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10th April 1924.

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Secretary of State

IMMIGRATION RETURNS.

The revised schedule in respect of months of November and December 1923. Enclosed table showing nett immigration into Kenya only. Emigration figures for 1923 now forwarded, leaving balance in favour of immigration as shown.

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MINUTES

Copy of complete with his minutes covered the letter of 10 April, though we get it in a copy detached, is being communicable Wed. 13.5.24

See also *805*

The conclusion of all this is that we must confine ourselves to the figures for business (including *business* & other activities) arriving at or leaving the port of Mombasa, & that Henry & Co. are to T.T. is all well & as regards T.T. the same

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Subsequent Paper

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DOWNING STREET,

13 May, 1924.

Dear Esbank,

In reply to your letter of the 12th, I am afraid that we have ~~no copy~~ of the letter sent to the East African Indian Congress on the 4th April giving certain figures of immigration. But you will observe from the end of the telegram which we communicated to Mr. Roy that the figures given in that letter were not correct. The correct figures were sent to the Congress in a letter of the 10th April of which I enclose a copy.

Yours sincerely,

ESBANK, Esq., C. I. E.

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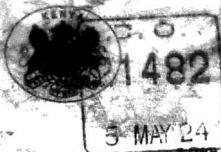
My Dear Bottomley

In the telegram dated April 23 from the Governor of Guyana to the Sec. of State for the Colonies ~~reference~~ a copy of which has been sent by your office to Mr. Roy, reference is made to some immigration figures supplied by the Governor to the Secty of the S. A. I. Congress. If there is no objection, my Committee would be obliged if you will furnish them with a copy of these figures

Yours Sincerely  
O. G. Edwards

KENYA.

NO. 93.

CONFIDENTIAL.
 GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
 NAIROBI,  
 KENYA.

10th April, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to my Confidential despatch No.75 of March 18th and my telegram No.102 of the 4th instant, I regret that the figures of Immigration from India only for the months of November and December, 1923, were included in error in the Schedule attached to my despatch. That Schedule refers to the total Immigration at the Port irrespective of the ultimate destination of immigrants whether to Kenya, Uganda or Tanganyika Territory, and in order that it may be correctly completed the following figures should be substituted for those given for the last 2 months of 1923:-

<u>Month</u>	<u>European</u>	<u>Indian</u>	<u>Goan</u>	<u>Arab</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Total of</u> 3 & 4.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nov.	357	689	78	96	151	767
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The totals for the whole year 1923 will thus be:-						
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2. Tables of the nett Immigration into Kenya only have also been prepared and are enclosed. Table A contains the monthly figures for the year 1923 and Table B the annual totals -

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S. W.,

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totals for the 5 years 1919-1923 with the exception of Europeans.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of my despatch under reference the shipping lists have now been examined by a responsible Police Officer who reports the following figures for Emigration during 1923:-

Europeans.....	3374
Indians .....	4433
Goan .....	582

It must be understood that these figures include emigrants from Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika Territory as it is impossible to differentiate between travellers from these three Territories who embark at Mombasa or Kilindini. For purposes of comparison it is therefore necessary to read these Emigration figures with those Immigration statistics forwarded with my despatch under reference as amended in paragraph 1 above. It will then be seen that during 1923 the balance was in favour of Immigration viz:-

Europeans.....	56
Indians .....	1642
Goans .....	106.

4. These figures have been furnished to the East African Indian National Congress at their request. The Congress has also asked for Immigration and Emigration figures of Europeans and Indians during the years 1919 to 1923 inclusive. These also have been supplied, and I forward for your information copies of the relative correspondence. The figures of Indian emigrants for the years 1919-1922 were obtained in 1923 in the same way as those now given for 1923. No special examination was given to the figures for European emigration for the years 1919-1922 and these must not therefore be considered

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INCLOSURES  
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TOTAL AMYIA IMMIGRANTS

YEAR	EUROPEANS	SIKHTS OR INDIANS	BOANS	ARABS	OTHERS
January	321	415	47	160	212
February	199	370	56	71	234
March	246	507	82	83	225
April	174	332	43	61	207
May	233	229	89	35	134
June	150	542	24	53	141
July	150	279	7	39	83
August	166	360	19	46	141
September	205	374	41	41	94
October	415	286	91	37	125
November	272	367	73	74	137

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4th April, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th February, I am directed by His Excellency to forward you a copy of the Statistics of Immigration and Emigration for the year 1923 and the month of January, 1924, which have been forwarded to the Secretary of State.

2. The figures apply to Immigration into Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika Territory, but the figures given for the months of November and December are those of Immigrants from India only. A revised Schedule is being prepared and a copy will be forwarded to you in due course; as will also figures for Immigration into Kenya only for the years 1919-1923 incl.

3. There is no official machinery for the collection of emigration figures and these have been taken from shipping lists kept by Shipping Companies. These lists do not contain the same detailed information as is available for Immigration and the precise accuracy of the figures cannot be guaranteed. They contain but two divisions, viz: European and Non-European. For purposes of these statistics it has been assumed that Non-Europeans travelling to India are Indians and Gans only, and that those travelling to other ports (Column 10 of enclosure) comprise no Indians.

This -

THE HON. GENERAL-SECRETARY,  
EASTERN AFRICA INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS,  
N A I R O B I .



This seems a fair computation as those Non-Europeans who travel Southwards are for the most part Arabs and Swahili on route for Zanzibar, Tanga and Dar-es-Salaam, and no estimate of value can be made of the small number of Indians who do travel Southwards. The figures up to the end of September have been furnished to the Department of Education of the Government of India.

4. The Shipping Lists are at present being scrutinised in closer detail and by examining the names of passengers it is expected that greater accuracy will be obtained. A copy of these revised figures will be forwarded to you in due course.

5. Mr. Desai has been answered in identical terms and has been informed that if the Congress sees reason to question the figures in any specific particulars, you will no doubt communicate further with me.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. B. DENNISON

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

2000/1/20.

1924 April, 1924.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.S.21072/1/24 of the 4th instant, I have the honour to forward as requested in your letter of the 26th February, 1924, statistics of Immigration and Emigration of Europeans and Asiatics for the years 1919-1923:-

A. Immigration.

Into Kenya, Uganda  
Tanganyika Territory  
through the Port of  
Mombasa.

Into Kenya only.

YEAR	EUROPEANS	(Indians, Goans, {Arabs & Others})	EUROPEANS	INDIANS	GOANS	{Arabs and {Others
1919	2729	2155	-	4679	740	1638
1920	4700	3035	-	6687	776	1108
1921	4292	3480	-	2747	778	964
1922	5068	3000	-	3546	493	743
1923	3430	9644	2045	4406	583	2670

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B. Emigration - through Mombasa from Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory:-

YEAR	EUROPEANS	INDIANS
1919	1848	2139
1920	2792	5448
1921	2430	5025
1922	2770	4825
1923	2074	6625

2. These figures are not guaranteed as correct. Special examination of Emigration for 1923 was undertaken and the figures of European emigration for that year may be taken as correct.

3. With reference to the schedule forwarded with my above

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1921	4256	6490	-	3747	778	964
1922	3088	3006	-	3546	493	743
1923	2430	9665	3843	4406	582	2670

B. Emigration - through Mombasa from Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory:-

Year	Europeans	Indians
1919	1842	2139
1920	2702	3440
1921	3135	6032
1922	3776	4885
1923	3374	4453

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