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INDIAN QUESTION.

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Letter from L.D. Francis Scott, with
further copies of articles therefrom,
as to discussion of Indians at the
Imperial Conference.

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Dear Sir James

I am terribly disturbed
at seeing in this morning's
paper the account of the
proposal to extend the duration
of wages absent like proposal
to the committee of which I
know with the Board of the
the State of Affairs in the
war. I am not at all
of the nature of the proposal

to put aside by the Gov. of India
in this way? Of course I noted
that the Duke of Devonshire said
that he would accept any idea
of a port, the settlement in Kenya,
but as I read S. W. 1's last speech,
he didn't accept that proposition,
& if this proposal was accepted
at all by the Colonial Office, it
was to include the Kenya settlement.
Now I'm afraid this will have a
detrimental effect in Kenya, as it
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only on the condition that it was
final. Now if there is going to be
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of India perpetually, for the use
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a settlement by the cabinet &
ratified by Parliament, & so would
not be again upset. Now if this
India committee is going to raise
up the whole question again, where
are we? Every thing is settling down
so well in Mysore now, & nothing
going ahead & I like this proposal
but again I get weary. Can you
give me some definite assurance

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That the settlement will not
be altered unless India says?
I want something which I can
send out & have published in
Mysore to restore confidence.
Unfortunately I am laid up in the
home being treatment for my
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