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INDIAN DELEGATION

DATE
29TH JUNE 1923

RELATION:—

Attorney

SUBJECT

INDIANS

REVENUE COLLECTED FROM & IMMIGRATION OF

U.S. of S.

*Li. H. ...
3/11/23*

Questions accuracy of information given in H.of C. re revenue derived from Indian population and asks for information as to basis of calculation. Requests certain information as to immigration.

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The Indian delegates feel great hesitation in accepting any figures supplied by the Kenya Govt. as correct, whether regarding revenue or immigration.

It is not clear from what other source they suppose figures as to revenue or any rate could be obtained.

The "rough contributions" of each community as given in the answer to the P. Q.

Subsequent Paper

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on 28/5/23, were
supplied by Sir R.
Cargoden personally.
These he had,
I believe, collected
locally from various
sources including
the Treasurer & the
Comr. of Customs.

As to the immigration
figure asked for,
there is no point
in entering into
any argument
with anyone, as
there is nothing
reliable to go on.
I am not at all
sure that the
Col. Govt. cd.
answer the 5
queries at the
end of this letter -
& if they could,
the replies, on
their own showing

would not believe the
answers.

? ask: except to say
that the figures
as to contributions to
Taxation & Customs
Revenue, both the
delegation & fees, were
supplied by the
Governor of Hong Kong,
& who naturally
the Govt. expected for
info on matters
relating to the colony.
& that Govt. is not
aware of the
basis on which the
calculations were
made - as to
immigration figures,
say that Govt. doubt
whether the info
asked for at the end
of the letter is reliable,
but that enquiries
will be made.

the Govt. of Norway, if
the delegation wish this
to be done - & ask
whether this is desired.

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The result of his is that
the delegation is willing to
agree to the 23470.

The one thing is that we
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(I have just had the same
figures from Col Franklin
on 20. 11.)

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the Govt. of Korea, if
the delegation wish this
to be done - & ask
whether this is desired.

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[The result of their decision
in relation to immigration
is now attached to J.O. 23470.]

The one thing clear is that we
have no sure ground for an
unanswerable case either way.]

H. J. H.

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H. J. H.

12.7.

(I have just had the same
Customs figures from Col. Franklin
via J.O.T.)

W.G.S.
14/7

KENYA INDIAN DELEGATION

INDIANS OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION.

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159 265, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.2

29th June

1923

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street. S.W.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the questions and answers with regard to the direct Taxation and Custom revenue of Kenya recently published in the "Hansard." The Kenya Indian Delegation feel grave doubts as to the correctness of these figures, for the following, amongst other, reasons:-

(a) The Indian population is $2\frac{1}{2}$ times greater than the European population, and the amount of direct taxation is proportionate to the respective populations.

(b) The Indian residents in Kenya are mostly engaged in trade. At any rate the number of Indian traders is much larger than that of the European, and a considerable part of the trade of the Colony is admittedly in the hands of Indians.

The Kenya Indian Delegation will feel very much obliged if you would be good enough as to let them know the basis of calculation of the above figures.

They feel great hesitation in accepting any figures supplied by the local Government as correct, whether regarding Revenue or Immigration.

With regard to the Immigration figures, you are perhaps aware that on the enquiry of the Government of India, the British India Steam Navigation Co., has supplied the information that 5,000 more Indians have left Mombasa than they have entered that port during the last 27 months. Therefore it seems very unlikely that during the 9 months ending Dec. 1922 - being the period when the economic conditions were so very bad and unemployment was rife, (owing to the Bowring Economic and Finance Committee's recommendations being put in force) the Indians migrated to Kenya in such a great number. Even the correctness of

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these figures does not make out any case for the Government to impose fresh restrictions on Indian immigration.

It will certainly give a fairer and better idea of Indian immigration into the Colony if you take into consideration the immigration figures of the last 10 or 15 years.

The Kenya Indian Delegation further request you to supply the following information:-

1. The number of Indians who entered the port of Mombasa during the nine months ending Dec. 1922 and who were bound for Uganda.
2. The number of Indians who entered the port of Mombasa during the nine months ending Dec. 1922 and who were bound for Tanganyika.
3. The number of Indians who entered the port of Mombasa during the nine months ending Dec. 1922 and who were bound for Belgium Congo.
4. The number of Indians who entered the port of Mombasa during the nine months ending Dec. 1922 and who were domiciled in Kenya Colony.
5. The number of Indians who entered the port of Mombasa during the nine months ending Dec. 1922 and who were Government servants.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. S. Varma

Secretary.

Kenya Indian Delegation.

KENYA INDIAN DELEGATION

of INDIANS OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION

DANES INN HOUSE,

366 STRAND, LONDON, W.C.2

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14 JUL 1923
COL. OFFICE

13th July 1923

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 Colonial Office,
 Downing Street. S.W.

Sir,

Ref: Our letter dated 29th June, 1923.
 re: Questions & Answers published
 in the "Hansars."

I have the honour to draw your attention
 to the above quoted letter, and to request a
 reply at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
 for Kenya Indian Delegation.

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The Sec.

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18 July 1969

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The Sec.
Kenya Indian Relief Committee

18 July 1963

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B. St. John

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