

17th. April, 1930.

Major L. Darwin, Sc.D.,
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Dear Major Darwin,

I saw Vivian alone as you suggested, and as I think Mallet preferred, on Wednesday morning. He was exceedingly anxious that we should withdraw the Census requirement, which means, I think, that he is feeling the pressure from Pease's Committee, and perhaps from other sources, and is willing to do a deal.

Immediately after leaving him I drafted the enclosed Memorandum, and put it before the Council in the afternoon. It really incorporates the terms on which we can say we are satisfied with being left out of the Census. If we get the terms laid down we shall do very well for the future, at some immediate loss especially of the rather critical post-war period.

Mallet wanted to consult Stevenson, and as the matter is urgent, if new Birth Registration forms are to be in use on January 1st. next, the Council empowered him to send the Memorandum, amended if necessary, to the Registrar General. Actually he will send it to me, and I can incorporate any slight modification you think will be in our interest.

I do not want the Registrar General to have any excuse for imputing delay to us, as he will really have to get busy if he is to do as we want.

I discussed all the points raised with him, for nearly two hours in all, and believe he will not jib utterly at any item; that is, he will do it if the pressure is as heavy as I thought it must be.

I am afraid it is a stiff and compressed document.

Yours sincerely,