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(Subject)

Mr. R. Donald

Last previous Paper.

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To petition from Urban Community League praying for his retention as S.G. of Police.

We do not know (Minutes) See my minute on 27732.
Mr. Donald is being put back into his original position of Town Magistrate at Nairobi with the salary which he has been drawing as Head of the Police. His appointment as Head of the Police has been offered to & accepted by Mr. Nettle, the Head of the Nairobi Police.

With a request that the Govt. should inform the petitioners that the S. G. of Police has been found unsuitable for the position and that the Govt. is unable to comply with the request of the petitioners in it.

J. J. R.
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Nairobi, Kenya
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(Inc).1.)

My Lord,

Under Paragraph 212 of the Colonial Regulations I have the honour to submit the enclosed petition from the Indian Community of Nairobi.

2. It appears to have been got up by Mr. J. H. Cross, an East Indian, who has an Industrial home here.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

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Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S. W.

INCLOSURE

in Despatch No. 712 of 4th Dec. 1908

Nairobi,

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British East Africa,

16th September 1908.

To His Excellency,

Colonel J.E.E. Seely,

H.M. Under Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

LONDON, S.W.

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Through

His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel Sir J.H. Sadler,
K.C.M.G., C.B.

May it please Your Excellency.

We the undersigned peaceful, contented, and law-abiding citizens of the Asiatic Community, resident in Nairobi, with diverse interests, and aims, for the prospective development of the country, and representing now approximately about 3/10ths of the Immigration population in British East Africa, beg leave most respectfully to take this opportunity to approach Your Excellency with this our united representation and to very humbly state:-

(1) That it is with deep regret we have heard of the supersession of Mr. Ronald Donald, our respected and much esteemed Inspector General of Police, and late Town Magistrate of Nairobi.

(2) That Mr. Donald came to this country we believe in 1900 from India, where he held several high, and responsible positions, and it is very gratifying for us to be able to place on record, that from that year to the date he was elevated to his present position as Inspector General of Police, he discharged the duties of Town Magistrate Nairobi to the entire satisfaction

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of all classes without even a single reversal of judgment from the Superior Courts, which we very humbly submit is in itself an indication of the very painstaking and conscientious manner, in which he performed the onerous and multifarious duties of his office.

(C) That on the retirement of Captain McCaskill in 1905, the late Sir Donald Stewart, the then Commissioner of British East Africa, in consideration of his recognized abilities for higher and more responsible service, and being considered the most competent officer in the Protectorate to undertake and discharge the duties satisfactorily, promoted him to the post of Inspector General of Police and which position he creditably filled uninterruptedly now, for over 2½ years.

(4) That for the very short time that he has so held this appointment, especially in a newly acquired territory, with a diversity of races, languages, manners, and customs etc., and which is only now emerging into importance, and after the very marked and obviously noticeable improvements everywhere, and that too in so short an interval as 2½ years, and under such unfavourable conditions, it cannot for a moment be said that Mr. Donald has proved other than a signal success.

(5) We very humbly beg leave to submit that had Mr. Donald's abilities and qualifications which so eminently fit him for the discharge of the onerous and responsible duties of Inspector General of Police which he has held for so short a time with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the entire Asiatic Community (as also his previously exceptional record as late Town Magistrate Nairobi) been only known to

Your Excellency, we believe the proposed change in the Superior Service of the Police would never have been brought about, or even contemplated, and Mr. Donald would have thus been spared the humiliation which is at present hanging over him.

(6) That notwithstanding many in the Community have suffered monetary defeat in the matter of judgments that have been passed by Mr. Donald against them while he held the post of Town Magistrate Nairobi, nevertheless we must confess that nothing but a desire to hold the scales of justice evenly that has actuated him so to decide.

(7) That in view of the foregoing coupled with his previous good service, his unblemished official and private record covering the whole term of his service in British East Africa now going on to eight years, as also the high tone of justice which has ever characterized his public and private life, is it too much for us as Your Excellency's humble contented, and law-abiding subjects to be permitted to take this opportunity to approach Your Excellency, to implore of you as never before, to be pleaded to reconsider Your decision in the matter of Mr. Donald's supersession, and to see your way to kindly spare him the pain and humiliation which must necessarily attach to such supersession, and hear our very humble and united appeal on his behalf, and cause his continuance in the post of Inspector General of Police which he has filled so ably and so well and without a stain since his appointment, and for which not of gracious kindness we, as Your Excellency's humble, contented, and law-abiding subjects, shall in duty bound ever pray.

Be beg &c., &c.,

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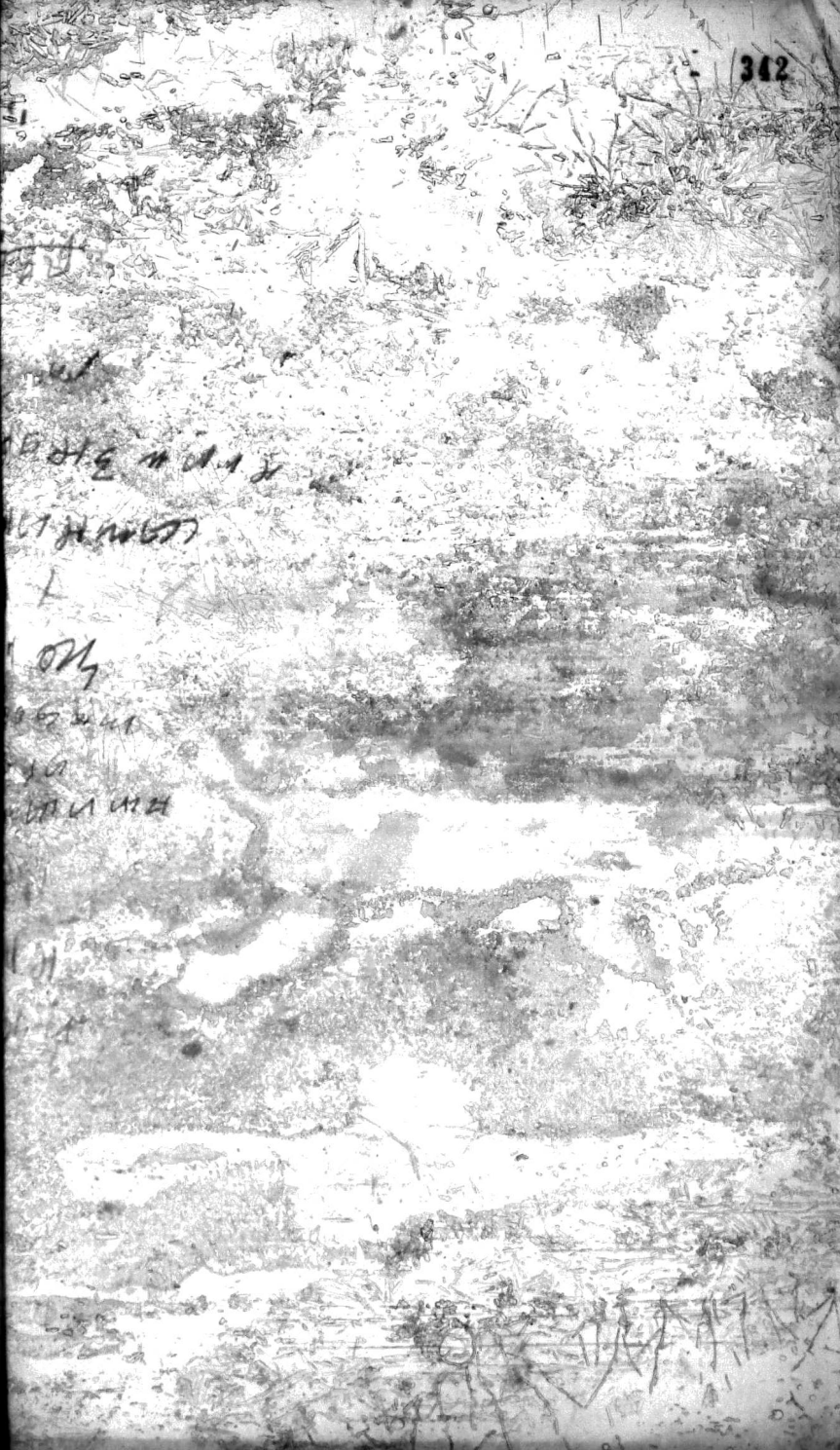
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EAT Conf.

28 Oct 08

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Saddler

Sir,

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- Mr. Noall 23/10
- Mr. Ellis 10/27/10
- Mr. Jun
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cox
- Sir G. Lucas
- Sir F. Hodgwood
- Col. Seely
- The Earl of Cromer

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch N. 105 of the 22nd of Sept enclosing a petition from the Indian Community of Nairobi with regard to Mr. R. Donald, & to request you to inform the petitioners that ~~the~~ I have received & considered the petition, but ^{that} regret that I am unable to comply with