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INDIA

DATE
25 MAY 1921

25 MAY 21

RE CIRCULATION

SUBJECT
POSITION OF INDIANS

RACIAL SEGREGATION

Enclosed copy of telegram from Govt of India asking if any objection to issue of a press communique in terms stated.

Mr. *Allen 29.5.21*
Mr. *Bullock 24*
Mr. *Grindle*
Mr. *H. Lambert*
Mr. *H. Read 24/5/21*
Mr. *G. Fildes*
W. Wood 25.5
Mr. *Churchill*

Previous Paper

MINUTES

m/s 24174

W. Bullocky to H. Read

The history of the withdrawal of the Morobasa notice (which is the only point to which we cannot at present agree in proposed notice) appears in the telegrams as:-

- 12756/21
- 14621/21
- 17687/21

I have put these telegrams immediately below.

It is desirable for common effort in speaking to you
ALL

Tel to Gov. com. 26 May 1921
Copy to Gov. com. 26 May 1921
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Subsequent Paper

Gov 25473

I would like to see you
24.5.21
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~~the Highland sale~~
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has been arrived at on the subject
of Indian representation.

H. J. R.
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In Council
As an committee I think on the
question of the Highland sale
(18755) + Highland sale
to include the Highland sale as
proposed at A. 25 25 75.

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 the question of payment: The fact of
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 the Land Council until a decision
 has been arrived at on the subject
 of Indian payment.

S. J. R.
 24.5

In Council
 We are committed I think on the
 question of the Bombay revenue
 1875-76. It is necessary to let the
 Government know that I should not
 include the Highways before as
 included at the 25th 25/7.

Any further communication on this subject should
addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State for India
Public Department,
India Office,
London, S.W. 1



INDIA OFFICE

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WHITEHALL

LONDON, S.W. 1.

J. & P., 3228/21.

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May, 1921.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant, No. 20203/21, and connected correspondence regarding the question of racial segregation in Kenya, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies copy of a telegram from the Viceroy, dated 14th May 1921.

Mr. Secretary Montagu would be glad to learn whether Mr. Secretary Churchill sees any objection to the issue of a press communiqué in India in the terms proposed in the Viceroy's telegram.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE.

COPY OF TELEGRAM
 P. P.
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 1921

 From Viceroy, Commerce Dept.,
 to Secretary of State for India.

Dated Simla 14th May, 1921.

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Received 3 P.M. 17th May, 1921.

5928. Your telegram dated 1th May, No. 23⁵⁰ re-commitment of Public Health bill in Kenya. Will you kindly telegraph whether there is any objection to our issuing a press communique in the following terms:-

Communique Begins. In continuation of Commerce and Industry Department Resolution number 9101, dated 27th December last, publishing a copy of the Despatch from Government of India to Secretary of State for India, regarding the position of Indians in Kenya Colony, it is announced for general information that intimation has now been received from Secretary of State for India that His Majesty's Government has decided that, pending its decision on the general question of policy raised in the above despatch, the Kenya Government should adopt in controversial matters a policy of marking time. In order, therefore, that there may be no appearance of pre-judging, while it is under consideration, the question of segregation, it has been decided to re-commit the Public Health Ordinance recently passed by the Kenya Legislative Council with the omission of the segregation, as to which objection has been taken. In pursuance of the same policy, the notice of the 12th October last creating a European reservation in Mombasa has been withdrawn, and it has been decided that no other reservation should be proclaimed, and that no sale of leasehold plots should be held in Kenya, at which Asiatics are excluded from bidding. Ends.

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

Sent 3.15 p.m., 26th May, 1921.

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9th April Mombasa Notice. Government of India desire
to publish communique to the effect that His Majesty's
Government have decided pending its decision on general
question of policy that Government of Kenya should in
controversial matters adopt policy of marking time.
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Bill in order that there may be no appearance of
prejudging segregation question (two) withdrawal of
Mombasa notice of 12th October (three) decision that no
other reservation should be proclaimed (four) no
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