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The Under-Secretary of State,  
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the  
*Colonel* and, by direction of the Secretary  
of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned  
paper for any observations he may have to make.

Foreign Office.

January 17, 1914.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter <sup>to</sup> Foreign Office:  
from

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It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-mentioned letter and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to

The Under Secretary of State for India  
Political Department.

India Office,  
London, E.C. 4.

INDIA OFFICE,

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WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W.

13th January 1914.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 37,275 of 21st August last, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to forward, to be laid before the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copy of a No. 119, Secret, d/18 Dec. 1913. letter that has been received from the Government of India regarding the grant of British and German flags to persons of Muscat origin, and to express the hope that the procedure suggested in paragraph 2 thereof may be considered adequate to prevent hardship or undue delay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(sd) T. W. Holderness.

The Under Secretary of State,

FOREIGN OFFICE.

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

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No. 119, DATED THE 18TH DECEMBER 1913.

COPY.

*Letter to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

Grant of British and German flags to persons of Maskat origin.

## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

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To

THE MOST HON'BLE THE MARQUESS OF CREWE, K.G.,  
*His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

SIMLA, the 18th December 1913.

MY LORD MARQUESS,

We have the honour to refer to Your Lordship's despatch No. 24, dated the 5th September 1913, regarding the grant of British and German flags to persons of Maskat origin.

2. While we agree that in the case of Khamis bin Juma the Protectorate flag was properly granted and that the procedure adopted by the British authorities in East Africa was correct, we adhere to the opinion that it is desirable that a reference should be made to the Political Agent at Maskat in all cases in which it appears that an applicant for registration as the owner of a British ship is of Maskat origin. We understand from the letter of the 15th August from the Colonial Office that the British authorities in East Africa see no particular objection to this procedure, but are apprehensive lest its adoption would involve delay and thus cause hardship to the owners of dhows. But, if details were sent to the Political Agent, it would be simple for him in cases of sufficient moment to telegraph whether or no there was any objection. In the former event the delay should not amount to more than three weeks, while, in the event of objections being raised by the Sultan, it would obviously be desirable to submit the question to deliberate examination and to postpone the issue of papers pending a solution.

If this procedure is not considered feasible, the only alternative we can suggest is that the British authorities in East Africa should send a copy of the papers to the Political Agent, Maskat, as soon as possible after they are granted to the owner of a dhow, and direct the latter not to proceed to Oman territorial waters until the Sultan's reply is received and communicated to him.

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD MARQUESS,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) HARDINGE OF PENSHURST.

" O'M. CREAGH.

" R. W. CARLYLE.

" HARCOURT BUTLER.

" S. A. IMAM.

" W. H. CLARK.

" R. H. CRADDOCK.

" W. S. MEYER.

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*[Handwritten mark]*

21 January 1914.

Sir,

with reference to Mr. Bowring's  
 despatch, no. 538, of the 16<sup>th</sup>  
 of July last, I have the honour  
 to ~~inform you that~~ transmit  
 to you the accompanying  
 copies of copies with the  
 F.O. on the subject of the  
~~great~~<sup>use</sup> of British and  
 German flags <sup>to persons</sup>  
 of Muscat origin and  
 to request that you will  
 furnish me with any  
 observations which you may  
 have to offer on the  
 matter

(Signed) J. HARCOURT.

[Srv. 27671/1913]

Ans'd 12.12.14. 20647.

DRAFT.

Ed. P.  
No. 71

Belfield Kemp.

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper 20/1/14

Mr. Bottomley 20/1/14

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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*Sir*

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21 January 1914

Sir,

I am directed etc. to  
acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter of the 17 of Jan'y, no. 1917,  
~~and to inform you that~~  
on the subject of the  
<sup>use</sup> ~~grant~~ of British and  
German flags <sup>by</sup> persons  
of Muscat origin, and  
to request you to inform  
S<sup>r</sup> Sir Edward Grey that  
the matter is being referred  
to the Gov<sup>t</sup> of the E.A.R.<sup>o</sup>

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The U.S. of

F.O.

20/1/1914

Bottomley 20/1/14

(Signed) HENRY B. NEASE,

Under Secretary of State.