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KIDNAPPING CHARGE

CHILDREN OF MR BONFIELD  
OF TINDRET

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Sir James Currie called this morning. His goddaughter, Mrs. Bondfield, has recently been divorced in Kenya "on native evidence". The Court awarded the custody of the child to the husband, Mrs. Bondfield, however, conspired with her father, Mr. MacIntyre (who went out to Kenya some weeks ago) to gain possession of the child; she thereupon took ship with them for England but was turned off the ship at Aden under arrest and sent back to Nairobi. Her mother, Mrs. MacIntyre, is bringing the children on to England where they are expected to arrive early next week; Sir James Currie anticipates that they may possibly take refuge with him.

Mr. MacIntyre, who remained behind in Nairobi, was also placed under arrest and, together with his daughter, will shortly be tried on a charge of kidnapping or something similar.

Sir James thinks very highly of his goddaughter (she took a first class degree in History from Girton) and is an old friend of Mr. MacIntyre who is a Writer to the Signet in Edinburgh. He fully recognises the impossibility of intervening, but would be grateful if certain information could be obtained from Kenya.

I spoke to Sir Cecil Bottomley who agreed that we might telegraph at Sir James Currie's expense, and later on I secured Sir James's agreement to refund the cost. Drafts herewith.

Sir James also enquired whether it

was within the power of the Kenya Government to demand the return of the children from England to their father's custody in the Colony. I expressed considerable doubt whether the Secretary of State was in a position to answer this question, but undertook to refer it to our Legal Advisers here. I have since spoken to Mr. Duncan who has undertaken to look into the point so far as it is possible.

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Mr. Bonfield has discovered the attached papers from the Times. They appear to answer, in part, Sir J. Currie's question, but he had seen the Times when he framed the question, & he is paying for the telegrams!

Mr. Bonfield  
2/17

①  
P. Bonfield - Tel. - 2/17/53 Com

As Mr. Freestone says, I drew his attention to section 159 of the Kenya Penal Code, and to section 56 of the (Imperial) Offences against the Person Act 1861, and, while pointing out that the P. Bonfield was advised Sir J. Currie in the matter, I suggested that he should consult his solicitor as to the facts of the case.

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Mr. Duncan has since discussed with me. He has pointed out that under § 159 of the Kenya Penal Code, anyone who "forcibly or fraudulently takes or entices away or detains" a child under 14 years of age "or receives or harbours" the child, knowing it to have been so taken away, is guilty of a felony, liable to 7 years imprisonment.

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2/7

10 for Kenya - Tel. - 2/7/53 Com

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Curie was grateful for the hint, but said that he had just had a cable to announce that the children would be taken straight to their grandmother's house in Edinburgh.

No action necessary with reply in re: to the tel. (I told Sir J. Currie last night that it had gone).

R. sent by

*J. P. Currie*

22/7.

3 Sir J. Currie & ——— 21/7/32

Express thanks for action taken & enquires as to a further legal point.

This was written before my telephone

message to Sir J. Currie.

Draft herewith

*J. P. Currie*

22/7

Please see my minute below 2 above which I wrote in the wrong place by mistake. It should have been below 3.

22/7/32 H. Duncan

To Sir J. Currie 22/7/32  
(D. copy 2)

order to see P.F. Notice

5. Extract The Times 26/7/32

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6. Gov. Kenya - Tel. ——— 25<sup>th</sup> July 1932.

I have written to Sir J. Currie as in filing.

Sir J. Currie may care to see. Pl. then to Mr. Dept.

*J. P. Currie* 26.7 attn

602/26/7

To Sir J. Currie 2/6  
UNDER COPY 6)

26 July.

leaving action being taken by accounts depn. by 27/7.

*J. P. Currie*

8. Extract from The Times 10/8/32

Sir Currie will presumably see this.

*J. P. Currie*  
21/8/32  
at once 19/8

*J. P. Currie*

9. Extract from The Times 12/8/32

? Publ. Mr. Pomiche 12/8/32

*J. P. Currie*  
at once

10 Mr. N. Turner  
Refers to Daily Mail from cutting  
to ask for comments. (Extract from  
Daily Mail attached)

P.S. (D.O.)

Can you say, please, whether the  
telegram to Mr. Thomas (referred to in the  
Daily Mail cutting) reached D.O., and  
if so, how it was disposed of?

J. Franklin  
15/3

Nothing has reached the D.O.

I. J. James  
16/3/32

J. Franklin  
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(Mr James tells me  
that his minute  
means that he  
can find no trace  
in P.S.'s records)  
Egm

We can I think rule out the  
idea that such a cable was  
sent to Ottawa since the  
present contract in that shows that  
the message was cancelled at  
Aden from June 11.

W. Allen

170732

2/3/32

The Dept. or Registry are hardly  
in a position to say whether  
or not such a telegram was  
received by Mr Thomas (apparently  
on same date earlier than  
June 11<sup>th</sup>), but it is reasonable  
to suppose that, if it had been,  
it wd. have been referred  
either to D.O. or C.O. for advice.

I think therefore that we  
might enquire in the C.O.  
draft, subject to the attention  
indicated.

E. Matthews  
18/3/32

George D. J.

I should be obliged - since Mr. Thomas  
is away and the thing is  
hazy - not to send an answer  
to this for the time being  
(If you could be consulted in the  
Department)

J. H. 8/18/32

Mr. Freyden

Please see  
? put by for a weekly

1/12/32

But there is to be an appeal. JWS

The trial is now over - see today's Times  
16/8/32  
19/8

Wait as proposed.

JWS:ken

19/8 at once  
if copies forward  
22/8/32

? pass to Mr. Sykes for his observations on  
the enclosed draft.

A. J. G.  
26/8/32

I was rather inclined, so far as E.A.O.

A | 4 answered, to resist to the point in instance  
but the letter she to ignore unless the  
writer intended to insist case the  
Ottawa delegation was probably to  
back on might be a similar  
to say that as there is no foundation  
to the suggestion in the letter it  
did not call for remark.

JWS:ken

22/8/32

I have seen the telegram you refer to  
I have been sent to Mr. Thomas and  
the circumstances I think the draft as  
amended by Mr. Mackenzie is all right. I  
said to you in view of your want  
of content

Very well. I'll be C.O. later  
with this will do for the  
12. JWS.  
22/8

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The Times 19/8/32

### KENYA KIDNAPING CHARGE

#### MRS. BONFIELD ACQUITTED

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

NAIROBI, Aug. 18

The Magistrate's finding was delivered to-day in the case in which Mrs. Patrick Bonfield and her father, Mr. Ian MacIntyre, formerly M.P. for West Edinburgh, were charged with kidnaping Mrs. Bonfield's children. The Magistrate decided that there was no evidence to show that Mrs. Bonfield knew of the Supreme Court's directions regarding the children's custody, although there was no reason to doubt that her father must have informed her that she was acting in direct contravention of the Court's orders.

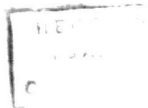
The Magistrate said that it was true that the husband had by common law the custody of the children, but, even so, the wife was still a lawful guardian of her children. Had the prosecution been able to satisfy the Court that Mrs. Bonfield had been deprived, to her knowledge, of the custody of the children under the Supreme Court's order, she would no longer have stood in the position of lawful guardian, as the sole guardianship would have been vested in her husband. While English law laid down that the mother could not be the subject of a criminal charge in the circumstances revealed, that law did not apply in Kenya. The children, however, were not removed to a foreign country, but to England, where the complainant had a remedy from the Courts regarding custody. On the facts before him the Magistrate felt that he would not be justified in committing Mrs. Bonfield, and ordered her discharge.

Regarding Mr. MacIntyre, it was perfectly clear that he knew of the Court's order regarding custody, and as a lawyer he must have been well aware of its significance. The whole trend of the evidence suggested that Mr. MacIntyre was the instigator and mover in the arrangements made for the removal of the children.

The Magistrate accordingly charged Mr. MacIntyre with instigating Mrs. Bonfield to commit a felony—namely, to kidnap the two children from the legal custody and guardianship of Mr. Patrick Bonfield and convey them from the Colony—and committed him for trial in the Supreme Court. Bail for £200 was allowed. Mr. MacIntyre pleaded "Not Guilty," through his Irishman advocate, Mr. Flanagan. The plaintiff's counsel announced his intention of appealing against the Magistrate's decision in the case of Mrs. Bonfield.

30 Pembroke Sq. 107  
W 2.

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1934



• Sir.

In the report of the Mr. Justice  
kidnapping case appearing in today's  
"Daily Mail" I read that a wireless  
message was sent to Mrs Bonfield  
(Mrs McIntyre's daughter), which stated:

"Have cabled Thomas Colonial Secretary  
to prevent your arrest at Aden" etc.

It would be interesting to know why  
Mr. Thomas proposed to interfere in

not allowing the arrest to take place, and I  
shall be glad to have your remarks  
on the matter.

Yours faithfully

J. W. Turner.

Daily Mail

12/8/32

## "CONSULT SIR JOHN SIMON"

### EX-M.P.'s PLEA FOR HIS GRANDSONS

*From Our Own Correspondent*

Nairobi, Kenya, Thursday.

**T**ELEGRAMS sent and received by Mr. Ian MacIntyre, a former M.P. for West Edinburgh, were read by a postal official here to-day at the resumed trial of Mr. MacIntyre and his daughter, Mrs. Bonfield, on charges of kidnapping her two sons, who had been given temporarily into the custody of Mr. Bonfield.

The first telegram, sent to Mr. MacIntyre by a friend who accompanied Mrs. Bonfield and the children to Mombasa, stated: "The deed is done. All three have sailed [for Aden]. Bon voyage to-morrow for you."

The second, despatched by Mr. MacIntyre to "Kenmac," Edinburgh, outlined the position and added: "Please communicate with Normand [Mr. W. G. Normand, K.C., Solicitor-General for Scotland] and ask him to consult Simon [Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary], whom I am falling Thomas [Mr. J. H. Thomas, Dominions Secretary], to ensure that the three reach Britain."

A wireless message to Mrs. Bonfield stated: "Have cabled Thomas, Colonial Secretary, to prevent your arrest at Aden. Therefore I advise you to refuse absolutely to leave the ship, despite the warrant."

Mr. Barratt, a lawyer, stated that, on Mr. MacIntyre's instructions, he offered Mr. Bonfield £2,000 if he would agree to let Mr. MacIntyre have the custody of the children.

Judgment was reserved until Monday.

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The Times 12/8/52

### KENYA KIDNAPPING CHARGE

#### ALLEGED APPROACH TO CABINET MINISTERS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

NAIROBI, Aug. 11

Evidence of alleged attempts to defeat legal process in Kenya was given to-day when the case was resumed in which Mrs. Patrick Bonfield and her father, Mr. Ian MacIntyre, formerly M.P. for West Edinburgh, are charged with kidnaping Mrs. Bonfield's children. Mrs. Bonfield was recently divorced from her husband, into whose custody the children were temporarily given. She is alleged to have seized the children and left with them for England. It was shown that Mr. MacIntyre had attempted to enlist the aid of Cabinet Ministers in overruling the warrant for the arrest of his daughter at Aden.

A Post Office official proved the passing on July 5 from Mr. MacIntyre to an address in Edinburgh, of a telegram in which Mr. MacIntyre asked that Mr. Normand, Solicitor-General for Scotland, be communicated with, and asked to consult Sir John Simon, or failing him, Mr. J. H. Thomas, to ensure that Mrs. Bonfield and her children reached Great Britain. The telegram suggested also that Mr. Forrester should communicate with Sir William Currie, of the British India Line.

On the same day Mr. MacIntyre sent a wireless message to Mrs. Bonfield on board the Mantola, saying that he had telegraphed to the Colonial Secretary to prevent her arrest at Aden, and advising her to refuse to leave the ship although a warrant had been made out for her arrest. Mrs. Bonfield was arrested at Aden, but the children were sent on in the Mantola under the Captain's charge.

Further evidence showed that Mr. MacIntyre, through his solicitors, had offered the plaintiff, Mr. Bonfield, \$9,000 if the custody of the children were transferred to him (Mr. MacIntyre).

The case was adjourned until Monday for the Magistrate's decision.

The Times 10/18/32

### KENYA KIDNAPPING CHARGE

#### EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

NAIROBI, Aug. 8

When the charges of kidnapping and conspiracy to commit a felony were proceeded with to-day against Mrs. Patrick Bonfield and her father, Mr. Ian MacIntyre, formerly M.P. for West Edinburgh, the following letter written by Mr. MacIntyre to his son-in-law was read:—

I beg to inform you that my two grandsons are with their mother, and therefore in safe custody. I have ascertained the facts regarding your origin, and I believe you were born in the Irish gutter, of which you still stink and in which you will undoubtedly end your days.

The High Court officially produced the Judge's direction concerning the children at the time of the divorce action, which read:—

As regards the question of the custody of the children and damages I adjourn these matters for further argument on notice. In the interim the petitioner will have the custody of the children, reasonable access being allowed to the respondent.

Evidence was given that while the children were staying on a farm near the Bondfields' house Mr. MacIntyre and his daughter arrived by car, the former saying he wished only to have the children in Nairobi with him while he was making a brief visit to the Colony. Mr. Bonfield gave his written consent for them to go to Nairobi until July 1. When he came to Nairobi to fetch the children he found they had left the Colony.

The hearing was adjourned.

TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 25th July, 1932.

Received Colonial Office 5.38 p.m. 25th July, 1932.

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No.132. Confidential.

Your telegram No.155 Confidential. Proceedings were instituted against both persons named for kid-napping and conspiring to kidnap Mr. and Mrs. Bondfield's two children contra Section 232 and 366 of Penal Code. Case has been adjourned pending the arrival in Kenya of Mrs. Bondfield who has been surrendered by Aden Government under Fugitive Offenders Act. Hearing before Resident Magistrate Nairobi is fixed for 25th August and if case is made out trial will be before Supreme Court at Nairobi.

The Times.

26/7/32

## KENYA KIDNAPPING CASE

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

NAIROBI, JULY 25

Mr. Ian MacIntyre appeared in Court to-day on remand. His counsel intimated that he would later on argue that the Kenya Court had no jurisdiction in the case, and also applied for bail on behalf of Mrs. Bonfield, who is due to arrive from Mombasa under police escort on Friday. The prosecution objected to bail, stating that Mrs. Bonfield would be in charge of a police officer's wife in the train from Mombasa to Nairobi. The magistrate declined bail and fixed the hearing of the case for August 9.

Mr. MacIntyre, who is a former Unionist M.P. for West Edinburgh, appeared early this month before a Nairobi magistrate at the instance of his son-in-law, Mr. Bonfield, in connection with a charge of kidnapping or, alternatively, conspiracy to kidnap. It is alleged that, with the aid of her father, Mrs. Bonfield seized her children and left with them for England, although the Court had taken them temporarily into the custody of Mr. Bonfield, after he had divorced his wife.

C. O.

Mr. Hewitt 22/7

Mr. Duncan 22/7/32

Mr.

2-9-32 Bottomley 22-7-32

J. Shuckburgh

~~Sam G. Goudie~~

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Secretary of State

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Kenya

4 to for Sir C. Bottomley

To go today

4 13

22. July 1932

My dear Sir

**DRAFT.**

Sir James Caird KBE CBE  
(to Prime Minister  
SW7)

I enclose a copy of the telegram sent to Kenya on your behalf. We will send on the reply to you as soon as it arrives.

As regards your legal considerations, we think that they are really a matter for ~~the~~ your own solicitors.

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who will, no doubt, not overlook  
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One other point that I seriously want to find out, if you can help me, is whether any order re restitution of children made by Kenya courts has any binding validity in the United Kingdom. If you could find that out I should be deeply grateful. It is not impossible that the children may turn up at my house. They certainly would if my wife was not ill, and I want to know if that makes me an accessory to kidnapping.

Yours very sincerely,

*Tammy Farnie*

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P.S. I think you were a member of one of the old Tom Jordan's Committees which sat on some Kenya question a few years ago. If you were, you may remember a very pretty, intelligent young woman giving evidence: that be her!

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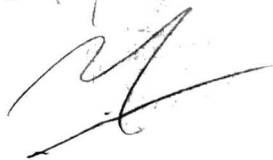
Sir James Crompton

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I have a pleasure to be acquainted  
about the Bondfield's work type case. We  
gladly accept the work & telegrams  
concerning to the Government at home  
remind me that, as such a thing  
could hardly be justified on grounds  
of "public policy" we have no  
alternative but to ask that the cost  
~~of~~ of the outward telegram and  
the reply should be refunded  
yourself

Yours truly  
A. Bondfield

Certainly thank you!



9/17/32

Sir James Caird

C. F. Johnston

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**SEQUEL TO A KENYA  
DIVORCE SUIT**

**FORMER M.P. IN COURT**  
FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NAIROBI, JULY 7**

Mr. Ian MacIntyre, a lawyer and former Unionist M.P. for West Edinburgh, appeared before a Nairobi magistrate to-day at the instance of his son-in-law, Mr. Bondfield, a farmer, of Tindoret, in connexion with a charge of kidnaping or, alternatively, conspiracy to kidnap. The case was adjourned without evidence being offered.

Counsel stated that the proceedings were a sequel to a divorce obtained by Mr. Bondfield against his wife, who was Mr. MacIntyre's daughter, the Court having given the petitioner temporary custody of his children pending further arguments. Mrs. Bondfield, with the alleged aid of her father, seized the children and left with them for England. The Aden authorities had been requested to detain her and the children pending the arrival of a police escort from Kenya.

Counsel for Mr. MacIntyre opposed a long adjournment, as his client was most anxious to return to Edinburgh.

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**KENYA KIDNAPPING  
CHARGE**

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NAIROBI, JULY 11**

Mr Ian MacIntyre was remanded to-day until July 23. The prosecution stated that a warrant for the arrest of his daughter, Mrs. Bondfield, had been executed at Aden, but that her children had continued their journey to England. A police escort is leaving for Aden to-day.

Mr. MacIntyre, who is a former Unionist M.P. for West Edinburgh, appeared last week before a Nairobi magistrate at the instance of his son-in-law, Mr. Bondfield, in connexion with a charge of kidnaping or, alternatively, conspiracy to kidnap. It is alleged that, with the aid of her father, Mrs. Bondfield seized her children and left with them for England, although the Court had given them temporarily into the custody of Mr. Bondfield, after he had divorced his wife.

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