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Governor No.
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(Subject)

1908

Abolition of Slavery
Compensation claim of Reisch in relation

23 Dec.

Last previous Paper

the Rev. of Sakauya.
Request motion to grant of Rs. 20000 in
circumstances stated.

(Minute)

Mr. Dutta.

Approves of the Govt's action?

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I have the honor to report that I have recently
received a list of the names of the Bazar family, resident
at the village of Tekong, on the question of
compensation for slaves.

The names of the said bin Salim is said to have
owned 100 slaves. He has submitted a list of 779
names of slaves, valued at Rs. 4,000 and Rs. 50,000, who
were bought by him two or three years ago. Many
of these slaves have since run away, and although he has
been hindered by the promulgation of the abolition of
the legal title of slavery Ordinance 1907, he would
probably encounter considerable difficulty in proving some
of the facts in a court of law. Notwithstanding this
he would most likely be swayed half the amount claimed;
but, like most of the Arabs, bin Salim has a great
objection to appearing before a Magistrate with his
slaves and being possibly submitted to cross-examination
in their presence. He has therefore suggested a compromise
and has intimated his willingness to accept a lump sum
of Rs. 20,000 on renouncing all his claims. As this will

mean

Principal Secretary of S.P.

De King Street,

Singapore, S.S.

mean an immense saving of time and trouble both to the District Commissioner, who would have to decide the cases, and to the Liwali, whose presence is required for the collection of the hut tax and other Government work. I have acquiesced in the Liwali's proposal and ordered the payment to him of the Rs.20,000. I trust that my action in this matter will meet with Your Lordship's approval.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,



(In the absence of H.E. The Governor).

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For
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Sir,

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ack the receipt of
despatch no 619 of the
1908a to inform you
approve the payment
Rashid bin Salim, the
of Takaungu, of the sum of
Rs 20,000 in consideration of
his renouncing all his
rights to compensation under
the Loan Act for the Abolition
of Slavery

Mr. C.
Secretary
S. I. Department
Colonial Office
The Foreign Office