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41458/12

Paris Sanitary Convention

Leads deep from Berlin enclosing note from German Govt in regard to accession of German E Africa & Br E Africa to Convention Request Govt to obtain on points raised herein.

Mr B Stomley

The Secy of P & A has stated that (39558) that he does not consider it desirable that the Prot should adhere to the Convention, but that provisions measures against disease should be based on the terms of the Convention.

Inform F O that the Secy of the P & A considers it unnecessary for the Prot to adhere (sending copy of report 39558) and say that in the circumstances the points raised in Dr P. Parker's letter will not arise.

H. T. D. 27/5/13

Two paragraphs
to be read

We do not know what is proposed with regard to Zbar & therefore cannot well deal with the last of the points. But I should say there is no doubt that Zbar should be excluded as coasting vessels. It is true that

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that they travel great distances, but they call
at so many ports - in many cases mere
landing places - that any control would be
ineffective & costly. As between Zbar & G.S.A. they
are coasting round the ^{island} ~~islands~~ _{574.}

None of the East African Prots propose to adhere
to the Convention of 1912 (see Minutes of
your dept of the 4th ult. on 22633/12)

Had this not better be explained at the
to F.O., so as to give them a lead in regard
to Zanzibar.

I agree as to dhows, but if Zanzibar calls
the E.A. Prots stand out of the Convention
the question won't arise.

T.C.H. 5/5/13.

S.P.C. for ...

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote

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The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for

_____ and, by direction of the Secretary of
State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper
in regard to _____

Foreign Office,
London, 12/1/1913

Reference to previous letter:

To
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for reference to _____

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Lord Strickland 10/10/1912	Decision with respect to human and female & the Convention

(Similar letter sent to _____)

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BERLIN.

18th April, 1913.

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Commercial.

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Sir:-

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith translation of a note from the Imperial Secretary of State for the Foreign Office in reply to a Note which I addressed to His Excellency on receipt of your despatch No. 29 Commercial (5076/13) of February 10th last in regard to the accession of German East Africa and British East Africa to the Paris Sanitary Convention.

Herr von Jagow expresses the view that, as it will probably be considered desirable that these Colonies should adhere to the Convention of 1912, it would be advisable that they should refrain for the present from adhering to the Convention of 1903.

His Excellency adds that, in the opinion of the Imperial Government, native dhows plying between German East Africa and Zanzibar do not come under the Convention, and he requests that he may be informed whether His Majesty's Government concur in this

view

Right Honourable

Sir E. Grey, Bart., K.G.

&c., &c., &c.

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B. E. P. L. 131.
12th April, 1913.

The Undersigned has the honour to inform His Excellency the British Ambassador, Sir Edward Goschen in reply to his note of February 13th last that the Imperial Government consider it possible that the Paris Maritime Convention of January 17th 1912 will come into force at a not too distant date in Germany and in Great Britain, and that it will then appear desirable to both Governments that German East Africa and British East Africa should also adhere to the new Maritime Convention. In view of this, the Imperial Government also consider it advisable that German East Africa and British East Africa should abstain for the present from adhering to the Maritime Convention of December 3rd, 1903.

In order to leave no doubt as to the interpretation of the Convention at the time of the adhesion of these Colonies, the Imperial Government desire to avail themselves of this opportunity to state that they do not regard the small native sailing vessels (dhow) plying between German East Africa and Zanzibar as coming

coming under the Convention, since, in their opinion,
such vessels belong to the category of coasting vessels
in regard to which it is left by Article 40 of the
Convention of 1912 (Article 34 of the Convention of 1903)
to the countries concerned to decide whether and if so,
what sanitary regulations shall be agreed upon. The
Imperial Government assume that this view is shared by
the British Government and would be grateful for a pro-
nouncement on the subject.

The Undersigned etc.

(Signed)

JAGOW.

F.O./14571/East Afr.Pro:



DOWNING STREET,

May, 1913

Sir,

I am directed by Mr.

Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the

receipt of your letter No.16146 of the

29th of April, with its enclosures

respecting the accession of British

East Africa and German East Africa to

the Paris Sanitary Convention 1912.

2. In reply, I am to request

you to inform Secretary Sir E.Grey

that the Governments of the various

East African Protectorates have

recently had under their considera-

tion the text of the Convention, which

was forwarded to them in the despatch

which formed the enclosure to the

letter

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOREIGN OFFICE

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MINUTE

Mr Downie. 6.5.13

Mr Bottomley 6.5.13

Mr Read

Sir G. Fiddes

Mr Macnaghten

Sir H. Aust

Mr Read

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Emmott

Mr Harcourt

for consideration.

I have accepted the draft. It
seems necessary to explain the
change of point more fully in
the corr. which, both place and
you are contemplated the accession
of German E.A. of our Prot. to the
Convention of 1902 & present (date)
(date of 1912). etc

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letter from this Department of the
7th of September 1912.

3. The Governments of the
British East Africa Protectorate,
Uganda and Nyasaland do not consider
it desirable to adhere to the
Convention, and it has therefore
been decided that neither of these
Protectorates or Somaliland should
adhere.

4. In these circumstances it
seems unnecessary to consider further
the question of the accession of the
British East Africa Protectorate and
~~of German East Africa~~ to the Conven-
tion of 1903, which is referred to
in the enclosure to your letter and
has formed the subject of previous
correspondence. Presumably none of the British East African
Protectorates or German East Africa will, under existing circumstances,

5. I am to add that Mr.
Harcourt is disposed to concur in
the view of the German Government
that native dhows plying between
German

German East Africa and Zanzibar do
not come under the Convention, but
this point also will not arise if
all the East Africa Protectorates and
Zanzibar abstain from adhering to the
Paris Convention.

I am, etc.,

(Sd)