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15 MAY 21

RUSBY-GORE  
M.P.  
CAPT THE HON: W.

DATE  
11TH MAY 1921

CIRCULATION

SUBJECT

NATIVE LABOUR

Encloses letter from Bishop of Z'bar and asks if possible to get a report in course of a month on conditions on which labour is obtained for the clove plantations. Refers generally to unsatisfactory administration of E.A. and the necessity for a special condition of enquiry.

Grindle  
H. Lambert  
H. Road 14/5/21  
G. Field  
L. Atwell  
Churchill

Previous Paper  
51675/20 Z'bar

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Mr. G. Field

1. As regards the detailed questions in the Bishop's letter, do not know how we can supply answers without ref. to Z'bar.

2. As regards the Z'bar position generally it should be noted that Dept. specially impressed on the H.C. of 4.2.21 that there must be no sanction by law for any kind of compulsion on natives to undertake formal employment - the better labour control decree was amended to make it quite clear it must not be a work of a public nature for the general good of the community that a native should be made to labour under the decree. The answer to question (18) should be None.

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From mod. S.O. 18 July 21  
18 May 1921

Subsequent Paper  
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3. Mr Wood will probably like to look at the Bishop's pamphlet "Self of Great Britain" & you typed note of 26th labour on 4/11/20 - (Added in green). The general situation is summarised very briefly, but in effect completely, in the Question & Answer in H.O.C. in 5/10/20 (Added in red).

We cannot conveniently get a report from 26th in a month. He will take 3 to 4 weeks each way & it will take the Resident time to collect the inf. wanted.

Suggested that the best plan would be for Mr Wood to reply to O. Park last Monday for a report enough to put his enquiries into an official letter to C.O. (without ref. to the Bishop as the investigator) - saying that when official letter comes we will send copy to Res. Park & him to send as soon as he possibly can a report on the points raised.

W.H.P. 12/11/20

Sir W. Reed

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G. A. S.

1852.

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ad int. 6<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Bottomley  
for H. J. R.

14/12/71

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as usual.

5, Mansfield Street

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21st May 1921

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Dear Edward,

I enclose the Bishop of Zanzibar's letter. He is evidently worried about the treatment of labour in Zanzibar Protectorate as well as in Kenya and elsewhere. I hesitate to put questions to you on the lines he suggests without first knowing whether you have any information upon the points he raises. Would it be possible for you to get a report in the course of a month or so from the British Resident at Zanzibar on the conditions under which labour is obtained and administered for the clove plantations?

The more I learn of the conditions obtaining on the East Coast of Africa, the more I am convinced there is a great deal to be said for sending out a Special Commission from England to examine not merely Indian and native labour conditions, but currency and administrative questions as well. There is hardly a single aspect of government in Kenya Colony which has not got into an awful mess during the last two years, and I sincerely hope that radical steps will be taken to clear up the mess.

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*W.D. Hardy Jones*

Bishop's Lodge,  
Mbeza,  
Tanga,  
Tanganyika Territory.  
March 29th.

Dear Sir,

In reference to your question to Col. Amery, in the House, on March 9th re forced labour in Australian mandatory colony and in Tanganyika. I do earnestly beg that you will get together a real movement to save us from the settlers.

If you and Bishop Gore could get hold of J.H. Oldham and the Archbp. of Canterbury, and Lord Salisbury, Cave and Haldane you might rally all who signed an appeal to Milner over Kenya Colony and secure a sufficiently large party to make Churchill and Amery give way.

We want a law that there shall be no forced labour of any kind whether for public or private purposes except that each jamba (i.e. local chief) and his people must maintain the native roads and native bridges in his own jamba-ship and provide paid parties to hand on his visiting

District officer to the next jamba means a very little work within reach of their own homes they have always done it and expect to do it.

This is what Africans accept as fair. Zanzibar requires your special attention, Oldham and the Abp. of C. left it out of our Memoranda to Milner. I wish you would ask Amery for a return of

1. the number of clove pickers recruited under the law.
2. the proportion assigned to Government plantations.
3. the proportion assigned to private plantations.
4. the wage fixed by the Government.
5. the number sent by mail to Pemba from Zanzibar.
6. what sleeping accommodation is provided on the Government steamers.
7. how many men were carried on each voyage in each steamer.
8. is Col. Amery aware that before the departure of each steamer in the clove season young men in Zanzibar run away from the main thoroughfares and hide; and is he of opinion that such a state of things reflects credit on the British Empire?

With regard to Kenya it would be well to get it made clear whether in view of concerted action to reduce largely the wages of labourers a proportional



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Mr. H. Lambert.  
Mr. H. Read.  
Mr. G. Fisher.  
Mr. Amey.  
Mr. Chamberlain.

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 20th

L.O. letter for Mr Wood's signature

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Capt. the Hon. W. Armstrong-Jones, M.P.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Acland 14/17
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. G. G. G.
- Sir H. Road 58/15
- Sir G. G. G.
- Mr. Wood & S.
- Mr. G. G. G.

Copy from Mr. Wood's notebook 18/11/52

Thank you for your letter  
 of the 11th of May regarding me  
 the British Consul of Zanzibar  
 letter.

I have arranged for a  
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 British Consul in Zanzibar  
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