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Mr. Edmund Harvey.—To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether his attention has been called to the speech delivered at a public dinner at Nairobi by the Governor, in which he declared his belief that the principal charge of Government must fall upon the shoulders of the British population of that Colony; whether this statement was made with the knowledge and approval of His Majesty's Government; and whether the Government intend to delegate further powers to the British settlers in the Colony, more especially as regards the management of matters which concern the indigenous population. [Thursday 9th February.]

For oral

W. Fiddes.

The remark of Sir Percy Girton to which attention is called will be found towards the bottom of column 4, 3, of the East African Standard of the 8th of Nov. 1910. The occasion was the dinner given to him by the settlers just before he left the Protectorate for his recent visit to England.

The S. of S. has said (resp. of 20th Oct. 1910: ^{24545/10} print herewith) that he will be prepared to examine any specific proposals that Sir P. Girton may wish to make as to the participation

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the settlers in rural government
has been described by the Cpt. in his
report as "improved local government
in the agricultural settlements")
when he thinks the time has come
for such a step.

He has also said (par. 2 of despatch
of 3rd Nov. on Cpt. ²⁴⁵⁴⁶) that he will be
prepared to consider any definite
proposals for the more active participation
of the white settlers in county or
local government and in agricultural
matters which the Cpt. may find it
able or practicable to submit.

He has also approved generally
Sir P. Girouard's suggestion
that the Municipality of Naindi should
be given more extensive powers &
responsibilities, & has asked for
detailed proposals on which to put
the Treasury. (The papers are not
available but a draft in this sense
has just been passed by Mr. Harcourt)

Probably
I had
already seen the report
of the speech alluded to. The remark
quoted was made without previous

If it was the papers
to him Sir P. Girouard

consultation with the M. G. but it
does not appear that such previous
consultation was called for. ^{It is}
The Governor is aware that ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{ready}
to consider
any definite proposals which the Cpt.
may find it desirable and practicable
to submit for the more active
participation of the white settlers in
county or local government and in
agricultural matters, and I have
also expressed a general approval
of an extension of the functions and
responsibilities of the Municipality
of Naindi. Specific proposals on these
points have not yet been received
but my hon. friend may rest assured
that when any such proposals come
under my consideration, every care will
be taken to safeguard the interests
of the native population.

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Dr

Col. Seely
Mr. Harcourt

Mr. Butler's proposed reply in all respects
is I suppose, unnecessary at all if it can
be avoided. The object of Butler's decision is in the
nature of concession to the P. General, and
the latter loses a card if he is unable, owing
to prior announcements, to intimate this at the
same time as the adverse decision.

Would it not be possible to propose to reply
"This and other matters have formed the subject of
full & ample discussion with the Governor
during his recent visit to this country. I should
prefer not to make any partial statement
at the present time, as I do not wish to
anticipate the announcements which ~~shall~~
~~be made~~ ^{will doubtless} ~~be made~~ by the Governor ~~in his~~
arrival in the P. Territory. But in a letter
dated December 14th, 1854, I have given the fullest
information to the House as to the ~~affairs~~ ^{affairs} of
the ~~territory~~ ^{territory} in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~question~~ ^{question}
referred to."

R. A. D. S.

Mr. Butler's answer is best I think, beginning with the first
six lines of Mr. Butler's answer - then ^{with regard to the last}
part of the question, and then Mr. Butler's reply.
I agree with Col. Seely

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The speaker (Mr. Wedgwood) for the
Colonial Secretary (Mr. Harcourt); I had already
seen the report of the speech alluded to.
The report appears to have been made without pre-
vious consultation with His Majesty's
Government, but it does not appear that
any previous consultation was called for.
With regard to the last part of the Question,
this and other matters have formed
the subject of full and careful discussion
with the Governor during his recent visit
to this country. I should prefer not to
make any partial statement at the present
time, as I do not wish to anticipate the
announcements which the Governor will
doubtless make on his return in the Pro-
tectorate. But, at a later date, I shall be
happy to give the fullest information to
the House as to the policy of His Majesty's
Government on the questions referred to.

Mr. WEDGWOOD: Is it a fact that
a large part of these taxes upon whites
really consist of rent upon land and con-
cessions, and therefore are not properly
described as taxes?

Mr. HARCOURT: I would not like to
enter into details of that kind without
notice.