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Position of Indians

Has recd. tele. reports of plan to press for granting of franchise, large Indian representation, equal treatment, segregation & stop hour organization. Deputations being sent from C.A. trusts facilities will be granted them.

Mr. G. Fisher to Mr. Stanley - 12/11/19

I wd. absolutely resist this attempt of the Indian Overseas Association to control matters.

Each must refer to C.O. letter of Dec. on 8/25/19 -

say that no discussion will be further as regards general Indian policy in B.C.A.

During the absence of Mr. Soff.

Mr. Soff. - that no careful

consideration of report by Mr. Soff. -

Members should refer

to the report of the

economic commission, and not

propose to replace the

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January 8th,

19 20.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, S.W.1.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 24th ultimo, and as an indication of the extent to which public opinion amongst Indians in East Africa is affected by the attitude of various European bodies in the East Africa Protectorate, my Association learns that on the 15th and 16th November last, the second session of the East Africa Indian National Congress was held at Nairobi, at which delegates were present from all the East African territories. My Association has received telegrams from the British East Africa Indian Association at Mombasa, asking my Association to press for the granting of the franchise, larger Indian representation and equal treatment. My Association's attention is called to certain contemplated legislation of an objectionable character, dealing more especially with segregation and Shop Hours. The Mombasa Association, having regard to the fact that the Economic Commission has formally advised the prohibition of Indian immigration into East Africa, fears acceptance by the

authorities of such a policy. My Association has further received the following telegram from Mr. C. F. Andrews, who, though on a special mission to South Africa on behalf of the Indian Imperial Citizenship Association of Bombay, has been specially asked to stay some time in East Africa to investigate the Indian situation:

"East African Indian situation now most critically dangerous because united attempt made by European Association to close door against future immigration and stop Indian franchise. Chief reason stated that Africans morally deteriorate through Indian contact, but advance under Christian Western civilisation. Government Economic Commission report recently published takes same attitude mentioning special Indian moral depravity and improving South African Exclusion policy. Intense indignation expressed here by Indian Congress gathering which was remarkable for its weight and numbers."

My Association learns that upon the advice of Mr. Andrews the local Congress has decided to abandon any claim for preferential treatment, subject, however, to the complete continuance of all existing rights and absolutely ~~an~~ equal treatment whether legislative or administrative. In order to place its views more effectively before H. M. Government, the Congress, representing the various East African territories, is shortly sending an influential deputation to this country. My Association ventures to hope that H. M. Government will use its best endeavours to insure that all facilities are given for the departure ~~of~~ this deputation, and ~~that~~ ^{well} no decisions would be taken by H. M. Government until they have received the views of this deputation.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your obedient Servant,


Hon. Secretary.

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January 24th. 1920.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, S.W.1.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No. 1586/1920 of the 23rd Instant, relative to questions affecting the Indian Community in British East Africa.

Your letter will in due course be placed before the Committee of my Association.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Hon. Secretary,

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Downing Street,
23 January, 1920.

Hon. Secretary,
INDIANS OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION.

MINUTE.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th January relating to questions affecting the Indian community in B.E.A., and to refer you to the letter from this Dept. No. 67830 of the 8th of Dec. last on the same subject.

2. No decisions will be taken in regard to the general policy to be adopted by the Govt. of the E.A.P. in relation of the Indian community pending the return of the S. of S. for the Colonies from Egypt; and no useful purpose would be served by discussing

now

- Mr. Parkinson, 15.1.20
- Mr. [Handwritten Name] 19.1.20
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Downing Street,
26 January, 1920.

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Sir,

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Mr. *Johnstone 19.1.20*

Mr.

Mr. Grindle

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Ross

Sir G. Fiddes *from Ind. O. Assoc. 26/1/20*

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Lord Milner

Indians Overseas Asscn.
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Sir E. Northey 10 Jan.
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From I. O. Assoc. Dec
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PTG

With ref. to my conf. despatch of the 26th of Nov. last relating to Indian policy in E.A., I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of corres. with the Indians Overseas Asscn. in London and with the I. O.

2. As Sir Edward Northey is now in this country, I have taken the opportunity of ascertaining his general views on the questions raised in the corres. which I forwarded in my despatch under reference. A copy of Sir Edward Northey's letter on the subject is enclosed, but I should be glad

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glad to receive from yourself also
the observations and the information
asked for in that despatch.

I have etc.,

Mem No. 8 Jan

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J. A. ...