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Foreign Office

Settlement of Mohammedans in East

1914

16 May

previous Paper.

Sends for above rep. from Hon. Cons. Gen. at  
Kenia inquiring terms on which Hon. Cons.  
would allow settlement of Mohammedans from  
Bosnia & Macedonia in East Africa.

Dr. G. Fiddes.

The position in the E.A.P. is  
already sufficiently complicated by  
the presence of the Native Indian Prov. &  
British  
European elements - + we do not require  
a further complication.

I think that we may snuff this  
out at once without troubling to refer  
to the Govt.

Ack. + say that, in view of the local  
conditions in the E.A.P. Mr. Harcourt  
considers it very undesirable that  
any encouragement should be given  
to the scheme - + send copy of  
reply to the Govt. for info. D.O.

26 May 14  
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Must be made... ..

as proposed.

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any further communicate  
this subject, please quote

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Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.

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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, for the favour of his observations.

Foreign Office,

May 16, 1914

Reference to previous letter:

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Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
H. Consul-General at Vienna, N <sup>o</sup> 21, May 7	Proposed settlement of Mohammedans in British East Africa

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W i s s a n n , May 7. 1914.

No 21.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have been requested to ask whether the British Government would desire, or has any objection to, the settlement of Bosnian Mohammedans in the Leikipia Highlands in British East Africa.

The enquiry comes from a certain Herr O. K. M a c h i c z e k, the General Secretary of a Society "Die Gesellschaft vom Südlichen Kreuz" which is interested in the protection of emigrants from this country. The Statutes of the Society are enclosed herewith.

He states that he is acting in concert with a number of other persons who are forming a new Society to assist the emigration of Mohammedans from Bosnia and Macedonia for which purpose it is intended

to

to raise a preliminary capital of £ 1,000,000  
(£ 40,000).

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According to his statement a number of the  
Mohammedan population are dissatisfied with the present  
conditions in Bosnia and Macedonia and wish to emigrate.  
The Leikipia Highlands of British East Africa have been  
suggested as a suitable place for them to settle in  
because at one time the Zionists favoured the plan of  
establishing a Jewish Colony there. Herr Machiozek said  
that the first batch from Bosnia would be composed of  
about 80 families, each of which would have a capital  
of £ 50 besides the travelling expenses. It is expected  
that the emigration from Macedonia would be on a larger  
scale. He also stated that a private Commission of  
Austrians would shortly start for East Africa to study  
the conditions on the spot.

On his being pointed out to him that His  
Majesty's Government would be very unlikely to give any  
facilities

facilities for this emigration from Bosnia unless the Austrian Government had first approved of the project.

Mr Mackintosh replied that this was understood, and that the present step was of a purely informative character.

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He requested that the following questions should be laid before His Majesty's Government :

- 1., Whether the emigration of Bosnian Mohammedans to British East Africa would be welcomed in principle.
- 2., Whether public land would be put at the disposal of the settlers, and at what price.
- 3., Whether some form of village autonomy could be granted to the settlers.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

*(Signed) Frederick Denison*

His Majesty's Principal

Secretary of State

for Foreign Affairs.

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26 May 1914

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to ackn<sup>d</sup> the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, No. 20957/14, and to inform you that forwarding a copy of a despatch from H. M. Consul General at Vienna on the subject of the proposed settlement of Mohammedans from Bosnia and Macedonia in the East Afr. Prots.,

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and to request you to inform Secy Sir

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The U.S. & S.  
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MINUTE.

- Mr. Harper 22/5/14
- Mr. Bottomley 22, 5, 14/1
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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