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Subsequent Paper

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~~Mr. Bottomley~~  
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This is not encouraging. <sup>60</sup> The answer to (1) is No, to (2) Not at present, but when the new notes are introduced they will be legal tender in G.S.A. <sup>See</sup>

As regards (3), it is not definitely stated in previous papers that Indian paper notes as well as coins will be bought up at a premium, but I take it that it is intended that they should be. [We know from 66326 that there are comparatively few left.]

Reply as above to (1) & (2), and say that so far as can be seen at present the arrangements for buying up notes at a premium will apply also to Indian paper notes.

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Subsequent Paper

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As regards 'GSA', it might be  
safer to say that no decision  
has yet been taken.

(We know that when the  
change takes place in  
BIA, the measures of Gra  
will have to come  
into force.)

In the event of a Final

I doubt if it shall amount to  
satisfactory result within any reasonable  
time if we stick to letter writing.

I send reply to SLD 66376 this that when  
reply has been received from all three  
banks it is asked to arrange an interview  
with their representatives at which points  
of detail can be discussed.

If Mr. Army could consent to  
attend at the interview, I would naturally  
in case of our claim of fully agreed

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SLD 24/1/19

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Mr. Deane, of the N. B. J. called on  
Friday noon. Sir H. Read was  
told that an interview was anticipated,  
and he wrote out his views  
(he is going to America),

The man would see  
(1) He demanded to know what sort of  
provision for his own private currency  
notes they represented. He then asked  
about the new 35/2 for  
circulation.

(2) We shall be expected to make the Bank  
to emit a 1/2 a cent note.

(3) The Bank has assumed something like  
100 lables to collect or are going to  
be before them if on the 1/2 way?  
It seemed clear that if we had not been  
able to secure here that nothing would  
be done in a hurry he would have had  
no intention of making for the money  
being to be issued in

6/12/18

National Bank of India Limited

26, Bishopsgate, E.C. 2

London

19th November 1919

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The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 63514/1919 of 15th inst and to ask for information on the following points, on receipt of which we will give the question further consideration and thereafter address you more fully. Meanwhile however we may say that with the brief particulars which you have put before us we cannot give the scheme our approval.

1. Does the proposal include the Protectorate of Zanzibar where there are no Settlers?
2. Does it include the Occupied Territory of German East Africa?
3. With reference to para 3 (1) of your letter under reply, does the proposal to buy up at a premium in local inconvertible paper currency, "the present Indian currency" export of which will be forbidden, refer to Indian Silver coin and one-Rupée Indian Currency Notes, or does the scheme embrace the whole currency, Silver and paper, of British East Africa, including Zanzibar and German East Africa?

We ask because it appears to us that Government Currency Notes, encased as they are with an unqualified and effective undertaking to redemption in Silver, should be and are as good as Silver itself. This would not be the case were they to be

continued in circulation with the same enfacement while it had been notified that such Currency Notes were inconvertible, even temporarily. Therefore in our opinion existing Currency Notes should not be differentiated against as compared with Silver.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*H. Hammers*  
General Manager

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Secret.

Downing Street,

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10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1919.

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2. A further communication will be sent to you on the subject in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/- F. J. Read

SECRETARY,

STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED.

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MANAGER,

THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

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- Mr. Jeffries 28/11/19
- Mr. Parkinson 28.11.19
- Mr. Brindley 29.11.19
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir B. Lambert
- Sir H. Road
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Cpt. Amery
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