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31ST JULY 1923

TEL

CIRCULATION:—

SUBJECT

POSITION OF INDIANS

States as to views of Europeans on terms of settlement. Enquires if he may announce legislation for reservation of Highlands for Europeans. Indians profess very great disappointment.

Mr. *Baldwin*

Mr. *J. H. ...*  
9/11/23

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Secretary of State.

Previous Paper

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See also *007/38263/27*  
& *M/38263/23*.

*Dr. ... Smith has seen the ... from ... I understand that he was like a reply ... only to ... of the position.*

*It is however for ... whether he all participated in ignoring the part of the ... which ... says that it would be very useful if he could announce that the reservation of the Highlands will be effected by legislation. This is absolutely out of*

*Pres*

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*Answer - after tel - 2. Aug 23*

It does not appear that the  
point has been or will be put  
definitely to the C.A., but if it is  
it would only do harm if he used  
language indicating that legislative <sup>411</sup>  
action was possible. From the  
point of view it is desirable to  
put him on his guard, ~~and on the~~  
~~point~~  
whole, I think it would be best that  
he should if occasion were to  
advise that the S.W. committee  
is out of the question. If, with  
alternatives, he were inclined to  
use our tel. as his own view, he  
will be asked if he was the S.W. by  
authority and his position will  
be embarrassing.

W.C.S. 2/12/23

to J.H.

2/10/23

Paragraphs of reply  
attached.

Butly  
all  
3.8.23  
etc.

Yes.  
4.1.23

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM from the Officer Administering the  
Government of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the  
Colonies.

Dated 31st July

(Received Colonial Office 3 p.m. 31st July,

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31st July Indians.

Your telegram 27th July Meeting held all day yesterday  
by European political leaders at which I gather they decided  
that they would neither approve nor reject terms of  
settlement until they either heard further from their  
delegates or the delegates returned. I fear that in some  
quarters a considerable amount of suspicion exists as to  
how the Command Paper will be interpreted and every sentence  
is being probed deeply in search of possible loopholes by  
which contemplated safeguards to Europeans will be  
circumvented. It would be very useful if I could make  
announcement that legislation will be enacted to give effect  
to the policy of reservation of the Highlands for Europeans  
in place of existing control by the Governor's veto. There  
is abundant indication on the other hand of a sense of  
very real relief among those Europeans who take no active  
part in politics although this feeling could possibly be  
swayed by political leaders. Very great disappointment is  
professed by the Indians, who convened a mass meeting on  
Sunday at which their disagreement with the settlement  
was recorded.

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TELEGRAM

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to  
the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya.

(Sent 8.10 p.m. 2nd August, 1923)

2nd August.

I have received your two cipher telegrams. You should keep me fully informed any developments. I am unable to entertain the suggestion that the reservation of Highlands should be effected by legislation. His Majesty's Government have decided definitely and publicly that existing practice must be maintained to legislate but for the purpose would be to depart from that decision. It was of course considered before decision was arrived at whether statutory reservation of Highlands was possible but this was definitely rejected.

DEVONSHIRE.