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KENYA

C O
30567
REF
RE 19 JUN 23

FROM
SHEWAN JEE A.M.

DAYS
18 June 1923.

FOR CIRCULATION :-
Mr. *[Signature]*
Mr. *[Signature]*
Mr.
Asst. U.S. of S.
+ *[Signature]*
22/6/23
Permt. U.S. of S.
Part. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

SUBJECT

TOWNHALL SITE AT NAIROBI,
GRANTING OF LEASE.

States that reference to Coumpts is impracticable and requests that interview be arranged in order to arrive at a final settlement.

Previous Paper

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(1) Market site
The latest position re C.O. Dip.
conf. to d. d. 10 May in
Govt 33205/23.
Mr. D. Ferguson knows nothing
about this - The delay
is certainly unsatisfactory
but no discussion can
help at the moment.
But if it wd. be well was
to Tel. to d. d. ref. that
Dip. work whether Mr.
Javanjee may be
assured that (as he
will be ^{has} granted on
basis arrived at in
the 1922 correspondence.

Handwritten note:
26 June 1923

Subsequent Paper
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MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE.(1) Power Hall

See G/M 2003/24/22.

The decision was definitely that Mr. Jeerajee must settle this by taking his case to the Courts in Kenya.

As said, & I think, he is very chary of withdrawing from that to be possible.

In addition to proposed del. to O.D. -

? del. receipt - say that Sgd. is a ready in del. comm. with only as to the granting of a lease of the market side & that so far as this is concerned no discussion will be of value - but say that Sgd. hopes to send soon a further comm. to Mr. J. on the

Subject - as regards the Power Hall site, say that Sgd. is prepared to consider any written statement wh. Mr. J. advocates may wish to submit as to the reasons wh. in his opinion, render it impracticable for Mr. J. to take the matter to the Col.

Courts - but that as at present advised he is not prepared to ^{re-consider} ~~re-consider~~ the decision taken by his predecessor & communicated to Mr. J. in C.O. 17 2003-22 of 1/5/22 (enclosing copy for copy ref.) & that pending exam. of a written statement

as suggested, then I
see no advantage in
a discussion such as
W.J. proposes - but
that a firm conviction of such
statement W.J. will be
right. Whether, in the opinion
of the Dept., an interview
w. serve any useful
purpose.

Accd
21.6.23

I agree

A.L.
22.6.23

I send on in view of the
last para. of Mr. Jevon's letter.

Market site. I fully agree.

Town hall site. We broke down owing to

difference of view between the Government
& the S. H.'s legal advisors. A
discussion with Mr. Jevon's
legal advisors would not help to
remove that deadlock.

We have had many of us
with Mr. Jevon, but I see
nothing for it but to proceed on Mr.
Parliss's proposal.

W.L.P. 22.6.23

at once
H.D.P.
22/6/23

as suggested, then I?
be no advantage in
a discussion with
W.J. proposes - but
that after a session of such
statement W.J. will be
ref. sketch, in the opinion
of Mr. Lyle, an interview
w. serve any useful
purpose.

Accl
21.6.23

I agree.

A.L.
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last para. of Mr. Jevon's letter.

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difference of view between the Governor
& the S. H.'s legal advisors. A
discussion with Mr. Jevon's
legal advisors would not help to
remove that deadlock.

We have had many inquiries
with Mr. Jevon, but I see
nothing for it but to proceed as Mr.
Parkinson proposes.

W.L.P. 23.6.23.

at once
H.S.P.
22/6/23

18th June, 1923.

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REC 19 JUN 23

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 Colonial Office,
 Downing Street.

Sir,

re: Market Lease and Town Hall, Nairobi.

In reference to the granting of Leases of the Market Site and Town Hall Site, Nairobi, you will remember that I had occasion to submit a report to you last year and a direction was given for the granting of a lease of the Market site excluding an objectionable term which was included in the draft submitted to me.

It was suggested that the question relating to the Town Hall should be decided by reference to the Courts, but I am advised that such a course is impracticable for technical legal reasons. As my advocate, Mr. Figgis is at present in England and also His Excellency, Sir Robert Coryndon, should like to arrange an interview with you at which they might be present to discuss the position and arrive at a final settlement.

Mr. Figgis is leaving England the first week of next month, so I would deem it a great favour if you could arrange a date before then.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



26 June 1923

DRAFT.

~~to~~ Sir,

Mr. Jeevanjee Esq

MINUTE.

- Mr. Brier June 23
- Mr. Parkinson 27
- Mr.
- Mr. Davis
- Mr G. Grendle
- Mr H. Road.
- Mr J. Masterton Smith
- Mr Ormsby-Gore.
- Duke of Devonshire

I am to ack. the recd of your letter of the 18th of June, & to inform you that he is already in tel. communication with the O.A.F. of Kenya as to the granting of a lease of the market site at Meroti, and that, so far as this matter is concerned, no discussion would be of value. His Grace hopes however soon

To Mr. Jeevanjee 5 July 22
On 20534/22

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to send a further communication
to you
on the subject.

2. As regards the Town Hall
etc, I am to say that the S^o S
is ^{willing} prepared to consider any
written statement which your
advocate may wish to submit.
As to the reasons which, in
his opinion, render it im-
practicable for you to take
the matter to the Colonial
Council; but that, as at present
advised, he is not prepared
to reconsider the decision
taken

DRAFT.

MINUTE.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Duke of Devonshire.

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taken by his predecessor &
communicated to you in
Col Office letter No 20534/22
of the 5th of May 1922, a
copy of which is enclosed
for ~~your~~ reference ^{read}
that, Pending the examination
of a written statement as
suggested, there would be
no advantage in a discussion
such as you propose; but
after the receipt &
after the [consent] of such
a statement you will be
informed whether, in

the opinion of the S of S.,

an interview would serve

any useful purpose.



(Signed) H J READ

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an interview would serve

any useful purpose.



(Signed) H. J. READ

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Nairobi

My despatch 16 May confl.

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market site may be varied

Mr. P. H. Ross June 23
Mr. Parkin 4/10/23
Mr. Stone

be assumed that lease

Mr. Davis

will now be granted

Mr. G. Grindie

on basis arrived at

Mr. H. Road

in the 1922 correspondence

Mr. J. Maderton Smith

Mr. Ormsby-Gore

Viscount of Devonshire

Lees

24/6

KENYA INDIAN DELEGATION 93

c/o INDIANS OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION,

~~42 DANES-INN HOUSE,~~

389, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.2

25th June 1923

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Urgent

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,

Downing Street.

Sir,

I have received no acknowledgement of my letter of 18th inst., asking you for an appointment to discuss the matter of "Market Lease and Town Hall, Nairobi."

As I mentioned in my letter Mr. Biggis is leaving England the first week of next month, and as the time is drawing near, I must ask you to please arrange a day as soon as possible, as it is imperative this matter should be settled before he leaves England.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Mr. V. Robinson
reply made on 26/6
and ? attach
29/6/23

all
27/6/23
above