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COMPLAINT OF MR V.P. DE SOUSA XERAFINA

30TH DECEMBER

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MR. DE SOUSA

It is not clear why this case has been sent to you by the G.O. G. IND., E.A. The original letter was addressed to the G.O. G. IND., E.A. and answered it on Dec. 11, 1918 and simultaneously referred the case to the G.O. G. IND., E.A. for disposal. It is not clear why any further reply is required and there certainly seems no reason why it should be sent to you.

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Mr. [unclear]

Please see attached letter from
Mr. [unclear] to the Prime Minister, sent
to us by P.T. at W.O.

In view of 73850/19 it seems to
me that all we can do is to return
the letter to the W.O. pointing out that
the incident referred to took place during
while the W.O. was in control of the operations of
the military occupation. All that the complaint
was referred by them to the P.O.C. in C.
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Downing Street,

26th March, 1921.

Dear Private Secretary,

I have had enquiry made on the subject of your note of the 17th of March enclosing a letter to the Prime Minister's Private Secretary from Mr. de Souza Xerafins.

As the incident referred to in that letter took place during the military occupation while the War Office was in control of the operations, it is clearly a matter for the War Office and not for the Colonial Office, to deal with.

As regards the War Office letter to which you refer, No. 0165/1087 (R.O.S.), no action was taken upon it in this Department as the letter of November 12th, 1919, which it forwarded was the same as that which we had sent to the War Office and upon which the War Office had taken action in February, 1918.

I note that Mr. Xerafins's complaint was referred by you to the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

We have no further information at all upon the case

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and in the circumstances it appears to be for you
to advise on a suitable reply.

I return herewith the enclosures to your
letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) L.B. Freeston.

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War Office
 Whitehall, W.C. 1
 S.W. 1.

30th December, 1919.

65/1087. (M.O.P.)

The Director of Military Operations presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and begs to forward copies of correspondence relative to a complaint by Mr. V. P. de Sousa Xerafina.

Major-General Sir Percy Radcliffe assumes that the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, West African Expeditionary Force, took such action as he considered necessary at the time the case was referred to him, and would be glad if Colonel Amery would cause a suitable reply to be sent to Mr. Xerafina.

Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 Colonial Office,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

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2nd February, 1916.

The General Officer
 Commanding-in-Chief,
 East African Expeditionary Force
 Dar-es-Salaam,
 East Africa.

The accompanying copy of a letter, addressed
 by Mr. V.P. de Souza to the Public Inquirer, is
 forwarded for information you as a matter of interest.

Yours faithfully,
 Major Genl.
 For Director of Military Operations.

2nd February, 1918.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 2856/17-18 of January 28th, and in reply to state that the complaint of Mr. V.P. de Sauna Xorafis has been referred by mail to the General Officer Commanding in Chief, East African Expeditionary Force.

(Sd.) J. H. ...

0165/9478 (M.O.S.)

2nd February, 1918.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of a letter addressed by you to the Prime Minister on 12th November 1917, complaining of your treatment by a British Political Officer at Bakoba.

In reply I am to inform you that any representations you may desire to make should be submitted in the first instance to the General Officer Commanding, East African Expeditionary Force, who has been supplied with a copy of your letter and who will direct any investigations that he may consider necessary.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) B. E. Cobitt

Senor V. P. de Sousa Naveira,
Post Office,
Mombasa,
British East Africa.

0165/9478.

DOWNING STREET,

28th January, 1918.

2856/17-18

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a communication from a Portuguese subject in East Africa, and to state that he presumes that, as the incident to which it refers took place in the course of the military occupation, the Army Council will take any action in connection with it which they may consider necessary.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd.) H. J. Peart.

THE SECRETARY,

WAR OFFICE.

To -
 Hon. Mr. Lloyd George,
 Downing Street,
 LONDON.

Honourable Sir,

For over 17 long months patiently waiting to have effected a complete subjugation of the G.E. Africa and the time would be ripe to seek for any redress from you and the British Public for undue insults and unmerited injuries through the influence of the first Political Officer in charge of Bukoba, to the poor man who gave the whole Bukoba district to the British Crown. Two days delay the Belgian Cogo Government forces would certainly have occupied it as their rightful conquest, for, the Huns had evacuated it for their fear alone.

The British Expedition that landed at Bukoba was ordered for different end and was on its way to Kibira to effect junction with the Belgian line from Congo to Lake Victoria, but for the strenuous efforts of a single Portuguese Citizen, called at Bukoba (though there were several Indians in hiding) and thus the British Arms signalled a bloodless victory and conquest of a large district to the British, known on the morning of the 28th day of June in 1915.

Three days later the first Political Officer took charge of Bukoba and treated the donee with gratuitous insults and later on influence assaults: - first, by Lt. Montgomery at 7.30 P.M. entered his abode, took him by the shoulder and dragged him out from his dinner while eating it; by taking 3 German employees in confidence, who had arrived ten days after the taking of Bukoba and had taken quarters about half a mile away from him, but the Political Officer shifted them to his very close neighbourhood with the sinister object of assaulting the poor man in his bed after 10 P.M., by insinuating them to bring an assault charge against

him

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him and when the evidence proved the assault against his proteges fined them lightly for name sake, by doubling guards about his quarters to prevent food supplies and by taking no notice of his written complaints. Thus he the Political Officer rendered himself open to criticism and liken the smile of the mad dog that bit the hand that gave the bone, - and just like the modern arrogant military autocrat Hun.

The present calamity has fallen on the World solely due to the very insolent and supremely arrogant Pride of our White Brothers abroad who consider non-European as social Leper. This pride has risen to the High Throne of the Almighty clamouring for the due punishment. The present war is the Providential weapon wiping it out when the European Autocrat arrogant Spirit is being subdued and God of all Genes and Genial Spirit engaged. It is being finished in Europe in particular in the West. It is expected that we will expect Universal Everlasting Peace to be established hereafter.

The British Empire has been enlarged in Africa, Asia and Oceania. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the East. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the West. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the South. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the North. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the East. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the West. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the South. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the North.

And most amazing and far from what we have seen in the past. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the East. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the West. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the South. It is through the British Empire that we have been able to reach the North.

MOHAMED P.O. B.E. Africa.
Molo 12th November 1917.

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