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Case of Hon. G. Cole

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Mr. Cathcart Wason. — To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, if the Honourable Mr. Cole has now been permitted to return to East Africa; and, if not, whether, in view of all the circumstances of the case, the acquittal of the Honourable Mr. Cole by his fellow countrymen of the offence charged against him, the services he has rendered East Africa and might more than ever render, he will permit the honourable gentleman to return to that country. [Wednesday 24th February.]

For Oral reply

Mr. G. Anderson

? *Reply* :-

after careful consideration of the matter [and of the action taken in the country for granting an amnesty in respect of certain offences] I instructed the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate in September last to revoke the order of deportation in this case. I understand that Mr. Cole returned to the Protectorate

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