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COMMISSION ON PROFIT-TAKING

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My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 1067 of 29th July enclosing copies of a Question and Answer in the House of Commons relating to the appointment of a Commission on Profiteering in this Colony, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that the Acting Governor appointed such a Commission on 27th May, and I enclose for Your Lordship's information a copy of the Commission, setting forth the terms of reference and the names of the members.

2. In addition to the gentlemen enumerated Mr. L. Galton Fenzi has since been appointed a member, and also Mr. Abdul Wahid, who was nominated by the Nairobi Indian Association, as representative of the Indian Community.

3. Representations were received from the Mombasa Indian Association urging the appointment of a nominee from that Town. Sir Edward Northey caused

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SCOUT MALNER, P.C., G.C.B., F.C.S., &c., &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

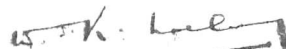
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caused them to be informed that it was proposed to appoint only one Indian representative to the Commission, in view of the fact that it was not a large body, and that he left it to their Association to decide whether the nominee was selected from Nairobi, Mombasa or elsewhere.

4. The appointment of Mr. Abdul Wahid was agreed upon and duly published, and the Commission is now pursuing its investigations.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ORDINANCE, 1912.A COMMISSION.

WHEREAS it has been made to appear to me that there exist at the present time reasons for supposing that certain individuals firms and companies have taken advantage of of abnormal economic conditions to charge consumers of goods prices yielding an unreasonable profit to the persons engaged in the production, handling or distribution of them.

AND WHEREAS it appears desirable that the reasons mentioned above should be fully investigated to the end that if it be proved that unreasonable profits are being made to the common detriment steps may be taken to prevent the continuance thereof.

NOW THEREFORE I, Charles Calvert Bowring, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Acting Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, do by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Commission of Inquiry Ordinance, 1912, by this my commission under my hand appoint :-

H. C. E. Barnes, Esquire, C. B. E.,
 Hon. K. J. Muir-Mackenzie,
 Right Hon'ble Lord Delamere,
 Hon. L. C. Collings-Wells,
 Captain H. E. Schwartz,

to be Commissioners.

1. To investigate and record an opinion as to whether or not at the present time unreasonably high prices are being charged by traders and trading

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companies and other persons within the Protectorate.

2. To advise what remedial legislation if any is called for.

AND I do hereby direct that H. C. E. Barnes, Esquire, J. B. E., be Chairman of the Commission.

AND I do hereby direct that three members of whom the Chairman shall be one shall form a quorum.

AND I do hereby direct that the aforesaid investigations shall be held at such place or places in the Protectorate as the Chairman may think fit.

AND I hereby command all persons whom it may concern to take due notice hereof and to give their obedience accordingly.

GIVEN under my hand at Nairobi this 27th day of May, 1920.

SD/- C. C. BOWRING,

ACTING GOVERNOR.