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ANTI-SLAVERY & ABORIGINES
PROTECTION SOCIETY

SUBJECT

NATIVE LABOUR & TAXATION

Calls attention to Mr Raffan's question re compulsory employment of women and girls on plantations and points out allegation appears to be based on resolution passed at Meeting of Natives at Nairobi calling for repeal of registration of Natives Order and increased hut and poll tax.

Mr. G. Fiddes

Mr. Wood

Previous Paper

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~~W. Wood~~
W. Wood

See 40879/21

we shall no longer receive
from any copy of any
such resolutions with his
letter. But it might
be safe to send to
only copy of this letter
with the Q. & A. on 40879/21
and for report

in his supplementary
reply Mr Wood did not
say that he had made
enquiries; but was that

Subsequent Paper

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 of the Natural Latent Circular
 (No. 40879)

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The Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society.

in which are incorporated the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society and the Aborigines Protection Society.

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SECRETARY
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DENISON HOUSE, 25 AUG 21
VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD,
LONDON S.W. 1

CLOSE TO VICTORIA STATION
22nd August, 1921.

To:-
The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Sir,

On the 17th instant Mr. Raffan drew attention to allegations made at a public meeting in Nairobi that women and girls were being compulsorily employed.

compulsion has led to serious immorality. The reply to this question was as follows:-

"I am not aware to what statements the hon. Member refers. Women and children have never been forced by the Government to work on plantations."

The allegation in question appears to have been made at a Mass meeting of Natives held in the Sports Ground, Ngara Road, Nairobi, on Sunday afternoon, or about July 10th, and was contained in a long resolution, of which the following is an extract:-

"That this meeting strongly protests against the registration of natives on plantations and the employment of women and children on plantations for work which has substituted into immoral practices, against the increased hut and poll tax, and most respectfully requests the Secretary of State for the Colonies to repeal them."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

John Harris
Organising Secretary.

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The allegation in question appears to have been made at a Mass meeting of natives held in the Sports Ground Ngara Road, Nairobi, on Sunday afternoon, or or about July 10th, and was contained in a long resolution, of which the following is an extract:-

"That this meeting strongly protests against the Registration of Natives Ordinance, against the practice of compulsorily taking out of women and married women to plantations for work which has culminated into immoral practices, against the increased hut and poll tax, and most respectfully requests the Secretary of State for the Colonies to repeal them."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

John Thorne
Organising Secretary.

July

30 Aug 1944

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I have to be transmit to

you the account copy of

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Mr. Clark 2/11

Mr. Robinson

Mr. Grindie

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Read

Sir G. Fiddis

Mr. Wood

Mr. Churchill

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~~has been received from~~ The Anti-Slavery
and Aborigines Protection Society.

(2) - I shall be glad to receive your
report for the meeting ^{at Nairobi} and the resolution
passed thereat to which ^{the enclosure} reference is
made.

(Signed) WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

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July, 29 Aug 1920

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The Secretary,
Anti-Slavery & Aborigines
Protection Society.

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- Mr. Clark 22/8/20
- Mr. Pakenham
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Grange
- Mr. H. Lambert
- Mr. H. Bant
- Mr. G. Padden
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

I am sorry to read the
content of your letter of the
22nd of August, in which
reference is being made regarding the
alleged compulsory employment of women
and girls on plantations in
Kenya, and to inform you that

a copy of the letter is being
forwarded

W/S

sent to the ~~adv.~~ of the Colony for his

Cons.

(2) The ~~adv.~~ resolution referred to in your
letter has not yet been forwarded to the High

Authority but it will be transmitted
by the ~~adv.~~ with the objection in due

course.

(Signed) G. GRINDLE