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SUBJECT
Correspondence 5-10 July
with Mr RA Desai regarding
meetings between S & S &
Kenya Indian Delegation, etc.

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10th July, 1953

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If, however, as he understands from you, Mr. Bastri is expected back in London early next week, he may be able to meet your wishes, in which case he will let you know.

But should this not prove possible, you need have no fear that the views held by the Indians in the matters now under consideration are not understood.

Yours

M. A. Desai, Esq.

19th July, 1953

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M. A. Desai, Esq
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Sir G. Gribble.

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Mr. Desai wd. like to see you for a few minutes any afternoon this week. Address: Mr. A. Desai, 389 Strand, W.C. Telephone: GURARA 25. I shall try to get you know.

He insisted on staying some time with me.

- (1) I told him that the Indian mission ^{statement} had not been given to the European delegation.
- (2) He asked whether it was true, as reported in a provincial newspaper, that a Ctee of ministers had been appointed to settle the economic & other Indian questions. I said I had not heard of it; perhaps it was a confusion with the Palestine Ctee. which I thought had been appointed. Anyway, I urged him not to worry about what he saw in newspapers.
- (3) He asked when the delegation would be able to get away. I said it was not possible for me to tell; but that with a

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5th July, 1923

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.C., P.M.S., G.C.V.O.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.

Your Grace,

The members of the Kenya Indian Delegation desire to express the hope that Your Grace will be good enough to accord them the honour of a further interview before any final decision is taken in regard to the future constitutions of the Kenya Colony.

The Delegation understand that the interview which was accorded them on 4th May was of a preliminary nature. It was, in fact, so described in the letter of invitation. At the conclusion of the interview Mr. Desai made the request that the India Delegation from India should be present at the next interview and Your Grace was good enough to say that the arrangement you had in mind was that the delegates from India were to be present and to take part in the discussion. The Delegation trust that Your Grace will accord them an early opportunity of making the joint personal representation which was then contemplated.

On the occasion of the interview on 4th May the Delegation was asked to submit a written representation, which they have since done, and they were informed by Sir Robert Coryndon that Lord Delamere, the head of the European Delegation, would like to see a copy of this memorandum. The Delegation require to be given that, if their memorandum has been shown to Lord Delamere, they may be allowed to see, and if necessary reply to any written representation which may have been submitted to Your Grace by the British Delegates. They would also request that they may be allowed to see copies of any other statements which may have been submitted to the Government by other parties, which may be in any way detrimental to their claims and to afford them the opportunity of replying to them.

6th July. 1922

Dear Sir,

The Duke of Devonshire desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th July which is receiving his consideration.

Yours faithfully,

W. C. W.

O. M. Jeevanjee, Esq.