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With reference to the first paragraph of your letter No. 22427/1911, I have the honour pespectfully to request that Mr. Becretary Earcourt may be pleased to reconsider his decision with regard to my special annual leave for the following reasons.

- 2. The grant of one month leave annually is a special privilege I stipulated for as a condition of my accepting the appointment I now hold.— It is true that I have many times re-frained from claiming it not for reasons concerning my own personal convenience but solely because it appeared to me that it would be most inconvenient to the Secretary of State to arrange for it at the time and that I felt I could get along without it as for instance during the long period of Mr. Jeaffreson's illness. I was twice alling fast year, when I should have been most glad of a rest and change and I applied for leave but arrangements were not made for me to avail of it.—
- 3. The Secretary of State for Foreign affairs made arrangements by which there would have been no difficulty in my, taking it year by year and promised that these should be permanent but they have not been maintained and I have been deprived of a privilege which formed a special condition of my acceptance of service.—

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- appecial condition applying to my personal appointment. I venture to suggest that no precedent is required for any elementy Mr. Harcourt may be pleased to grant in its connection, and that such elementy can in no-wise be brought as a precedent hereafter.
- 5. It is a disappointment to me that my sacrifice of leave in the public interest appears not to have met with approval and should Mr. Marcourt be unable to grant my petition after a perusal of the facts put forward above with which he was probably hitherto not fully conversant. I beg to request that arrangements may be made to grant me one month special leave from the 1st of December next. I have now been at my post uninterruptedly since the 29th January 1910.-
 - 6. With reference to the concluding para of your letter under acknowledgment I beg to observe that at the time of my appointment I was informed by the Foreign Office that it had been decided by the Lords of the Treasury that Bombay for the purposes of my appointment was an *unhealthy station*.-

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Agent General.

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