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RACIAL SEGREGATION IN NAIROBI AND MOMBASA.

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Commissioner of Lands has now examined all parts of the two townships. Result shows that in Nairobi the areas where Govt must still maintain restrictions against Asiatic residence are very small, and in Mombasa rather larger. Encloses maps.

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Secretary of State

Previous Letter

25 JAN 1926

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MINUTES

*When we get the maps we
will consider whether we
should not limit the
further communication
under the 6. 10. 25
we are writing to the I.O. till
we know what is at stake*

West of the line

16. 10. 25

also see

*maps are annexed. Please see
minutes within*

*C. J. Jeffries 20. 10. 25
Paper 1000 (20. 10. 25) C.S. 2/10*

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Subsequent Paper

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Racial Segregation in Kenya and Uganda

The history of this question is given in the typed memo in 46/465/24 and need not be repeated. Following upon the action taken on that paper, we now have to deal with

reports by the Governors of Kenya and Uganda showing the favourable areas in which it is definitely established that segregation cannot, owing to legal difficulties, be abandoned.

by a request from the India Office for these reports for communication to the Govt. of India (who may have representations to make).

As regards a) the Kenya report is incomplete, as it deals only with Nairobi and Mombasa. The area affected in Nairobi is surprisingly small, that in Mombasa is relatively larger, comprising most of the sea front of the island. In Uganda the areas affected are one portion of Kampala and a limited part of Jinja.

The question is whether we should comply with it now, or wait

wait for the full Kenya report.

I think it is very unlikely that the Govt. of India will find anything in the reports so far in which they could base representations, or that the other friendships in Kenya will make a worse showing than Nairobi and Mombasa. There is some gain in letting the Govt. of India have information as we get it, and I would suggest that we should send the I.O. the two dispatches as they stand (with duplicates of the Kenya maps) without comment, for communication to the Govt. of India.

J. G. Meade

20.10.25

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA

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10th August, 1925.

Sir,

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With reference to Mr. Thomas's despatch No. 507 of 22nd May, 1924, regarding the abandonment of the policy of racial segregation in townships and to your telegram of 6th December on the same subject, I have the honour to inform you the whole question has been receiving the careful attention of this Government with a view to making restrictive covering of township areas in all cases where this may be done without risk of involving Government in legal proceedings.

The Commissioner of Lands, in consultation with the Attorney General, has now completed an examination of all parts of the townships of Nairobi and Mombasa and a classification in the light of the decision conveyed in your telegram of December last. The result shows that in respect of Nairobi the areas in which it is considered that Government must still maintain the restrictions against Asiatic residence are very small, viz., the residential plots in the Anderson Valley, and Bishops Road area, Forest Road and Murlingham Road. The business plots in 5th Avenue and the immediate vicinity are open to Asiatic ownership and occupation, but are

subject

RIGHT HONOURABLE
MR. COB. L.C.M.S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
LONDON.

subject to restriction against Asiatic residence which it is considered cannot be waived.

3. With regard to Mombasa, the area in the residential part of the Island still restricted to European ownership and occupation is somewhat larger in proportion, viz., the greater part of the area bounded by Salim Road, Triton Road, and the sea front. All other plots within Nairobi and Mombasa townships will be free for unrestricted transfer.

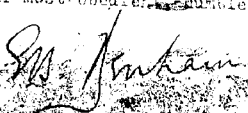
4. Maps have been prepared showing these areas and two copies of each map are being transmitted to you under separate cover.

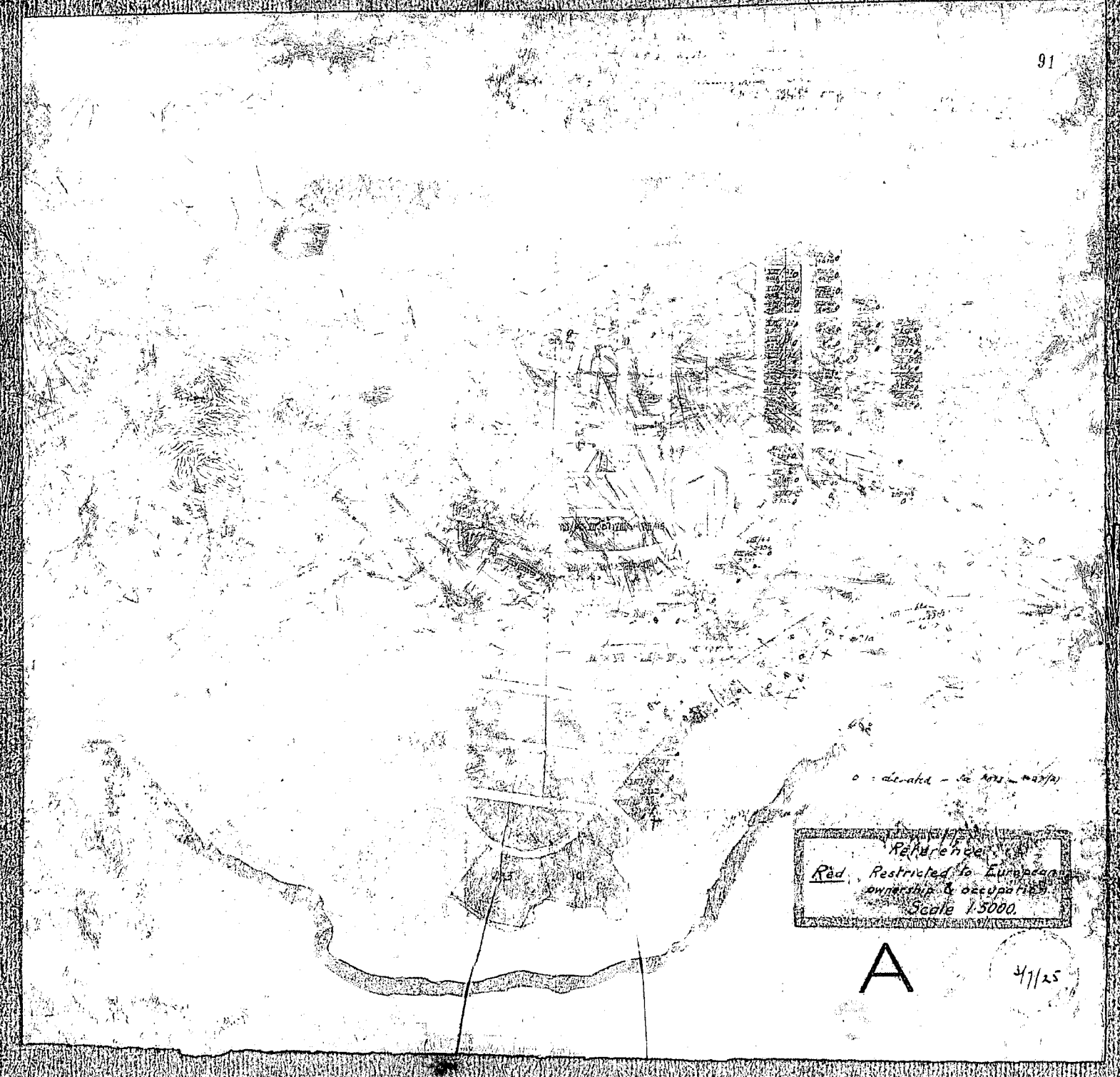
5. Similar plans are being prepared by the Land Office, based on the same classification for plots for all other township areas, and will be sent to you on completion.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble Servant,


ACTING GOVERNOR.



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Reference:
Red Restricted to European
ownership & occupation.
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MOMBASA ISLAND

See detail see
plan A
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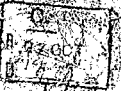
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25 JAN 1926

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28 October 1925

Under Secretary of State
India Office

I am to refer to the letter No. E.O. 1678/25 of the 10th of March regarding the organization of European business in East Africa, to transmit to your office (if the East of Africa and West of Africa Communication) to the Government of India, subject to the approval of the East of Africa Commission, copies of despatches in the subject for the Government

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~~For Uganda conf. 22/5/25~~

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The maps illustrating
the ~~idea~~ from the Hon.
Secy. of Legation are also
enclosed

(Signed) G. BOTTOMLEY