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My Lord,

I regret to be obliged to inform Your Lordship at this time, but I am obliged to accede to the demand of the applicants that I forward the attached petition which is addressed to Your Lordship.

2. In Your Lordship's petition of 1918, the employees of the Uganda Railway requested the payment of War Bonus on the European scale. A similar application was considered by the then Acting Governor, in April 1919, with the advice of the General Manager of the Railway, and the Treasurer of the Government. It was held inadmissible.

3. The argument brought forward is that because in a few exceptional cases a distinction has been made, all Goan employees should be treated as Europeans and paid War Bonus accordingly. If that were admitted I feel confident that...

RIGHT HONOURABLE
VISCOUNT MILNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
LONDON, S.W.

Servants would not be long in putting forward claims to be treated as Europeans for all purposes, and that an impossible situation

was not considered enough to justify us in our claim
of the grounds of nationality alone.

10. There is yet another class of animals from
we have referred in para. 5 of the Petition between
and a class of distinctively...

arduous conditions attending the first phases of the
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evaluation of the Service in the country were overcome, with conditions and emoluments similar to those attached to our posts. The keenness of our disappointment, therefore, will be easily imagined by Your Lordship and need not here be described.

12. We all rely on the just spirit of Your Lordship to see that all the... the case...
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 decision

Handwritten signature:
 H. A. Davis
 1st Class Engineer

Nairobi, 17th February, 1920.

Your Excellency,

We beg most respectfully to submit herein for your sympathetic consideration our claim for War Bonus on European scale. The following facts will, we hope, appeal to Your Excellency and express the sense of our utter disappointment at the way our case has been dealt with. Individual applications have been, from time to time, submitted to the Heads of our respective divisions. The replies, however, we have received, have been of a very discouraging nature. In one instance the applicant was replied to say that because of his nationality arising from his birth place in India, the concession could not be granted while the following instance in the person of Mr. Das who was attached to the Medical Dept. of the Protectorate and other Non-European reveals exactly the contrary procedure.

2. Following are the few instances, and although Non-European, but have been paid the European Bonus, a fact which we consider to constitute a precedent that justifies the extension of the same to all equally so to us:-

- Dr. Das, Messrs. ... Agricultural
- ... Asst. Surgeon
- ... the Nairobi Municipality, & the ...
- ... Dept. of the ...

It is evident, therefore, that the principle that ... is not in any way racial but is ... of official position held by the ... This principle established, the only point that ... explanation is, whether or not, we can, in other respects, justifiably class ourselves with Europeans. That

Excellency, The Lt. Governor,
EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE
Nairobi

we are to all intents and purposes, classed as such, the following remarks by the Ag. General Manager, Uganda Railway, extracted from his Memorandum to Civil Service Commissioners appointed by Your Excellency on 19th February, 1918, will, we trust, strengthen the legitimacy of our claim:-

"Up to the present no distinction has been made between European and Indian Drivers, but as there are very few Indian 1st Class Drivers this class will become extinct. The same remarks apply to 1st Class Artizans."

4. The difference, therefore, drawn between Europeans and Non-Europeans for the purposes of the payment of Bonus is more than real.
5. It is a source of great satisfaction to us that applicants of mixed origin, and of a relatively low the official position held by them, because of their alleged European lineage alone, irrespective whether he is a native from Africa, Mauritius, India or Seychelles, should have been, therefore, markedly differentiated from us, though to our knowledge no other distinctive features existed that would justify this differentiation. Neither, we respectfully submit, their standard of living does, in any way, materially differ from that adopted by an average European, the necessity for these distinctions.
6. We assure Your Excellency that we are not, in any way, impelled to act by a sense of prejudice that this class of applicant should have been singled out for the payment of European Bonus. What we strongly feel and with reason that while the case of some was made the subject of special consideration, others who had equally good claim were not accorded the same recognition and we all confidently

confidently rely on the broad and just spirit of
Your Excellency to see that our grievances are properly
looked into and full justice done to our cause.

7. We place the foregoing facts before Your Excellency
solely actuated by the hope that you will be pleased
to enquire into them.

Wm. Main

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acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 9th inst. in relation
to the proposed ...
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I have to report that the petition
may be up. That I have reviewed
the petition, & that I
regret that I cannot see my way
to interfere with the action in
the matter which has been taken

WILSON