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FROM
W.A.G. NOTLEY. 942.

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FOR CIRCULATION—
Mr.
Mr.
Mr.
Mr. Grindle
Mr. H. Lambert
Mr. H. Read 12/8/21
Mr. G. Palmer
Mr. Wood 15
Mr. Churchill

SUBJECT
INDIAN POLICY.

The copies of resolutions on subject of passed by Convention of Associations.

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Completed 15 Sept 21
Copy of copies of Resolutions made at 21 Sept 21
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Sir H. Read
These resolutions have already been circulated in another form. The final decision on Indian Policy will be sent to the members at the general terms & will not be circulated with these Resolutions. Therefore, I ask you and ask that the Council should be kept that their attention should be given to the matter.

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5. It is found that the Council

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MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE.

*for the purpose of the
selection of the members
of the Indian Committee
in all its respects.*

Oct. 11. 8. 21

*a copy of the "Herald"
is being sent to the
S.D. on another paper.*

** J.R.
12/10/21
S.W. 10.8.*

To see

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

No. 948.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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23 JUL 21

1st July, 1921.

Sir,

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With reference to my telegram No. 251
of 12th May, at the request of the Convention
of Associations I have the honour to transmit
herewith for your information copies of
Resolutions.
resolutions on the subject of Indian policy
in this Colony passed by that body at a session
recently held in Nairobi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

W. K. ...

FOR GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WINSTON CHURCHILL, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE CONVENTION OF ASSOCIATIONS HELD
FROM JUNE 27TH TO JUNE 30TH, 1921, ON THE

INDIAN QUESTION.

1. "THAT this Convention of Associations deprecates the initiation of any policy which will tend to make Kenya Colony either dependent on, or a dependency of, India."
2. "THAT this Convention resents the determined efforts of a section of the community to determine the pledge given by the Secretary of State for the Colonies as promulgated in Government Notice No. 251 of August 18th, 1920. This pledge was given by the Secretary of State after receiving a deputation from the Indian Community of East Africa. The deputation was introduced by Lord Islington, who stated that the franchise could not be granted to Indians on the same basis as to Europeans. This pledge confirmed Lord Elgin's earlier decision to retain the upland areas of the Colony as the special sphere of European settlement and it is noteworthy that the present Secretary of State was then Under Secretary of State. That, since this Pledge is the foundation of European settlement in the Highlands of Kenya Colony, the European Community cannot submit to any diminution of the rights promised by it, and is prepared to combat by every constitutional means any attempted breach of this pledge."
3. "THAT this Convention is of the definite opinion that the only wise policy for this country is one that includes the following points :-
 - (i) Strictly controlled immigration at present with a view to ultimate prohibition.
 - (ii) Two nominated and not elected Indian representatives to the Legislative Council.
 - (iii) Segregation in Residential areas and, whenever practicable,

practicable, in Commercial areas also.

(iv) No further alienation of land to Indians in the Upland areas.

(v) Full recognition of existing Asiatic rights in property, and security of tenure."

4. "THAT, with reference to the first of the five points laid down in Resolution No. 3, as uncontrolled immigration of Indians would deprive the Native of his heritage, this Convention urges that before coming to any decision as to the Indian policy to be adopted in Kenya, the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State should carefully study the wishes and consider the position of the native population who are being raised from from a condition of savagery and who in considerable numbers are being trained and educated in accordance with Western ideals, which form the basis of the present scheme of Native Education and Administration, and should ascertain the opinion of the various Missionary Societies in the Colony on this point."
5. "THAT this Convention claims for the Legislative Council the inherent function, proclaimed by the Imperial Conference of 1917, to enjoy complete control over the composition of the population of this Colony by means of restriction up to the ultimate point of prohibition of immigration from Asia; and, further, urges upon the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies that to take any decision on this vital subject, which may limit this Colony's complete control over the composition of its own population, is to discount in advance the grant of self-government which we believe the future holds in store for us."
6. "THAT, having regard to the recent change from Indian to British Currency, this Convention requests an assurance from the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies that other questions, of political, legal, social and economic moment will be dealt with in such a manner as will conform with the policy indicated thereby."

July
Recd 4.9.21
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DRAFT.

Downing Street,
5 September, 1921.

KENYA

No. **1355**

O. A. G.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Parkinson 31.8.21
- Mr. Batterbee *2.12.21*
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle
- Mr. H. Lambert
- Sir B. Read
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 942 of the 7th of July forwarding copies of resolutions on the subject of Indian policy in Kenya which were passed by the Convention of Associations at Nairobi in June 1921.

2. In my telegram of *the 20th of August* I have informed you that no decision will be taken in regard to Indian policy at any rate until Sir Edward Northey has returned to Kenya and discussed the matter further in the Colony. The Convention is no doubt now aware of the position, but I should be glad if in acknowledging on my behalf the receipt of copies of their resolutions, you would draw attention to this announcement, and say that

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The position has rather altered since minute of 11/8/21 written A.C.C.P.

that

that they may be assured that careful consideration will be given to their views before a decision is arrived at.

I have, etc.,