All that we need do at present is to send them a copy of this despatch with reference to that letter?

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September 4th,

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the following facts respecting the administration of the Immigration Laws in this Protectorate.

2. Under Section 4(e) of the Immigration Restriction Ordinance 1906 any person who is the subject of a Foreign Power having treaty rights within the dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar is admitted into the Protectorate provided he is not a prohibited immigrant under Section 5, and provided that he is possessed of a guarantee in the form set out in Schedule B of the Ordinance signed by the local Consular representative of such power.

3. The Principal Immigration Officer has reported that on a recent occasion on which the form in question was sent to the French Consular

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

Consular Agent at Mombasa it was returned by that gentleman unsigned with a statement to the effect that he had no authority to affix such signature had been vested in him. The French Consular Agent had also previously informed the Principal Immigration Officer that he considered that the Immigration Restriction Ordinance 1906 did not apply to French subjects and that in his opinion a French subject could not be prevented from landing.

4. The position is therefore not satisfactory and, although the present time is not propitious for discussing the construction of Treaties, I consider it advisable to acquaint you with the matter in order that the Foreign Office may be aware of our disabilities when the general readjustment takes place which will presumably be necessary at the conclusion of hostilities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*H.C. Balfour*

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Sir,

with ref to your letter of the

5th of July 1915, (No 80043/15)

I am to transmit to you to be laid before the Sec. Balfour

the acc. copy of a despatch

the Gov. of the I.A.P. regarding

the administration of the

Immigration Laws in the

Protectorate in the case of the subjects of Foreign Powers having treaties

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Mr. Jewell 5/1/17

Mr. Borthwick 6.1.17 *fs*

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Loman-Lynn

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of the Sultan of Zanzibar.

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