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KENYA

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29 JUL 1924

DATE

24th July 1924

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Foreign Office

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Foreign Subscribers
Compassionate Representation to Abyssinia

in 1/1/24

Anglo-Italian ...
by the 26 to ...
at 3 ...

17 OCT 1924
20 JAN 1925
copy x above to 24 June '25

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Subsequent Paper

As regards the Governor's proposal to bore for wells, I pointed out that the scheme was not certain of success and that it tended to admit the possibility of receiving refugees.

We agreed that we must endeavour to keep out both Somalis and non-Somalis. The question then arose as to how it should be done.

(1) League of Nations.

It was pointed out that a complaint framed on a purely humanitarian ground would be spoilt by our present policy of asking the Somalis to go back with great haste. It was then in the process of being decided how to meet them on their arrival. Also the League of Nations was mentioned as where the boundary lay, as we had to have some say that it had not yet been agreed upon.

H. Langford 30th Nov 1934

It was agreed that the presentation of the case would give some difficulty, but that as the Abyssinians would certainly not welcome the presence of their his-government in the League of Nations, it might be very effective as a threat.

(2) Direct pressure at Adis Ababa.

It was admitted that such direct pressure

as a means of providing for
 refugees until we know that the
 cause of the trouble cannot be
 removed.

L. C. S. 1. 8. 24

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Remind Gov. conf. Apr

W. C. S. 16. 1. 25

at once

See draft on Gov/30/24/25

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any further communication
subject, please quote

E 4166/5166/1

address—
not to any person by name.

Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1.

C. O.
36085
29 JUL 1924

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FOREIGN OFFICE. S.W.1.

29th July, 1924.

URGENT.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. ⁴⁰¹21480/1924,
^{Kenya}
relative to the repatriation to Abyssinia of refugees
crossing into Kenya from that country, I am directed by
Mr. Secretary Ramsay MacDonald to inform you that
arrangements are being made for representatives of this
department to attend the proposed meeting at the Colonial
Office at 12 noon on the 31st instant.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Lanceur Dipaunt

Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

F.O. 36085/24 Kenya

[Handwritten signature]

①

8 August 1924

and

Sir

DRAFT.

Confidential (6)

Mr. Compton.

MINUTE.

Mr. Peel 6/8/24

Mr. Calder MacHugh

Mr.

Sir I. Davis.

Sir F. Brandle.

Sir H. Road

Sir J. Mawerton Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas

Encl. 211450/14 Kenya

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I am proposing to ~~do this~~ ^{do this} as a first step, that as a first step, strong representations should be made by H.M.'s Government to the Government of Abyssinia

F.O. 36085/24 Kenya

[Handwritten signature]

14 August 1924

And

Sir

DRAFT.

Confidential (6)

For: London.

MINUTE.

Mr. Peel 6.8.24

Mr. Calder (Nacht's)

Mr.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Read

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

Eno
21450/24 Kenya

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June 25 20/27448/25

Copy to Ho. 24

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v. g. l. for Foreign Affairs
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Submitted to me. 81

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(SIGNED) ... THOMAS.

DRAFT.

MINUTE.

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Mr.
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Mr. G. Grindle.
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12 August 1924

Sir

DRAFT.

The U. S. of S.

Foreign Office

MINUTE.

Mr. Seel. 6.8.24.

Mr. Calder (Nachtigal) 7/8

Mr.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

we modified the wording
of Mr. Somers' at, so as not
to give the impression that the
Govt had settled this matter
(i.e. for L.A. must fall in line)
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~~Sgt. Kenner
Mund...~~

20/8

Send back the receipt
of your letter No E. 6166/6166/1,
of the 29th of July, and to inform
request you to inform Mr. Secretary
Ramsay MacDonald that at
the meeting which was held
at the C. O. on the 31st of July
it was ^{the point} agreed that, as a first
step, ~~not strong~~ representations
should be made by H.M.'s Govt
to the Govt. of Abyssinia on the
subject of the migration of
Abyssinian subjects, owing to
ill-treatment by the Abyssinian

Authorities, in the Northern Frontier District of Kenya, and that if ^(appropriate) steps were taken by the Gov^t of Abyssinia on the receipt of such of conditions ~~resulted from~~ these representations, an appeal ^{might} should be made to the League of Nations.

2 It was ^{proposed} considered, however, that before ~~anything~~ ^{was made} representations to the Gov^t of Abyssinia, the Governor of Kenya and H.M.'s Consul for Southern Abyssinia should be asked to furnish full reports on the subject, in a form suitable for communication to the Gov^t of Abyssinia. ~~To~~ ^{enclose} for H. McDonald's information, a copy of a despatch asking for a report ^{has been} in this sense ~~admitted in~~ ^{has been} addressed to the Governor of

Kenya.

He says: trusts that Mr Thomas would be glad if steps could be taken in agreement with what is proposed to instruct H.M.'s Consul for Southern Abyssinia to furnish a similar report through H.M. Minister at Addis Ababa.

DRAFT.

(2)

MINUTE.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir H. Road
- Sir J. Masterton Smith.
- Lord Arnold.
- Mr. Thomas.