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 HOUSEHOLD SLAVERY

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previous Paper.

This copy of despatch from Berlin as to the abolition of.

Dr. G. Fiedler.

They are going to give federal extension, instead of the sudden extension which we adopted in the last step of the E.A.P.

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subsequent Paper.

In any further communication on this subject, please refer to

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The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary
of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned
paper.

Foreign Office,

Mar 6, 1914.

Reference to previous letter.

Description of Inclosure.

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| N. H. Ambassador at Berlin, 4 th 81 | Household Slavery in German West Africa |

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copies of a Memorandum in regard to Household Slavery in German East Africa which has been submitted to the Reichstag by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

After explaining the history of the system and the present position of affairs in German East Africa, the Memorandum concludes with an expression of the opinion that it would not be desirable to abolish Household Slavery at a given date, as had been suggested by the Reichstag, but that it would be preferable to let the system die a natural death by continuing the present policy, under which practically no new slaves are acquired and the children of slaves are regarded as free men, whilst a considerable number of slaves obtain their freedom every year. It is calculated that in this way the system of Household Slavery will almost entirely come to an end by 1950.

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I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(sd) W. E. Goetzen

The Rt. Honble.

Sir Edward Grey, Bart., K.G., B.P.

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