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No

(Subject)

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Estimate 1908-9
Reformatory

Has inserted £1000 for - Mr Churchill strongly approves of scheme for a reformatory. Propose to build it in Govt Experimental Farm near Harrow.

Indisposed (Minutes)

Middle

This is a fine suggestion, but I question whether it might not be practicable to go to the root of the matter, and to make it an offence for any magistrate living in a township unless he has first procured formal authorization.

If that is undesirable, I am perfectly of the opinion that similar bills should be passed if the amount of local though £1,000 seems to be a large amount for such an establishment as would seem to be required for the purpose.

In writing to the King on the subject of the bill, I say that provision for the reformatory will be regarded as provisional, pending the issue of better measures for the reform of offenders from the township of unremediable for the township.

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Amend 3/2 11 July 1908

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to put a note to the Govt in the
name of a fund part of the
income - engine which will
be necessary for much expenditure
on a large scale & directed in
such a way as to be
strictly in accordance with
the principles of economy
of the Government of
the Province & to prevent
any undue expenditure

Oct. 29/10

Agree with Mr. Lobb.

M. Lobb

This is too important to be dealt
with by me - see for further details

H. B.

29/12

Mr. Lobb

Write as proposed

M. Lobb

J. L.

There the way is suggested
no particular regard to the
wants of the people of a class of
12 - 15 - 20 & 3 months I left for
concerning the presentation of which he
has been pleased in Christ.

A large - increasing number of persons
unemployed in the city on odd jobs about
the houses - gardens. It is no reforming
is possible they must be sent to get education
they spend Mr. Lobb's plan for out past the time at all

I agree with Mr. Cresswell that the
sentence which he describes as shocking. But
I go further than he does, and think it ought
to be made dependent on a magistrate's & upon
such a sentence.

I speak with some experience. In some years ago
I conducted an enquiry into petty crimes, and
the question of juvenile offenders & reformatories
was one of those which came under our notice.

I am distinctly of opinion that an offender, such
as described by Mr. Cresswell, ought not to be
sent to a reformatory. The punishment ought to
be summary.

In brief, I do not hesitate to say
such a case. But the reformatory ought not
to be used except in the case of an offender who
is essentially (I understand to use the phrase
hardened criminal of a devil)

I must say I have some doubts as to the expediency
of establishing a regular reformatory near Leicester
at a cost of £1,000. When money is much
wanted. When the case is known
But I should like to see the plan.

S. D. 2

law many criminals who are merely waiting for opportunities but it is not easy to discriminate and many persons who are merely vagrants, and in many cases mere lads, find their way to gaol where association with hardened criminals can only tend to corrupt and vitiate them.

5. In the absence of a Reformatory there is no alternative course, and we are slowly increasing the criminal class and instituting a state of affairs which must be avoided.

6. It is under these circumstances that I have the honour to commend the necessity for building a reformatory to Your Lordship's gravest consideration.

7. Should Your Lordship assent to this expenditure, it is proposed to build this reformatory on the Government Experimental Farm about 5 to 6 miles from Nairobi, where a constant supply of labour is always required.

8. Juvenile criminals instead of having their criminal propensities intensified by the contact with hardened criminals would receive useful instruction in Agriculture and would be a source of real benefit to a community that is constantly in want of labourers with a knowledge of English Agricultural methods.

9. In conclusion I would add that Mr. Winston Churchill to whom I briefly outlined this scheme for the reform of juvenile offenders, has expressed his strongest approval of it.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

Frederick B. ...

for EAP

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25 February 1908

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The Hon. Secy
Home Office

The Hon. Secretary
Scottish Office
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- Mr. Novakly 4/2
- Mr. Read
- Mr. J. J.
- Mr. Anthonia
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Sir F. Hapwood
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

(Have ascertained that
is proposed to return the
£1000 in the Estimates
provisionally)
600

I am directed by the
Earl of Elgin to transmit
to you, to be laid before

the Secretary Gladstone,
the Secretary for Scotland,

the accompanying copy of
a despatch which has been
received from the Gov. of
the E.A.P. on the subject
of the establishment of a
Reformatory for the
detention of juvenile offenders
in that Colonate.

I Lord Elgin considers that
although the Reformatory
will undoubtedly be required
the opportunity should be

27 Nov 1907
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