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(Subject.)

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Mr. Cathcart Watson.—To ask the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he is aware of the fact that, when in East Africa, the late Under Secretary for the Colonies made a speech to the Natives assuring them that sufficient land would be secured to them and their children's children for all time; and if such declaration expressed the views of His Majesty's Government. [Tuesday, 26th May.]

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(Minutes)

For oral reply

Mr. Elliot

see attached note to Mr Marsh and his reply.

It is a perfectly unexceptionable statement & probably a timely one also. Several generations will

pass by before the inevitable disintegration of the tribal system. Good the influence of education & money bring about individual ownership of land. Govt cannot bind itself to make every member of future generations a land-owner and it should safeguard itself accordingly against any such seduction from Mr Churchill's phrase

Reply

The reply to the joint question

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to refer this to you
for any observations which
Mr. Churchill desires
to make on the
subject.

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Yours very
R. P. Lobb

Dear Lobb,

Mr Churchill did say
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phrase "oppression children" &
not "children children". He has
no suggestion to make as to an

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