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Native Labour

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Mr. Lonsdale, - To ask the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether any steps have been taken to remedy the grievances of the white settlers in British East Africa in regard to the Native labour question. [Thursday 30th April.]

(Notes.)

For oral reply

Mr. Cantelmo

I have not yet dealt with the previous pt. as we are still awaiting Lord Selborne's statement of his view, & there are numerous complicated questions involved.

The answer to this question is ~~that~~ furnished by the 4th par. of the despatch 13788 and shall be as follows - The Govt has hitherto appointed a temporary Board consisting of representatives of the Govt & the settlers to consider

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the terms on which labour will be
recruited ^{the} by Govt. & to inquire into
the conditions of ^{the} labour supply.]

See last
enclosure
in 1870.

[The real grievance of the settlers
is that the Govt. will not, directly
or indirectly, force the natives to
work for the settlers - but we need
not mention this]

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I think we must add:

The Hon. Member must
not expect that the
S. of S. is prepared
to admit that there
is any real force
if the Hon. Member has a mind that
they might find some
difficulties in the
report of the
S. of S. to which
reference is made
however that
copy as proposed above)

the Govt. will
relax its
opposition to
native labour
I may say
more than

J.H.
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I would suggest adding in place of
H. Wood's proposed word

The Secretary of State must not be understood
to accept the word "privileges" in the opinion
of the people. The Government of the
and to ensure say assist the
and my noble friend will be willing
to witness the effectiveness of such measures

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Edward J. H. H.