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C.P.-337 (23).

INDIANS IN KENYA.

I CIRCULATE for the information of my colleagues the following amendments which, after further consultation with the Secretary of State for India, I desire to make in the memorandum on Indians in Kenya circulated on the 20th July, 1923 (C.P.-334 (23)).

DEVONSHIRE.

July 21, 1923.

Part I, page 3, paragraph 9, line 8.

Delete "brought by the Secretary of State for India before" and substitute "raised by."

Part I, page 5, paragraph 16, lines 12, 13.

Delete "— a fear which later figures of immigration furnished to the Colonial Government appeared to justify —"

Part II, page 8, paragraph 4 (d).

(i.) In sub-paragraph 2 delete all words between "decided" in line 1 and "elected" in line 3 and substitute "that provision should be made for five."

(ii.) Substitute "five" for "four" in last line of sub-paragraph 3.

(iii.) Delete all sub-paragraph 4 ("If the area of land five elected Indian members in all").

Part II, pages 11, 12, paragraph 10.

Amend the paragraph to read as follows:—

10. *Conclusion.*

In conclusion, His Majesty's Government desire to record that the decisions embodied in this memorandum have only been taken after an exhaustive review of the several complicating factors which have led to the present unhappy controversy. Their constant endeavour throughout their deliberations has been to relate the principles which must govern the administration of a British Colony in Tropical Africa to the wider considerations of general Imperial policy as enunciated in the Resolution of the Imperial Conference of 1921. It is regretted that on certain material points it has not been possible to meet the wishes of the Government of India, whose views have received the fullest consideration from His Majesty's Government at the instance of the Secretary of State for India. It is not to be expected that issues so grave can be composed to the immediate satisfaction of the several interests concerned, but His Majesty's Government believe that the decisions now taken, resting as they do on the broad basis of the British trusteeship for the African, provide an equitable adjustment of those interests. It is the confident expectation of His Majesty's Government that if the whole matter is viewed in its true perspective, decisions so based will be accorded general acceptance, and it is their earnest hope that a sincere effort will be made to restore in Kenya that spirit of co-operation and goodwill so essential to its welfare and development.