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(Subject)

Abolition of Legal Status of Slavery

Scale can be earned out. Estimates
compensation at £40,000 not £100,000. Objections
as to probable effect of abolition

(Minutes)

Mr. Arthur...

The abolition of the legal status of
slavery is roughly estimated to cost
£20,000, of which £20,000 may
require to be spent during first year
after its abolition. We must finance
it to the Treasury, but ~~proposed~~
it is very desirable that the ~~cost~~
in the first should at least that we
are proposing to spend the large sum
of money & be tempted to present
frivolous claims. I think that we had
better enter the Treasury for authority to
spend up to £20,000 - compensation the
financial year - suggest that so far as
Vote for that amount should be taken at least in
Parliament that we should not see

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that the Commission estimate the total
 amount of compensation to be paid at
 \$20,000 roughly. We should also ask
 the Treasury to sanction the removal
 of the taxation proposed at the end of
 the Commission's life. It should be a step
 be considered necessary. Copy of our L.
 to go to the Commission. Copy for info.

J. S. R.

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Mr. Chamber
 Los Angeles

All. Aug 9.

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THE GOVERNOR of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 1.14 p.m. 9th May, 1907.)

No. 74.

Your Lordship's telegram of 1st May: abolition of legal status of slavery can be covered out of amount of compensation estimated at £40,000, net £100,000; but it is difficult to forecast accurately and I may have to pay half the amount within 18 months after abolition. It is true that Egyptian Government has only paid £50,000 compensation but conditions there were very different and it is very probable that varied opportunities here would tempt small proportion of slaves into going away from their masters on strength of statutory freedom. Abolition may possibly cause considerable damage to crops and great loss slave owners. I would not expect to grant temporary respite of taxation in their case in the event of large exodus.

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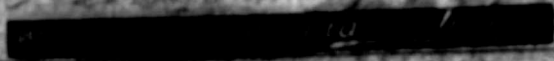
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The Home Secretary or State
General Office,
London, S.W.

and the following Number given

Rowling Street,

14 May, 1907.

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I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to request you to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, (at his desire, after consultation with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to give effect without further delay to the policy of abolishing the legal status of slavery in the mainland dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar, which form part of the East African Protectorate.

2. His Majesty's Government have pledged themselves to carry out this policy as soon as possible, and the only difficulty is with regard to the expense, the amount of which cannot at present be estimated with any accuracy. It is probable that a certain proportion of slaves would leave their masters on the attainment of their statutory freedom, and it would be necessary that the masters should be compensated.

3. In these circumstances, it appears to Lord Elgin to be desirable to take steps at once for the investigation of the financial side of the question, and he would suggest that a special Commission should be appointed, either by the joint nomination of the Lords Commissioners and the Secretary of State or by the Secretary of State with their Lordships' concurrence.

Secretary to

THE TREASURY.

to proceed to East Africa to enquire into and report on the condition of the ex-slaves.

4. His Lordship would, however, propose that the abolition of the legal status of slavery, should not be deferred until the report of the Committee had been received, but that effect should be given to it as soon as possible after his arrival in the Protectorate.

Your most obedient servant

5. A copy of telegraphic message as
sent to the O.A.S. of the Protectorate is
attached

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To Secretary to the
Treasury

I am directed by
the Earl of Ripon to
request you to inform
the Lords Commissioners

MINUTE

- Mr. Bouverie 13/5
- Mr. Pease 13
- Mr. Jant
- Mr. Lubbock 13
- Mr. Cur
- Mr. Lush
- X Mr. F. Hopwood 13/5
- Mr. Cheshill
- The Earl of Ripon

of the Treasury that
he desires, after consult-
ation with the Secy.
for Foreign Affairs,
to give effect to a
certain policy relating
to the

I have accordingly
been directed to
inform you of the
policy of the
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Consent

policy of the
Government
of abolishing
the legal status of
slavery in the
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