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School for Mahomedans

after consultⁿ to H. B. S. it has been agreed that a school ought to be creat^d at Mombasa because that £1000 be taken of vote for slavery abolition for building school house Govt has been made in 1888. 9 2/3 to first off

(Minuta)

Mr. Read
I agree that we ought to do something for the Arabs on this matter. The proposal must be submitted to the Trustees with the Estimates.

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in article I agree. It is satisfactory to see what the Govt says in the 16th June regarding the compensation claims.

H. B. S.

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Mr. Amherst

Mr. Seligson

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Hope that may be done

Governor's Office, "

Nairobi,

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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(Incl. 1.)

My Lord,

Amongst other questions which I discussed with the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies during his recent visit here was that of our educational obligations to the Mahomedan natives of the Coast and it was agreed with his concurrence that a school ought to be established for them at Mombasa.

2. The school will, as pointed out by the Secretary for Native Affairs, a copy of whose letter on the subject is enclosed for reference, be of use to us in the future as a means of educating Africans for subordinate posts in the Survey and other Departments.

3. A fact which should not be lost sight of is that owing to the gradual extinction of slavery the Arabs who were

Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.

were formerly very wealthy are now poor and consequently cannot afford any large expenditure on the education of their children. It would therefore I think be a gradual and political act to institute this school, particularly at the present juncture when we are dealing a final blow to the Arab slave-owner by the abolition of the legal status of slavery.

4. I had intended to make provision for this school in the estimates, but after discussing the matter with Mr. Churchill it was decided that it would be better to re-allocate the necessary funds from the slavery abolition vote. So few claims are being brought forward that I do not anticipate that the payments on account of compensation will nearly approximate the estimate previously given and recommend that £1,000/- be taken from this vote for the purpose of building a Malombean school house at Mombasa. I do not think that we could in any better way compensate the Arabs and Swahilis at the Coast for the introduction of a very unpopular measure than by helping them to educate their children.

5. Provision for the Staff for the school has been made

made in the Estimates for 1908-09.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Humble servant,

Frederick

In Despatch No. *Ms. No. 16*
Native Affairs' Office,

Nairobi,

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29th August, 1907.

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Sir,

I have the honour to invite His Excellency's attention to the fact that a Mahomedan school is urgently required at the Coast and to ask whether a sum of £1000/- might be inserted in next year's estimates for the purpose of creating a school at Zanzibar.

Although a large sum of money has this year been sanctioned for educational purposes at Nairobi for European settlers, very little or nothing has hitherto been done to assist the Arabs and Swahili to educate their sons, and I fear that in our eagerness to promote the welfare of Europeans in East Africa we are apt at times to lose sight of the natives. At the Coast there is a large Mahomedan population who have been greatly impoverished and in many cases ruined by the gradual abolition of slavery and who can no longer afford to send their sons to Egypt, Cairo or even Zanzibar to be educated. They are therefore dependent on the small local schools which are very unsatisfactory, and the coming generation is growing up almost illiterate. It might well be a lesson to our Arab neighbours who have done much to promote education at all their coast towns. Schools have been built, teachers appointed, and every means employed to regenerate the Arab. All that we have done towards educating the Arabs and Swahili has been to send two boys to Cairo and one of these one hailed from Zanzibar and ^{has} since returned to that town. Our first duty should be to educate the native into usefulness and not to crush him into impotence. If

Secretary to the Administration,

Nairobi.

given

given a good general education there is no reason why the Arabs and Swahili should not fill some of the subordinate posts in Government Departments which are at present held by Indians and Goanese.

3. In lieu of the money which has hitherto been spent on the boys' education at Oaiga (1250/- per annum), I would recommend subsidizing a good Arab teacher, paying him a salary of 2500/- a year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedient,

humble servant,

sgs. A.C. BOLLIS

Secretary for Native Affairs.

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DRAFT.

The Secy to the
Treasury

11th March 28.

Sir
In re. to the R^g part
of the letter from
this dept. of the
29th ult. I am directed
by the Earl of Eglington
to transmit to you
take back before the
S. C. of the Treasury the
accompanying copy of
order for the year
of the E. A. P. recommending
the expense of £2000
out of the grant for the
abolition of slavery in
the creation of a school
at Monrovia for the
education of Mahomedan
children

MINUTE.

- Mr. Whit 11/3
- Mr. Read 11
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Anthonis
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lupton
- Mr. F. Hope
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Eglington

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(Exhibit
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for reason
This copied notice
in the survey with
which the drafting in
the Estimates was
inserted Nov 28 1820
Yours to the P^t

It would appear from
the Gov's report that
the claims on account
of the liberation of slaves
are not likely to
reach the total anticipated
& H. L. agrees that
it would be a grateful
& patriotic act to use
a part of the balance
for the benefit of
the Madras
community, whose religious
sentiments, & as well as
their economic interests,
have been wounded by
the measures taken for
the abolition of ^{the} institution of slavery,
which is opposed to the
humanitarian sentiments
of the

3. The provision for the
staff of the proposed school
appears in the Estimates
already submitted to T. J.
L. P. R.