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Previous Paper

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Abolition of Slavery

Sends tel. Comm. to Zanzibar re: postponement of action as to promulgation of decree for the Comm. from Sultan due 5 Feb.

Mr. Antrobus

The Sultan is protesting against the freeing of concubines of the F.O. with no doubt give formal reason to his protest before insisting on the promulgation on the date coming - ed (June) of the decree pending for their emancipation. I imagine such reason will also be formal - but we had better in asking receipt of this say that F.O. will no

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Subsequent Paper

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doubt give us early intimation  
if it is intended to modify  
or postpone the promulgation of  
the draft decree in 41431

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Copy 200/1000 to J. F.

MS. Jan 28

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Write as proposed adding that we trust  
that there will be no modification or  
postponement.

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote  
No. 2329  
and address—  
The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the  
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State,  
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned papers

Foreign Office,  
January 26, 1909.

Reference to previous letter:  
C.O. Jan 19, 1909.

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Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Mr. Sinclair Tel. No. 3 (paraphrase) Jan 18	Slavery Decree
To _____ Tel. No. 8 (paraphrase) Jan 21	

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Paraphrase of Telegram from Mr. Sinclair, Zanzibar,  
No.3, dated January 18th, 1909.

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With reference to your telegram No.6 of January 14th respecting Slavery Decree, the Sultan sends the following telegram to Sir E. Grey: "I have received your communication re slavery decree through His Majesty's Agent and Consul-General and earnestly request you to postpone further action until you have received our communication on the subject despatched to you by mail. The great alarm and annoyance that the decree will cause among my subjects and the danger to the public morals of Zanzibar involved are such as to render it most important that you should have opportunity of fully considering my views before the decree is promulgated".

I had already before receiving your instructions attempted in the course of several interviews to impress the views which Mr. Cave expressed in his despatch No.244 of \_\_\_\_\_ last on the Sultan. You should receive on February 5th the Sultan's letter and an account of these interviews. His Highness exagger-

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exaggerates the case but in view of the fact that difficulties have presented themselves, which had not hitherto been contemplated I venture to support the request of the Sultan that no further action should be taken till you have received his letter.

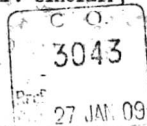
June 1st is the date which the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate has suggested for the simultaneous publication of the slavery decree in Zanzibar and East Africa Protectorate.

Paraphrase of telegram from Sir E. Grey to Mr. Sinclair,

No.8 dated January 21st 1909.

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Slavery decree.

The Sultan should be informed, with reference to your telegram No.3 of the 18th instant that no action will be taken till your despatch, which should arrive on February 5th, has been considered.

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*SoC.*

*Gray*

*9 Feb '09.*

Sir,

I am &c. to ack. the recd. of your  
note of the 26th Jan., no. 322/08, enclos-  
ing copies of telegraphic corres. with  
H.M.'s Agent at Zanzibar on the subject  
of the abolition of slavery.

*and 325*

Lord Crewe trusts that Sir E. Grey will  
find it necessary  
not assent to any modification or postpone-  
ment of the promulgation of the decree of  
which a draft accompanied your letter of  
the 11th No., no. 375/7/08. If, however,  
any such modification or postponement  
contemplated, Sir E. Grey will, no doubt,  
give his Lordship an early intimation of  
the fact.

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The U.S. of S.  
Foreign Office.

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- Mr. Ellis *7/10/5/vk*
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- The Earl of Crewe.

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(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS