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LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

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Requests to Governor of E.A.P. and Resident at Zanzibar. Asks also that arrangements may be made for his services to be utilised.

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W. H. S. P. Jones 20 November
Resident Zanzibar
Copy sent to J. O. B. via 24 November

~~Notes~~ R. G. Fildes

Notes of our interview with Mr. Fildes attached to 200

We may give the Editor of the *Chronicle* & explain to Govt. Editor in secret despatch the substance of the interview, & ask him to consider whether it is possible to give effect to Mr. Fildes' wish to cooperate with the Govt. on behalf of Africa
any nation of Africa that may suffer owing to the war?

I don't know why the Daily *Chronicle* & Co. I think that Ghana & Africa has changed its flag & its name

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A. M. JEEVANJEE,

OF

A. M. JEEVANJEE & CO.,

BOMBAY, KARACHE, MORMUGAO,
MOMBASA, NAIROBI, ZANZIBAR.



Cannon Street Hotel,

London, E. C.

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27th November, 1911.

J. H. Read, Esq.,

H. M. Colonial Office,

London.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation on Friday last,

I shall feel obliged if you will kindly send me official
introduction of the Governor of East Africa
to cooperate, and on the 1st of December, 1911, I
arranging to leave for East Africa by the first available
opportunity.

I shall be grateful if you will also write to
East Africa that my services may be utilized, and that I
should be given a chance of serving the Government and my own
Community.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

LOYAL INDIA. NEAR EAST CANNOT MISLEAD THE EAST.

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"Let nobody imagine that there is going to be any trouble in India during the present war, however long it may last, or whatever its ramifications may be."

This was the opinion expressed to a "Daily Chronicle" representative by Mr. A. M. Jeevanjee, a well-known Mohammedan of Bombay, who has spent a good deal of his life in British East Africa, where he has established and owned the largest business concerns. Mr. Jeevanjee arrived in London from Bombay to consult the Colonial Office and offer his services for the development of the territory lately known as German East Africa.

"During the last 20 years public opinion in India has undergone a great change. The people are beginning to understand England. It may now be said, without fear of contradiction, or without risk of being misunderstood, that we are proud of the British connection. We are proud of being citizens of an Empire over which the sun never sets. We are conscious of innumerable blessings that the British rule has conferred upon India. We have been taught to believe, and the vast majority of the Indian people do believe, that the British rule stands for justice and equality. No doubt, we have always cherished a hope that sooner or later India is destined to rise to the proud position of a self-governing nation, under British paramountcy, as other dependencies have done. There is nothing disloyal in that aspiration. Its realisation may be remote, but we certainly would not throw the chance away to become the serfs of Germany.

ISLAM LOYAL TO BRITAIN.

"That, all thinking men and women of India understand, is the alternative," said Mr. Jeevanjee, "but their judgment is not going to be changed by the intervention of Turkey in the war. It will make no difference to the spirit of loyalty that prevails everywhere—among Mohammedans as among people of other religions. Ever since war broke out it has been regarded as probable that Turkey would, sooner or later, be dragged in by Germany, and the effect of the Sultan making war against Great Britain and her allies has long been discounted.

"We sympathized with Turkey when she was fighting for her existence as a State in the Balkan War, but now she has deliberately thrown in her lot with the enemies of the Empire which was pledged to maintain Turkey's independence and possessions if she remained neutral, there can be no question about the duty of Mohammedans. Turkey is not attacked; she is attacking in an unholier war, and our sympathies, on the ground of loyalty and interest alike, are with the Empire to which we owe allegiance."

Mr. Jeevanjee stated that meetings had been held in all parts of India, and resolutions passed advising the Turkish Government that Germany had declared war on our Empire, and that they should respect them to remain neutral.

"With regard to the mission which has brought him to England, Mr. Jeevanjee said that in August last he placed his entire services at the disposal of the British Government to accompany the expedition to East Africa, and offered to use all the resources of his firm in any way that was thought desirable.

"I am very pleased at the attitude of the Colonial Office," he said. "And I am sure that they will do everything they can to help the British Government in East Africa."

There are some 10,000 to 12,000 of them in the territory recently under the German flag—all the small business of the colony is in their hands—and their position now will be a very precarious one, for there is very little food in the country.

"I believe that there is a great future for East Africa under the Union Jack," Mr. Jeevanjee observed, "and in the development of this newly-acquired territory Indians can take as great a part as they have time, with much advantage to the Empire, in Uganda."

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BOMBAY, KARACHI, MORMUGAO,
MOMBASA, NAIROBI, ZANZIBAR.

15th November, 1914.

H. H. Colonial Office,

London,

Dear Sir,

I wrote you last Monday, but I fear the letter must have miscarried, so I am enclosing you a copy of same. I shall be pleased to have your reply as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,

A. M. Jeevanjee

*Mr J. infd by telephone on Mr Read's
instruction that the letters &
& translations are being prepared
and will probably be sent to
Office today 9.7.16.14*

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Canter Street, London, E.C. 1.

London, E.C. 1. 370

J. H. Pears Esq.

Colonial Office

London

Dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation of Friday last, I shall feel obliged if you will kindly send me official letters of introduction on the Governor of East Africa Protectorate, and on the Resident of Zanzibar, as I am now arranging to leave for East Africa by the first available opportunity.

I shall be grateful if you will also advise me as to the best way of securing a chance of service with the Government of East Africa.

Thanking you in anticipation,

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DRAFT.

A. M. Jeevanjee Esq

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Mr. Woodcock 13/11/57

Mr. Read 14

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes 14

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Miss Amcotts 14

Mr. Harcourt

Sir,
I am directed by
Mr. Secy Harcourt to
ack: the recd. of your
letter of the 9th of Nov.
and to transmit to you
the accompanying letters
of introduction in your
favour addressed to the
Governor of the East
and the British Resident
at Bangalore.

I am to add that
Mr. Harcourt has communicated
to the Gov: of the East
the wishes which you
expressed when you called
at this Office on the 6th
of Nov. L. H. R.

Letters of introduction
sent. 13/11/57 + Recd. 20/11/57
(copy attached)

Copy.

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Downing Street,
8 November, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am desired by Mr Harcourt to inform you that the bearer of this letter, Mr A.M. Jeevanjee, is about to visit East Africa Zanzibar with a view to making certain proposals to you for the assistance of the Indian community in German East Africa.

Mr Harcourt will be glad if you will give him any assistance which you may be able to, and be so to recommend him to your good offices and protection.

Mr Harcourt has addressed you at greater length upon the subject by despatch.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) J. C. C. DAVIDSON.

THE GOVERNOR OF THE
EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE
THE RESIDENT OF
ZANZIBAR.

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Mr. Balfour [S.A.P. 126]
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Mr. W.S. 13/2/14

Mr. Read 14

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes 14

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson 16

Lord Emmott. 14

Mr. Harcourt.

Mr. ...

Sir,
I have the honor
with reference to my
Secret despatch of the 4th
of September, I have
the honor to inform you that
Mr. A. M. Jeevanjee called
at this Office on the
6th of November. He
explained that he was
struggling financially
and desired to see an early
date, and that he
was anxious to assist the
Indian community in
German East Africa, as
he understood that they
were short of food, and
also the Indian community

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to J.O. for
if L.T. ?]

In the R.P. the thought
too that he could assist
the Govt of the S.A.P.

through the Indians in
German East Africa
e. he Jeevanjee was
informed that it was
impossible on this side
to suggest any direction
in which he could be
of service and that
he had consequently
to return to the
with the local
to his arrival at

3. He has been furnished
with a letter of introduction
and the British Consul at
Zanzibar. I shall be
pleased if you will

consider whether it is
possible to give effect to
his wish to co-operate
with the Govt on behalf

of any Indian
affairs who may suffer
during the war

4. I & your wife of
the Council
under the quarter of
allowing Mr Jeevanjee to
communicate with Indians
in German East Africa, and it will
probably be advisable to
keep a discreet watch on his
proceedings

5. [Yours] Comm. Council
a copy of the despatch
to the British Consul at Zanzibar

L.H.

To Mr. Cox

I have etc to inform you that two A.M.

Jeevanjee of two firm of A.M.

Jeevanjee and Co whose name is probably known to you called at this office on the 6th of November

[Here copy down to the end of para 4 of the despatch in this paper to S.A.P. Except that to you and to the Hon. Secy. Govt. should be substituted

DRAFT.

Zanzibar
Secret
Resident Peace

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- Mr. Egan 18/11/14
- Mr. B. Mowbray 18/11/14
- Mr. Read 19
- Mr. G. Fiddes
- Mr. H. Just
- Mr. J. Anderson
- Mr. Harcourt

consa. see the Davidson's despatch of introduction. Perhaps despatch already copied and to be altered by having I have addressed a similar despatch to the Resident Zanzibar substituted for paragraph

Egan 18/11/14

Can do it without meeting the Hon. Secy. Govt. reports done

para. 3 from the [unclear] and
to the [unclear] Resident
at [unclear]

I have

L.H.