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Native Labour
Report of Commission

1914

30 June

Last previous Paper.

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Requests to be info. re to nature of prev. recommendations when received. Asks for Soc's concurrence in opinion that forced labour for private profit amounts to slavery.

Dr. G. Fiddes.

Ask: + say that the proposition in the last sentence of their L^r, as stated, appears to Mr. Harcourt to be self-evident - a copy of conceptⁿ to the Soc^y for info L^r. ?

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see also encl^s attached.

9 July 14.
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Colonial Office.

Downing Street, S.W.

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I don't mind his
publishing my
agreement with his
statement re forced labour

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Stk.

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14th July, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your communication of the 11th instant. As you anticipated my letter crossed that of Mr. Harcourt; we hope, however, he may be able in some public way to say that, in the opinion of His Majesty's Government, forced labour for private profit amounts to slavery. We are glad to know that Mr. Harcourt shares this view, but a public expression of it just now is, from many points of view, highly important, particularly because such a form of labour is being adopted by other colonial powers.

Yours faithfully,

Travers Buxton

F.G.A. Butler, Esq.,
 Colonial Office, S.W.

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Downing Street,

17th July, 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th of July,
I am desired by Mr. Harcourt to inform you that he sees
no objection to your publishing the letter of the 9th
of July in which he expressed his agreement ^{with} ~~that~~ the
proposition that forced labour for private profit
amounts to slavery.

Yours truly,

F. G. A. Butler.

Reverend J. H. Harris.

ANDER CHURTON LONDON

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The Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society

(in which are incorporated the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society and the Aborigines Protection Society)

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30th June, 1914.

To the Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, S.W.

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of
(No 148/E.A.) *
your letter of the 25th instant, in regard to native labour
in East Africa.

We note that Mr. Harcourt is awaiting detailed
recommendations from the Governor of the East Africa Pro-
tectorate on various points arising out of the report of the
Native Labour Commission, and I shall be obliged if my Com-
mittee may be informed as to the nature of those recommenda-
tions when they are received. I am also to say that we
should much appreciate an intimation that the Secretary of
State agrees with the opinion expressed in the third para-
graph of the letter from this Society of the 11th instant
that forced labour for private profit amounts to slavery.

I am, Sir, etc.

Your obedient servant,

Travers Buxton

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Mr Sec.

The Anti Slavery & Aborigines
Protection Society

MINUTE.

- Mr. Read
- Sir G. Fiddes,
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

in

9 July 1812

Sum^{directed by Mr Sec. Harcourt} etc. to ask: the
 receipt of your letter of the
 30. of June* on the subject
 of actual labour in East
 Africa, & to inf. state
 in reply that the proposition
 in the last sentence of
 your letter, viz. that
 forced labour for private
 profit amounts to
 slavery appears
 to

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* No 23812

to have to be self-critical.

I am etc.

(Signed) H. J. READ

for the Under Secretary of State