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Treatment of Foreign Consuls

German Vice Consul has been given preference over all other
of rights but no such has been announced to other consuls.
Consider it wrong to give the German Vice Consul such high
rank but should the public might be affected also in view of
the extra-territorial jurisdiction of foreigners.

last subsequent Paper
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Mr Reed

Tell FO that we prefer to
appear of his proposed action
right to continue the present
practice pending the decision
of the court. (ship) but thereafter
to follow the practice enjoined
in the circular of 19/5/05
(copy attached to 22/7/05 below)

Reeds by [signature]

MM 20/6

So proceed?
to J.R. [signature]
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Commissioner's Office,

Zanzibar,

May 31st 1906.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

CONFIDENTIAL (26)

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's confidential circular of May 19th 1905 regarding the treatment of Foreign Consuls, I have the honour to report that it has hitherto been customary in this Protectorate to grant to the German Vice Consul precedence over all Heads of Departments, whilst no rank has been accorded to the French, Italian and Portuguese Consular Agents.

It appears to me wrong to give the German Vice Consul such a high rank and to treat him like a distinguished personage. He is in reality only a dragoman attached to the German Consulate at Zanzibar,

and

H.M. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S.W.

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and holds no exequatur. As the gentleman who has
lately held the post is shortly leaving Mombasa, I
meditated relegating his successor to his proper position
i.e. not giving him any rank at all. But on second
thoughts, as it is understood that we may soon expect
to be relieved of the extra-territorial jurisdiction of
foreigners within the Sultan of Zanzibar's mainland
dominions, I consider that that would be a more
convenient time to abolish the privilege than the present.
The Germans are a strong body in Mombasa, and, owing
to the Treaty rights, can and often do, raise
difficulties. I think therefore that it will be
better to defer causing their Vice Consul any annoyance
by not giving him the rank enjoyed during the last four
years by his two predecessors.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

Frederick

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30th June 1906

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Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir Edward Grey, the accompanying copy of a desp. which has been

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- Mr. Bostwick 27/6
- Mr. Read 27/6
- Mr. Antrobus
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir H. Onmanney
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

received from the Comr. of the East Africa Protectorate on the subject of the precedence enjoyed by the German Vice Consul in that Protectorate.

2. Lord Elgin proposes, with Sir E. Grey's concurrence, to approve of the continuance of the present practice *in regard to the coast strip* pending the abolition of extraterritorial rights in the coast strip, but to inform Lieut. Col. Sadler that thereafter he should follow the practice enjoined in the confidential circular desp. of the 1st of June 1906, a copy of which is enclosed.

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Circular of June 1906

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS