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this conduct inexplicable.

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Mr. Cantello

See memo of 15/4/08

There is nothing of importance in
this. It merely tends to show
that the attitude of the Govt
is shown before the incident
was as reprehensible as it
is now.

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East Africa Protectorate

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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to
transmit herewith copies of correspondence
which was exchanged between Lord
Selborne and myself on the subject
of the Resolution passed by the
Labour Association respecting Labour

Do not
show
to the
public

2. Your Lordship will perceive
from the concluding words of my
letter that Lord Selborne had no
reason for supposing that any
reference to him which might be made to me
privately would be disregarded

Respectfully,
Secretary of State

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and has inserted in connection with
 the enclosed of the 23rd ultimo &
 is rendered even more particularly

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

My dear Sir,

Your friendship most obliged,

humble servant

Thos. Sadler

Thos. Sadler

Copy



James Clerk
British East Africa
16 March 1908

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your reply, to the Secretary of the Colonists Association. I do not know whether the Association will communicate further with your Excellency on the subject but for myself I should like to say that after many years in Africa without I hope making an enemy among the natives I am hardly likely to have proposed a resolution of the sort sent to you without consideration. I believe honestly that it is a danger to the settlers and the natives that the attitude of the Department of Native Affairs should become of one sided interference between master and servant and one undoubtedly in my opinion likely to give the natives the idea that the Government is with the natives against us. I do not infer that that is the intention of the Secretary of Native Affairs but I truly believe it to be the result. Once before when Sir Simonson was Sub. Com. Mombasa & Sekouani, about 5 years ago the natives gained the impression that they had done us respect or "Hakia" towards the settlers; I do not again say it was directly given, nor that Sir Simonson meant to give that impression, but the result was identical with the present. What few settlers in the Sekouani district remained daily settlers had great trouble with them since we at least was violently assailed and seriously hurt.

H.E. The Governor

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On other side the settlers individually took
the law into their own hands, and natives
were shot while throwing an arrow were
continually but, but this state of things stopped
immediately with an alteration of policy.

Now, Sir, you have to-day assaults on
natives you have much friction between
master and servant you have whole men taking
the law into their own hands here and there
every day. In one case at least this has led
to the shooting of a native and I believe that
this state of things is caused by the attitude
of the Department of Native Affairs.

I should be the last person to suggest
that such a result was expected but that is
the case to day: that settlers getting so bold
from Government with their employes, daily
take the law into their own hands, and that
the effect of the idea among the natives that
the Government will stand between them and
their employes against the latter has
certainly been that their respect and
obedience is less and their laziness is greater.

I note that it is said in your letter that
the Government is in a position to put down
any reprisals on natives and I am glad to
hear it, and I would point out that
prevention is better than cure and also
that these petty reprisals take place every
day unchecked.

The only chance for the natives to
be reasonably treated throughout the country
is to my mind that the Government shall
see that he is as far as possible reasonable
treated, respectful to his employer and
when he has contracted to work that he
shall do a reasonable amount of work
for the time for which he has contracted.

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Government having rather the views
 of employers of labour than to
 be in a position to do in cases where
 they do not treat them very properly.
 The cases of assaults on sailors and
 high I submit Government is
 unable to do to day.

The reparations spoken of might under
 certain conditions mean concerted action,
 but are generally single personal cases
 of men who knock them up about
 and don't pay them because the law
 looking towards the Department of Indian
 Affairs, is idle and cheeky.

I may point out that the object
 of the Resolution and letter sent to
 Your Excellency is to prevent all these
 undesirable things happening not to
 encourage them.

I am

Sir

Your obedient humble Servant

(3) Delamere.

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Handwritten notes and scribbles.

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Handwritten word, possibly "Handwritten".

March 1908.

Dear Mr. Selous,

Thank you for your note of the 14th instant. I fully realize what you say and I feel sure that you would not yourself wish to embarrass the Administration in the difficult task it has before it of reconciling the various interests concerned in the difficult question of the labour supply.

I need hardly tell you that it is the object of myself and the Officers of the Administration to encourage the settlers not to discourage them, and I cannot avoid the feeling that the Resolution to which you refer and the Secretary's letter published in all the papers of the Protectorate, cannot but create an unfortunate and wrong impression of what the aims of this Administration are.

There are difficulties I know over the labour question, and had you given me the pleasure of a few minutes' conversation on your return from England, instead of sending me this Resolution, I should have been enabled to hear your views and I think I should have been able to convince you that we are not indifferent to the complaints that have been made and are really trying to find a means of remedying them, and I shall be most happy to talk over these and any other questions in which you are interested with you whenever you like.

Yours sincerely,

(2) J. Hayes Sadler

Handwritten initials "J O G".