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Last previous Paper

Gov. Relfeld and 'E. African Standard'

Complaints of Mr. Relfeld's action in  
with leading article in issue of 14 Dec  
Subject of 'My Country unrest' Res  
generally on unsatisfactory relations  
British white Colonists and native & Asians

Mr. J. Anderson

This is the man who is  
the so-called 'mass meeting' &  
against Mr. Relfeld's app<sup>t</sup> as Governor.

See also File, containing recent corresp<sup>ts</sup>  
3419  
with Mr. W. H. Edwards with regard to his  
son who is in the R.A.F. We have not yet  
rec<sup>d</sup> a copy of the 'E. African Standard' of the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Mr. H. H. H. has furnished  
no evidence that the contrary, Mr. Harcourt  
assumes that the fir<sup>e</sup> was perfectly justified  
& characterising the article in question as  
being utterly untrue - that it appears  
from a letter which has been received  
from the father of an officer in the

H. R. that another  
was made in the case of  
Standard of the 21st inst. &  
that 15 policemen had been killed at  
Kinkor - but that from info in the  
files of this office this statement was  
also untrue - that false intelligence

of this kind ought only to be a part  
amount of harm in the <sup>country itself, especially in a</sup> ~~unsubstantiated~~

to like the S.P., but <sup>unnecessarily</sup> cause  
deaths of <sup>unnecessarily</sup> persons living <sup>at a distance</sup>  
in relatives or friends <sup>in the Prov.</sup>

to Mr. Hancock does not propose to  
in with the execution of the  
for the matter - + send copy of  
answer <sup>cc</sup> to the for info D.F.?

H. R.

<sup>1671</sup>  
I would not embark in a discussion with  
this gentleman, I had not <sup>say</sup> that the  
S.P. has not seen the paper in question and  
has no info as to the case for <sup>another</sup>  
& copy for Lt. Ch. 16.1.13

Ch. 17.1.13

Does this answer of Sir J. Anderson will  
do for the present - later - if necessary - I  
will deal more drastically with Mr. Anderson  
Ch. 17.1.13



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Nairobi, January 14th.

1913

His Majesty's Principal Secretary for the Colonies,  
Colonial Office, Downing Street, S.W.

Sir,

I beg to call your attention to the following paragraph which appears in the "East African Standard" Weekly Edition (Nairobi) dated December 21st, 1912.

"A partner in the firm of Messrs. Anderson and Meyer, proprietors of the "East African Standard" had occasion to interview His Excellency Mr. Belfield on a land question yesterday (Tuesday) forenoon.

"After disposing of the business on which the interview had been graciously accorded by His Excellency the latter called attention to the leading article in our Weekly issue of December 14, on the subject of "Up-Country Unrest", which His Excellency characterised as being utterly untrue.

"Mr. Belfield then gave us until 1 o'clock (it was about 11 a.m. at the time) to make up our mind as to whether we would contradict the statements made in this article or not, threatening that if we would not publish a contradiction the "East African Standard" "would suffer", and that also he would personally publish a contradiction in our contemporary signed by himself.

"Upon hearing this our representative told the Governor that the "East African Standard" could not be dictated to by anybody - not even by His Excellency.

"It should be needless to remind our readers that the Editorial Department of the "Standard" exercises the utmost

"care in sifting news received from its correspondents on whom we have the utmost reliance."

If the allegation contained herein be a correct one, and I have every reason to believe it is correct, then I beg to ask you to inform me what form this threat is intended to take? I can but imagine that this can be <sup>no</sup> other than a discontinuance of Government business to my firm, and why should we suffer for doing what we believe to be a public duty?

I would like to take this opportunity of pointing out to you the esteem in which the "East African Standard" has always been held by successive Governors.

A recent Governor writes me as follows, that he wishes to thank me for "the courtesy of your paper in all matters affecting Government House." Another Governor writes - "When a Colonial newspaper is so well conducted and self-respecting as the "East African Standard" it is not only a duty but a pleasure for the Government to help it and extend its influence."

Two other Governors have written in exactly the same strain, one stating that he regarded the editing of the "East African Standard" as an example to African journalism."

It should not be necessary for me to point out to you that the administration of the Colony is by no means satisfactory as regards relationships between the British white colonists and the native Asiatic population. I, personally, am subjected to threats of death from secret Indian Societies, and the Administration state their inability to discover who are the perpetrators or the authors of ~~the~~ anonymous letters, although in the case of the last letter received

some three months ago my firm offered a large reward and a free passage to Bombay for evidence which would lead to conviction.

The only cause for these murderous outbursts on the part of the British Indians is my constant advocacy of a policy of protection of the rising white generation who are unable to find suitable positions as the Administration fills them with sweated Asiatics. It is only natural that I take a very strong interest in the white settlers of this Colony, being one of the first bona fide British white settlers. I realise that the nation which first thoroughly colonises, with white colonisation, any considerable portion of that great part of the African continent - Central Africa - will be the dominating power for all time.

Any communication addressed to either my Flat, as given above, or to the National Liberal Club, will meet with immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

*A. G. Anderson*

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Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for  
 acknowledgement of the  
 receipt of my letter written  
 eleven days ago addressed  
 to the Honorary Secretary of  
 the F. A. Club for the  
 season.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Adams

4 WHITEHALL COURT, S.W.

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Dear Sir,

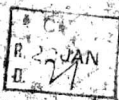
I should be glad of an  
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receipt of my letter written  
seven days ago addressed  
to the Comptrol Secretary of  
the for the balance for the  
year

Yours sincerely

A. G. Anderson

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Ans'd 25/12

1 Jan. 1913

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Mr. Downie 20p

Mr. B. Stowley 20p

Sir G. Fisher.

Sir H. Jast.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

I am etc. to ackn. the receipt of your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, calling his attention to a para. which appeared in East African Standard of the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 1912, and to inform you that Mr. Harcourt has not seen the paper in question and has no information as to the para. quoted. I am

A.  
24 Jan 1913

A. P. Harcourt.