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It is stated no protests have been received...
...would probably be a crop of them...
...making their enquiries...
...that we...
...of officers...
...that the objection...
...raised by the B.E.M. Corporation are reasonable & fears...
...that many protests would be received if the...
...collection of statistics were attempted by officers...
...with the powers granted them by the Ordinance...
...we should be glad to know whether the...
...actual statistics which are now required...
...could not be settled & persons be required by...
...law to furnish them without the assumption

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BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE EAST AFRICAN PROTECTORATE
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My Lord,

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With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 403 of the 15th May 1919, conveying criticisms of the Statistics Ordinance 1918, I have the honour to forward, herewith, for Your Lordship's consideration, a memorandum by the Attorney General of this Protectorate on the points raised.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.H., &c., &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ENQUIRE INTO AND REPORT ON A BILL INTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF STATISTICS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND OTHER BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS IN THE EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE."

The Special Committee is of opinion that the Ordinance with some slight modifications should be enacted. It is of opinion that the power given to collect Statistics is one which the Government should have in order that it may be in a position satisfactorily to deal with the development of industries. Some opposition has been evoked, owing to the fact that the title contains the expression "and other Business undertakings."

The Committee is of opinion that the title of the Bill should be amended by the insertion of the word "and" between the words "Agriculture" and "Industry" and by the deletion of the words "and other Business."

It is also of opinion that if it becomes necessary to collect statistics relating to industries other than those set out in Clause 3 (a) and (b) of the Bill, the power to do so should be granted by further amendments to the Bill. It is of opinion that such power should be vested in the Governor without further consultation with the Legislative Council. There may be many business concerns which it is not desirable to be included in the Bill, but which may be of great importance to the Government. It is of opinion that any such further amendments should be made in accordance with the principles of the Bill. It is of opinion that any such amendments should be made in accordance with the principles of the Bill. It is of opinion that any such amendments should be made in accordance with the principles of the Bill.

In dealing with Clause 3 of the Bill, the Committee is of opinion that the word "and" should be inserted between the words "Agriculture" and "Industry" and that the word "and" should be deleted between the words "and other Business" and "Industry".

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and other parts.

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