

the 10th. February 33.

70 Chaussée de Charleroi,  
Brussels.

Dear Sir,

I see that the Earl of Zetland has quite lately been conducting a campaign of Propaganda ~~babble~~ in Canada on behalf of the Government Indian Policy. It would be only fair then that the people of Canada might learn the other side of the question & acting on the suggestion of a Canadian friend I propose to publish in Canada the pamphlet (published by me in London last December) of which I send you a copy under separate cover. It explains itself.

I venture to ask whether you would permit this paper to be circulated (sold - if buyers at five cents can be found - or given away) in the University of which you are the President.

In order that you may be reassured as to my qualifications for writing on India I may say that I spent more than thirty two years in actual residence in India & that for twenty five of those years I was employed by the Government of India in the Political Depart. I may, then, justly claim that I have had very special experience with the peoples of India. I am now on the retired list & am permanently resident in Brussels.

I may also say that before publishing I sent my pamphlet to a well-known writer & authority on India, an Anglo-Indian administrator of long experience in India. He congratulated me most warmly on the paper & strongly advised me to publish it.

It will be seen, too, that my paper contains few - if any - opinions & that it is made up of incontrovertible historical facts.

I may draw attention, too, to the fact that within the last few days the Secretary of State for India - to whom I sent a copy of my paper last December - has lectured with the objects of reassuring Members of Parliament as to "Safeguards", - assuring them that the case of the proposed Indian "safeguards" is in no way like the safeguards in Irish politics!! The extreme weakness of his arguments has been pointed out in the Press in "Leaders" & also by private persons in "letters to the Editor." This, of course, could not be otherwise seeing that his position was a hopelessly false one & that his arguments were unsound & untrue. It would seem as though the Sec. of State himself was struck with the justice of my remarks & that as a defender of Government policy he found himself bound to put up a ~~counter~~-fight. What he said only shows the weakness & folly of the Government proposals.

In conclusion I may say that I have no sort of axe to grind, - no personal advantage to hope for from the publication of the truth on the Indian question. I am an old man & it might well be to my advantage to keep my mouth shut & to look on dumbly while the work of generations of my countrymen is dragged down to ruin by the vain & ignorant Socialist who has succeeded in retaining his hold on the Premiership & in dragging behind him the man who is supposed to lead the Conservative Party in England. But I can not do this. I can not remain silent while a great wrong is done to the two countries to which I owe everything, - Great Britain & India, & I sincerely hope Sir that you will permit my paper to be circulated in the University of which you are President. I should be eternally grateful if you would actually assist the circulation. May I dare hope for that?

Yours faithfully,

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