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(Subject)

Importation of <sup>Indo-Portuguese</sup> Indian Labourers

Question of allowing, by Companies and private  
enterprises, in management of the concerns of  
the Indians would not be directly under our control

(Mention)

Mr. Read

This despatch refers to the application  
of the American Cotton Syndicate  
(~~1904~~) (5944) to be allowed  
to import Indian labourers for  
their estates on the Tana River  
- by which they meant indentured  
Indian labourers.

The reply of the Commr. is as follows  
(1) He is not wholly favourable  
to the allowing private firms  
to have indentured Indians, on  
to the difficulty of controlling  
their treatment.

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I think it very doubtful if the  
 cost of Lardou would allow the  
 importation of Lardou undressed  
 labour by private firms or Companies.  
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Nairobi,

May 8th 1906.

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Confidential (22).

My Lord,

11.9 / 5044  
I have the Honour to reply to Your Lordship's despatches, Confidential, of the 6th March and 11th April last. The question of allowing Companies and private firms to import labour from India under indenture would depend to a great extent on the management of the concerns; the objection would be that the Indians would not be directly under our control.

It is very doubtful whether the Tana River would be suitable for Indian families - certainly the lower reaches which I have visited would not - and in the case of Mr. Watson under whom it is proposed to employ Indian families, I may mention that arrangements have already been made to supply

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.

supply him with a certain amount of labour from the Kikuyu district of this Protectorate. A number of complaints were received from the men when they left, and the experiment is not one that is likely to be repeated.

3. The question of encouraging a certain number of Indian families to take up land and cultivate in the Protectorate is quite another matter and on this I am shortly addressing Your Lordship.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

*Major Miller*

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The Secretary  
S.A. Cotton Syndicate Ltd

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25 June 1906

Sir,

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Mr. Holt 7/11/1911

Mr. [unclear]

\* Mr. [unclear]

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Graham.

Sir M. Ommanney

Mr. Churchill

The Earl of Elgin

With ref to your letter  
of the 19 of April, last  
the subject of the  
proposed introduction of  
Indian labourers into the  
E.A.P. Port, I am directed  
by the Earl of Elgin to  
inform you  
~~regarding your letter of the~~  
~~25 of December of the E.A.~~  
~~Cotton Syndicate Ltd~~ that  
a despatch has been received  
from the Comms of the  
E.A.P. from which it  
appears that the  
neighbourhood of the

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Tana River is not  
suitable for the residence  
of Indian natives.

2. In ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> case however

~~as it has not~~ Lord Elgin <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~  
prepared to consent to

~~the introduction of~~  
indentured labourers  
from India, ~~which~~  
~~is alluded to in the~~  
~~first part of your~~  
~~letter above quoted.~~

for the sake of private confidence  
which, it appears, was  
the intention of your  
original application

3. I am to add that  
it seems <sup>doubtful</sup> ~~questionable~~,  
according to the info  
which <sup>has received</sup>  
to his Lordship's disposal,  
whether ~~you~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~will~~  
representative of <sup>the</sup> ~~you~~  
Union Cotton & Lint  
Gardens in the Prot-  
has made use of the  
native labour <sup>which he</sup>  
~~obtained there~~  
~~applied to him~~  
to  
the great advantage.

late R.A.