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Copy of further info from
T.M.B. requesting ...

MINUTES

At a meeting

In spite of the French reminder
of which that we need to in a great hurry,
in view of the fact that
relations with France appear at present to
be a disturbing state.

The terms of our answer to the
specifically raised in the French Note
follow the general lines of the Memorandum
attached to 36732/21. But there is the
further question whether we should say anything
officially to the Foreign Office as to the
possibility of including the Zanzibar question
in the event of negotiations ever taking place
with a view to a general "clearing
of the air". As to this I confess that I feel

Handwritten note:
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... ground ...
... last minute on 36732/21 ...

In any case, communication
on this subject, please refer
to the file number...

On 20/12/60

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

TELE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Paris
compliments to the Under-Secretary of State
the Colonies, with, by direct order, the
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From

French Embassy
Note of 1st December

Alleged violation of French
Treaty rights by Kenya
Govt.

Similar letter sent to ✓

Over Note

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Downing Street,

23rd March, 1922.

HOME OFFICE

MINUTE

Mr. Batterbee, 18.3.22.

Mr. Batterbee 23/3/22

Mr. H. Ross 23/3/22

Mr. L. Marquess Smith 23/3/22

Mr. Wood 23 P.S.

Mr. Churchill

Sir,

I write to refer to your letters A.5750/09/20 of the 6th of December, and A.5112/28/20 of the 22nd of July last, enclosing copies of Notes from the French Ambassador with regard to the alleged violation of French Treaty Rights in the Sultan of Zanzibar's Dominions.

2 For reasons which have been semi-officially explained to the Foreign Office and with which I believe that the Marquess Curzon of Kedleston is in agreement, Mr. Churchill has not thought it necessary to hasten the examination of the arguments contained in the French Ambassador's Note of the 12th of July last, but it is now necessary to reply to the French Ambassador

Section 5.5.4.

His Majesty's

Government did not assert that
 by the terms of Article 2 of the
 Treaty the status of a French
 citizen in Zanzibar was in all
 respects the same as that of a
 subject of Zanzibar in France,
 but merely pointed out that,
 under Article 2 of the Treaty,
 French citizens in France (just as
 French in Zanzibar) had the
 right "en toute liberté entrer,
 résider, commercer et circuler
 en France, avec leurs marchandises
 et à cela les termes de l'article
 2 appear precise and not
 admit of ^{discussion} debate. But in any
 case His Majesty's Government
 could not admit the argument
 that, on account of a capitulation
 imposed on a semi-barbaric and
 inferior Moslem Potentate 80 years
 ago, French citizens should escape
 contribution to the administra-
 tion of an ordered Government
 flying the British flag.

Section 5.5.7.11.

As regards the provisions as

that, of 1916, which applies
to taxation on commercial
operations. (Compare Foreign
Office letter No.A.4928/3686/60
of 18th August 1920, enclosure
copy of despatch to His
Highness's Highness as for in Paris
Foreign Office letter
of the 10th of

It is to add that, while, as
is aware, Mr. Churchill
at the least, the
French claims, it is
to get rid of the
Government's obstructive
it is possible to do so
to bear this
in the event of
negotiations taking place at any time
with the French Government, with a
view to a general "cleaning of the
slate."

In the course of such
negotiations, it might be possible to
state, as a ^{Set off to some extent} ~~make weight~~ ~~against~~
~~the~~ ~~small~~ ~~concession~~ ~~granted~~ ~~else-~~
where, that the French should drop
claims in regard to Zanzibar.
Mr. Churchill has some hesitation