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E. AFRICA COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION TO
VISIT EAST AFRICA.

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Secretary of State.

Draft to Treas. requesting sanction to
exp. involved.

Letter from Mr. Crowley goes attached.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

no. 9 31319

Drafts Committee for review

JH

8.7.24

The draft to the Treasury has gone.

I submit a memo but the

Committee is communicating a draft

letter to all members of the Committee

and a press notice

JH

10.7.24

The Treasury cannot supply a report and

refuses. After speaking to Mr. Nathan

I have asked Gurney to send me a

press confirming letter

JH

21.7.24

Subsequent Paper

32613

7. 7. 24

shown amended
you

Dear Secretary of State.

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Blantyre (3) Lake Nyasa (4) Abercorn
(5) Kigoma (Lake Tanganyika) (6) Tabora
(7) Dar es Salaam (8) Tanga (9) Moroni
(10) Nairobi (11) Entebbe (12) Kenya
Highlands (13) Kilindini (14) Zanzibar
& Uvira areas

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Secretary of State.

East African Committee.

Now that Sir William Edge's acceptance has been received, I would suggest it would be well to regard the personnel of the Committee as complete. If any more members are added there is a danger, I think, that the Committee will be too unwieldy. I would further propose that we should get to work forthwith and make arrangements for calling the Committee together for its first meeting say on Tuesday week, the 15th of July. I would recommend that you should appoint Mr. A.C.G. Parkinson to be the Secretary of the Committee. Mr. Parkinson is at present employed in the Dominions Department, but he has had considerable experience of East African work.

I was sorry to hear that there was some question of Sir Hugh Clifford asking to withdraw from the Committee and Commission. As you know, Sir Hugh himself offered his services for this work, and I should be disposed to make him adhere to his promise to serve. He should, I think, be asked to preside over the earlier meetings of the Committee owing to to Lord Southborough's absence for about three weeks in America.

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Mr. Balfour

S.P.S. talked about this to 15 minutes this morning, & agreed to the proposals. Draft that Mr. Calder is to be substituted for Mr. Parkinson who can't be spared from his home work - He is making an app't to see Sir Clifford
Eun 8.7

14. East Africa Committee and terms of
reference of the East Africa Commission.

Mr. Bottomley
Mr. Sturkey
Sir H. Road.

Lord Asquith 11/7
S. J. S.

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We discussed this subject today. On the

23rd of June the S. J. S. stated in the House

[29178/04] of Commons "The terms of reference to the

East Africa Commission which is to visit

the territories will be decided when the

main Committee, after a preliminary survey,

has advised what subjects can most

properly be dealt with on the spot, but

I shall not necessarily limit the terms

of reference to those subjects."

It seems to follow that the

terms of reference to the Commission

cannot be settled until after the

Committee has decided what points

require local investigation. The

Commission is to be drawn from members
of the Committee, and it is suggested
~~that~~ it will be best that the
Commission should be more or less
subordinate to the Committee i.e.
that it should make enquiries on
specific points suggested by the
Committee, collect information, and
on return be reabsorbed in the
Committee and place the information
collected at the disposal of the
Committee for its report. ^{to the S. P. C.} If
it appeared desirable, reports by
the Commission on particular
points could be attached to the
Committee's report as appendices.

On that assumption it is
suggested that the Secretary
of State's terms of reference to

the Commission should be as follows:

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"To visit each of the British
Dependencies in East Africa as the
East Africa Committee may consider
necessary, and to enquire and
receive suggestions upon such
subjects, arising from the terms of
reference to the Committee, ⁱⁿ the
opinion of the
Committee ~~may require~~ require
local examination."

It is suggested that the procedure
will be ^{the} most satisfactory as (1) it
will obviate two reports on the same
subjects one from the Commission and
one from the Committee; (2) the Committee
can continue its consideration of the
points not referred to the Commission
during the latter's absence; and (3) if
in such consideration any further

the Commission should be as follows:

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points which should be locally
investigated enrage, the Commission
could, with the consent of the
S. of S., be asked by telegraph to
investigate them.

The ~~objections~~ ^{objections}

appear to be (a) that, as it is
not possible to say how long the
Committee will take to decide the
points for local investigation, the
date of the Commission's start must
be left indefinite and (b) that
no Treasury can be outlined for
the Commission until it is
known what dependencies the
Committee wishes it to visit.

J.H.
10.7.24

This does not altogether agree with
what Lord Havers said to me this
morning, but I think he chiefly desired
that we should put up concrete proposals.

He said that he understood the
S. W.'s view to be that the Commission
should report to the S. W., but for the
reasons Mr. Alder has set out,
it seems more convenient to make
it an offshoot of the Committee,
reporting to the Committee. 317

My only comment is that I think
the Commission's report should
be included in full as an Appendix
to the Committee's report. I
am confident that it will make
a big difference to the reception
of the Committee's report in Kenya,
at all events, if it is known that
the impressions of those who have
seen and heard for themselves are
stated in full.

B. C. S.

10/7/24

Mr 2 Dpts letter CS 107

J. A.

11/14/24

These are two proposals of Read Bottomley &
Piercy for your consideration. You will note
that I intimated to Bottomley you wish
that the Commission should report direct
to you ~~through~~ you will also p. 3.

Write after
H. J. A.

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the main committee should broadly
decide the work of the commission.

This would, in practice, probably mean
that the main committee would largely
adopt proposals which would be
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at any rate, to be consulted (if
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reference to the commission.

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at any rate, to be consulted (if
not under some other terms of
reference) for the Commission.

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[On quote for Mr. Marshall's
signature]

I hold up
till further
retired July 1924

DRAFT.

Mr. Hon. W. Ormsby Gore M.P.

~~Mr.~~

Mr. Thomas desires

MINUTE.

Mr. Calder 8.7.24

Mr. Bottomley 8.7.24

Mr. Strachey 8

Sir G. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Read. 8/11/24

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

(no comment)

me to thank you for your

letter of 7th July regarding

the East Africa Commission.

The Commission is to report to

the Mr. Thomas and will

not be subordinate to the

Committee; this was made

clear in the reply to his

Walter de Fosse in the House

[27178/24]
of Commissions on the 22^d of June.

It is not possible to answer
the other points in your letter until
the question of the Chairmanship of
the Commission has been settled
and until after the Committee
has met. It is hoped that it
may be possible to arrange the
first meeting of the Committee
about the middle of this month.

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10 July 1924

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Sir,

I am etc. to request you to

inform the S.C. of the Treasury that
in the debate on the Colonial Services
Vote on the 3rd of March 1924 and
on Sir Sydney Harms' motion on
the 8th of April 1924 he was urged
to appoint a Committee to advise
on East African affairs and to
send out a small Commission to
visit the East African Dependencies.
The S.C. considered it desirable
to accept the proposals, and I
am to request that Your Lordships

DRAFT.

The Secretary
Treasury

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- Mr. Calder 8.7.24
- Mr. Borthwick 8.7.24
- Mr. Strachey 8/7
- Sir C. Davis
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir H. Road. 8/VII/24
- Sir J. Masterion Smith
- Lord Arnold. 9/7/24
- Mr. Thomas.

(for concn.)

The members of the Committee are:

The Rt. Hon. Lord Southborough, Chairman

Mr. R. N. Barclay M.P.

Capt. R. Berkeley M.P.

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~~Major~~
Major A. G. Church M.P.

Mr. J. Harris M.P.

Mr. G. E. Harvey M.P.

Lieut. Sydney Kern M.P.

The Hon. W. Comely-Jones M.P.

Mr. H. Hall M.P.

Dr. Andrew Dalfour

Lieut. Henry Biscoe

Mr. C. Roder Duxton

Lieut. William Edge

Lieut. H. Riches Raggard

Lt. Col. F. D. Hammond

Mr. W. H. Hinbery

Mr. J. H. Oldham

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Mr.

Sir C. Davis

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Road.

Sir J. Masterton Smith

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

There may be ~~two~~ one or two additional members and the secretary will be selected from the Colonial Office staff. Until the Committee meets and determine its procedure and

If the meeting is not a meeting
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be addressed to the Treasury on the subject
of his salary. It is not possible to estimate the
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on the bases laid down in Treasury

Letter No. E. 11781 of the 21st of
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- Mr.
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[In quarts for my signature]

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21st July 1924

DRAFT.

W. B. Gurney and Sons

Gutterman,

21 Abingdon St.

74 Old Victoria 188

MINUTE.

In confirmation of

a communication of

telephone I am etc. to

request you to send a
report short-hand reports

to the meeting of the East

Africa Committee at
the Colonial Office etc.

W. B. Gurney and Sons
21st July to
take notes and provide

Mr. Calder 21.7.24

Mr.

Mr.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir H. Road.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

transcript at the standard
govt. rates.

I am

Yours truly
John A Calder
Secretary, East Africa Committee

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Yours, truly
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Secretary, East Africa Committee

15th July 1924

^{Temporary}
In the absence of Lord

Southborough in America I am

directed by the S. of S. to inform

you that it is proposed to

hold the first meeting of the

East Africa Committee on which

you have agreed to serve

in the Conference Room at

the Colonial Office on Tuesday

22nd ~~21st~~ July at 11 am. It is

hoped that you will find it

possible to be present.

2. The terms of reference

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all members of the E. Africa
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List given in the draft

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Mr. O. Davis.

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- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. O. Davis.
- Mr. G. Grindle.
- Mr. H. Reid. //VII
- Mr. J. Masterton Smith.
- Mr. Arnold. (17)
- Mr. Thomas.
- (for comm.)

E. D. Morel Esq M.P.

The Hon. W. Ormsby Gore M.P.

J. H. Oldham Esq

H. Snull Esq M.P.

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Lord Stansley M.P.

Mr. John A. Calder of the Colonial

Office has been appointed

secretary

~~unavailable~~

~~Secretary of the Colonial Office~~

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The business of this meeting -

~~preliminary meeting~~ which will take

preliminary

the form of a general discussion

of

the lines of procedure to

be followed. The terms of reference

of the Commission which is to

visit East Africa will be

submitted to the Committee.

suggestions.

For any observations.

Ed. John A. Calder.

DRAFT.

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etc

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Sir C. Davis.

Sir G. Grindley.

Sir H. Read.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

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Notice for the Press.

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Notice given to Mr. Caird
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Mr. O. Davis.

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Mr. H. Reed. 11/14/24

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Mr H. Read. 11/12/24

Mr J. Masterton Smith.

Mr Arnold. 11/7

Mr Thomas.

(for conven.)

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